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VA Presumptives...and more*

National Convention ~ Boise, Idaho



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From the Editor's Desk...

You have probably noticed that we have been running bi-monthly Bulletins, starting with the July/August issue. Due to necessary cost-cutting measures, we are now printing 6 Bulletins a year instead of 9. We are increasing the issue size to 44 pages instead of 36 in order to provide you with all the news. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know. You can contact Publisher PNC Maurice Sharp or me at the addresses to your left. And if you want to help offset the cost of printing the magazine, please be sure to make a donation to the Voluntary Funding Program started by Senior Vice Commander Morris Barker. Please know that your Board of Directors is doing everything possible to keep costs down and programs running smoothly.

The next direct mail program will be your address/holiday labels. Please be as generous as possible. AXPOW appreciates your support. Since 1983, these programs have been providing the bulk of our funding. We receive no government assistance, nor do we approach the public. Our members and their generosity provide all of our funds.

Veterans Day is November 11th. If your town has events planned, try to attend. What began as a way to commemorate the War to End All Wars at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month has grown to honor the heroism of millions of young men and women who give everything for their country. God Bless them all!

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I want to thank the membership sincerely for electing me National Commander of this great and wonderful organization. It is truly the greatest honor of my life.

This year we will be focusing on our initiative for Next of Kin, having them take a more active role in the business of the organization. Also this year, we are actively working to obtain a 501©3 classification from the IRS. With a 501©3 classification, we will be better equipped to raise badly needed funds. In the meantime, keep up your wonderful generosity, donating to the Voluntary Funding Program. Every penny donated to that program goes 100% toward our programs. Also please, keep donating to our direct mail programs (labels, calendars, pins, etc.) that you receive in the mail. We receive the entire profit of those

programs. If you have an AXPOW Master Card, please use it as well, since we receive a small kick-back for every purchase as well as a flat fee for the initial card application and renewal. If you don't have your card yet, you may get an application by contacting National Headquarters.

Next year's National Convention will be a very special one. It will be held in Albany, Georgia about 40 miles south of our museum at Andersonville. The highlight of the convention will be a day trip to Andersonville for opening ceremonies and a visit to our magnificent museum. So watch your Bulletins for more information starting in January. The past two conventions have been the best I have seen in recent years. The in-fighting that was prevalent in past conventions was not there. The last two have been more like family reunions. This year in Boise was the first time that we have used a reunion company to handle the logistics of the convention and things went smoothly, with the exception of a few minor snags which are being ironed out between us and the reunion company.

Jan and I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Kenny

Take your grandchildren on the learning experience of a lifetime!

**National Convention
September 21-26, 2010
Albany, Georgia**

**Opening Ceremonies will be held at
Andersonville National Historic Site
The National POW Museum
Don't Miss it!**

news from hq



Another year is passing us by. It's been a good one for AXPOW.

It's time for annual members to renew their dues. Do it now so you don't miss an issue of the magazine.

There has been some confusion over where to mail your donations. We have three addresses you can use. You may always send your donations to National Headquarters in Arlington, Texas. We will make sure they get credited to the proper place. You can send donations to the National Treasurer in Tennessee. Sonnie Bill will handle them.

The third address is in New Hampshire. This address is where all our direct mail donations go. The donations are processed and deposited directly into AXPOW's banking account. We have access to your donations immediately.

We hope this clears up any confusion you may have.

Speaking of direct mail, your address labels will be coming to you in November. Please be as generous as you are able. We appreciate your support.

Happy Holidays to all. We are looking forward to 2010!

Clydie, Sally, Marsha and Donna.

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Additional Benefits for Korean War Veterans

VA is proposing to amend its adjudication regulations to extend a presumption of herbicide exposure to certain Veterans who served in Korea. Specifically, the proposed rule would add a new paragraph (a)(6)(iv) to 38 C.F.R. § 3.307 that would read as follows:

(a)(6)(iv) A veteran who, during active military, naval, or air service, served between April 1, 1968, and July 31, 1969, in a unit that operated in or near the Korean DMZ in an area in which herbicides are known to have been applied during that period shall be presumed to have been exposed during such service to an herbicide agent, unless there is affirmative evidence to establish that the veteran was not exposed to any such agent during that service.

The proposed rule would also extend entitlement to VA health care, vocational rehabilitation benefits, and a monetary allowance under 38 U.S.C., Chapter 18, to biological children of "veterans with covered service in Korea" who have spina bifida.

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The proposed provisions regarding children with spina bifida define "veteran with covered service in Korea" as:

a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service in or near the Korean DMZ between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971, and who is determined by VA, in consultation with the Department of Defense, to have been exposed to a herbicide agent during such service. Exposure to a herbicide agent will be conceded if the veteran served between April 1, 1968, and July 31, 1969, in a unit that operated in or near the Korean DMZ in an area in which herbicides are known to have been applied during that period.

Agent Orange Benefits Extended

VA extends "Agent Orange" benefits to more veterans. Parkinson's Disease, two other illnesses are also recognized. Relying on an independent study by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki decided to establish a service-connection for Vietnam Veterans with three specific illnesses based on the latest evidence of an association with the herbicides referred to Agent Orange.

The illnesses affected by the recent decision are B cell leukemias, such as hairy cell leukemia; Parkinson's disease; and ischemic heart disease.

Used in Vietnam to defoliate trees and remove concealment for the enemy, Agent Orange left a legacy of suffering and disability that continues to the present. Between January 1965 and April 1970, an estimated 2.6 million military personnel who served in Vietnam were potentially exposed to sprayed Agent Orange.

In practical terms, Veterans who served in Vietnam during the war and who have a "presumed" illness don't have to prove an association between their illnesses and their military service. This "presumption" simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits.

The Secretary's decision brings to 15 the number of presumed illnesses recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

"We must do better reviews of illnesses that may be connected to service, and we will," Shinseki added. "Veterans who endure health problems deserve timely decisions based on solid evidence."

Other illnesses previously recognized under VA's "presumption" rule as being caused by exposure to herbicides during the Vietnam War are:

Acute and Subacute Transient Peripheral Neuropathy
AL Amyloidosis
Chloracne
Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2)
Hodgkin's Disease
Multiple Myeloma
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
Prostate Cancer
Respiratory Cancers
and
Soft Tissue Sarcoma (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma)

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Dear Abby Outreach She Did it Again!

We live and learn. That's sort of what happened with an issue that is changing many military veterans' widows' lives. For 45 years, Maxine had sought the VA widow's benefit, ever since her husband had died in 1963. Effective Sept. 23, 2008, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs had finally learned to recognize that Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's Disease, affected the lives of our armed forces veterans to a much greater extent than it did the non-veteran population. And ALS was approved as service-connected. And finally Maxine got her VA widow's benefit, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation.

That was fine for Maxine and a few others who happened to hear about this new VA ruling. But the VA can't really advertise. So, how to get the word out?

In 2001, Dear Abby graciously included my letter about the special VA benefits available for former prisoners of war in two of her columns. Many former POWs got their VA benefits because of Dear Abby published countrywide.

Time to approach Dear Abby again. So, a letter about the new service-

connected presumptive to Dear Abby, June 3, 2009. Sixteen days later comes a call from Dear Abby in Los Angeles. "We don't think you want to put your phone number in your letter; just your email and address. Your ALS letter will be in the Saturday, July 18, 2009 Dear Abby column". And so it was.

By Wednesday, July 23, 2009, response had reached 1,000 emails and several hundred letters, plus phone calls. I sent Dear Abby an express mail letter, including the VA universal phone 1-800-827-1000, left out of the first letter. Two days later, Friday at 8PM, call from Dear Abby. "I am so pleased to reach out to so many veterans' widows. Your second letter will be in the Aug 20th Dear Abby column." I said are you really Abby, calling at 6PM Los Angeles time?" "Yes, I am. I'm Jeanne (Phillips who writes Dear Abby). Here's my phone number if you need to call me." She is elated at how her column has helped so many people.

Emails and letters and calls are still coming in, but the flood seems to be over. Result: over 2,500 emails and 500 letters, plus many phone calls. Help! To the rescue came Clydie Morgan, Marsha Coke and Donna Watson in our AXPOW Headquarters; they took my email password and worked my 2,500 emails down to where I can take care of the daily few, sending my message on how to start a claim. I could not have done it, what a relief! And the letters, again Help! Here in our Concho Valley AXPOW chapter, Stella Webb and Linda Hodges pitched in to help me answer the 500 initial letters. Without help of these six ladies, including my wife, Peggy, Dear Abby responses would have done me in. Now it's just a few emails, letters and calls a day. I have referred these widows (plus two veterans recently diagnosed with ALS) to many service officers, VA service reps and especially to Paralyzed Veterans of America service offices around the country as they

have a special program for ALS claimants. Everyone has gone to work so willingly to reach out to these ALS claimants. It's wonderful. Thousands of widows will be receiving these widows' benefits, many below poverty life level, changing their lives for the better.

Success messages have been gratifying, like:

"Mr. C. I want to thank you so much. I wrote you about ALS entitlement and your good friend Linda Hodges called me with a number to call...I have been to the county veterans' services and my application was entered into the computer. My seven children lost their father way too soon and this won't bring him back, but it will enable me to give more to hungry and homeless. God bless you for all you do. Thanks again. Pat S (Minnesota)"

"Dear Mr. C. I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. You suggested I contact Richard Carroll, which I did Aug. 11, told him my story; he called back in a couple of days and was here close to two hours today completing forms to send in. What a wonderful, wonderful man...I appreciate all you have done for me. Gratefully, Carol (St. Paul MN)". Served by our AXPOW NSO in a great way.

Here's a disturbing one referred to another AXPOW NSO, Doc Unger in Ohio: "Dear Sir, my husband Robert served in the US Navy in the early '60s, was diagnosed with ALS in Nov. 1999 and died from it in March 2000. My son William served active duty in the Army in 1987-88, was diagnosed with ALS in Aug. 2001 and died Nov. 23, 2001, thus both me and my daughter-in-law widowed and hopefully eligible for this new ALS benefit. Thank you for your help. Mrs. S (Massillon, OH). NOTE: A grandfather served in WWI, later dying with identical

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symptoms to ALS, long before Lou Gehrig had it. Implications!

From Kathryn in Michigan: "Fred, just had to let you know that I called Robert Fletcher in Ann Arbor who was very kind and helpful. He said he would send out the form for me to fill out and for me to get it sent to the Detroit VARO right away. Thanks again for your help."

From Inez in Philadelphia area: "After I read your ALS letter in Dear Abby, you referred me to NSO Don Lewis. I got in touch with him and he was like a dream, so kind and patient. I was confused by the papers sent me. After talking to Don, I felt much better. He told me to wait a bit and call Fred Johnson, POW Coordinator in the VA, to find out the status of my application. I did and Fred Johnson helped me. I thank God for all these wonderful people He put in my path."

Sally M in Connecticut: "Dear Mr. C. Thank you so much for your prompt response to my inquiry regarding veterans with death from ALS. Please accept these stamps to help, in a small way, your mailing expense." A thoughtful gift of a few stamps helps us get the job done.

"Mr. C. Thank you so much for the letter in Dear Abby. My husband was a POW and he died of ALS. I received a nice check and will receive a nice check every month. Means so much to an 81-year old widow. Thank you so much for caring for others. Sincerely, Ann in Lakeland, FL"

This email made my day:
"Dear Reverend Campbell, I received phone calls in my office from four different widows today, wishing to apply for DIC benefits from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Al-

though we have already filed claims for many widows, the four that called today heard about this benefit due to a letter in Dear Abby that you wrote.

Thank you so much for what you have done. We have tried to get the word out through an inestimable number of venues, but continue to learn of people who have never heard of these benefits. Advise all beneficiaries you know to call us as soon as possible. You can even have them call my office - 800-795-3607.

If they do not fall under the jurisdiction of my office, I will talk to them and advise them and refer them to the appropriate office. Even today, one of the widows who called I had to refer to our office in ME, and another to our office in NY.

It is after hours, but if you wish to speak to me I will provide my cell # (which he did). Please do not give this number to anyone. Again thank you for the help you have provided to all these widows.

Sincerely, Joe Badzmierowski, Senior Benefits Advocate, Paralyzed Veterans of America, 1575C JFK Federal Bldg, Boston, MA 02203."

I called Joe to thank him and asked him to call a lady in New Hampshire. The next day, from Joe in Boston: "Fred, the woman you asked me to call was not at home, but I told the mother (a fragile 89 year old) I would try to reach her later tonight or over the weekend. If any other widows contact you over the weekend, please don't hesitate to call me on my cell; I will contact them. Joe"

What a caring service officer Joe is. By the times of his messages, you can see he was working for veterans' widows after hours for sure...on Friday, etc.!"

We of American Ex-Prisoners of War must realize we are reaching out to veterans and their dependents in far greater numbers, by the thousands, than our former POW contingency. We are doing good!



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Veterans/Widows' COLA for 2010 Still Tracking at Zero

Recipients could possibly see no cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) next year for the first time in over 30 years, according to press reports based on preliminary analysis by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The COLA is meant to ensure benefits rise with consumer prices, but the economic downturn and lower energy prices have led to low inflation over the last year.

In late September, House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer declined to support a move to provide senior citizens a one-time payment of \$250 to make up for the expected lack of a cost-of-living increase in their Social Security benefits in 2010. Senior citizen groups and many in Congress have been advocating that Social Security recipients receive a \$250 check.

NOTE TO NSOS: We are currently working on a simple form to be used by all NSOs in filing expense reports. If you plan to submit expenses to AXPOW, please contact me for the form.

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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 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, es-

pecially 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 (with PTSD)

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.

Requires a previous VA diagnosis of PTSD.

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Remembering our Past, Envisioning our Future

by Brad Bennett, Superintendent

It was my great pleasure, privilege, and honor to meet many of you in Boise - and to see some of your friendly faces again the following week at Andersonville. As you'll read elsewhere in this issue, in an article by Lead Ranger Kim Humber, our annual commemoration of National Prisoner of War / Missing in Action Recognition Day was the biggest and best yet. As many of you know - because you were there - 176 former POW's were in attendance, by far the largest participation by you and your comrades in the four years that Andersonville has partnered with Georgia Southwestern University, the Friends of Andersonville, and Rolling Thunder, Inc. to sponsor this most special series of educational events and ceremonies. This year was particularly meaningful with the dedication of a new plaque in front of the National Prisoner of War Museum to recognize the sacrifices of Korean War POW/MIAs.

Of course, I expect that we'll see even more of you and your loved ones next September, given that your next National Convention will be conveniently located in Albany, Georgia, not far from Andersonville. We have already started to coordinate our planning with you in the hopes that as many of you as possible will have a chance to visit your National Prisoner of War Museum. It has been truly humbling to hear your stories of hardship, sacrifice, courage, faith, and hope. I have also been impressed to hear the immeasurable contributions so many of you made to building the museum eleven years ago. Some of you told me that you have not returned to Andersonville since the 1998 dedication and grand opening ceremony. Others of you mentioned that you've never had an opportunity to walk among its halls, see the artifacts that you donated for display, or watch the films that include your experiences. If that might be the case with you, I hope that you can make your pilgrimage to Andersonville in September 2010.

For those of you who were not able to be in Boise, allow me to share the latest news from Andersonville. As most of you have heard by now, long-time superintendent Fred Boyles moved out to the Georgia coast over the summer to manage Cumberland Island National Seashore. More recently, on September 1st, long-time Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management Fred Sanchez decided to hang up his park ranger hat and retire after 37 years with the National Park Service, 31 years of which were spent at Andersonville. It was very kind of you to honor Mr. Sanchez in Boise with your "Outstanding Non-Member Award" for his years of "dedication to the vision, design, implementation and ongoing pro-

grams at 'Our Museum'". A third member of our park family, Gerry Allen, who had served as the administrator of Andersonville National Cemetery, transferred to Chicamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park this summer. Meanwhile, Michael "Alan" Marsh, has returned to Andersonville as our resident historian, among many other hats he wears. Some of you surely remember Alan as he worked with you and "the Freds" on the museum and the oral history program. In fact, Alan is now coordinating the park's efforts on the Traveling Legacy project and is working closely with your comrades Ed Dement and Bill and Maxine Price on seeing this project through its final design and construction phases. You'll see an update on this major exhibition elsewhere in this issue, with regular reports in future issues as we proceed. For those of you who've yet to tell your story and who may feel that this is your year, please let us know. Alan will be happy to explain the process of recording your interview. Current and future generations will be grateful to hear your story preserved at your National POW Museum....or, perhaps, with your blessing, as part of the Traveling Legacy exhibition, to be told at a museum near your hometown.

I must say that I was overwhelmed with the generous outpouring of support you all demonstrated for the Traveling Legacy project when we met in Boise. As I mentioned in my remarks, this project is our #1 park priority and we look forward to the continued involvement and support of the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

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

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (DASD) FOR POW/MIA AFFAIRS NAMED

On August 28, 2009, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Integration Pete Verga announced that Mr. Robert J. "Bob" Newberry had been named to replace DASD Ambassador Charlie Ray who resigned July 31st. Mr. Newberry's 26-year US Air Force career included flying F4 and A10 fighters with three tours in Southeast Asia, an exchange tour with the US Marine Corps and the US Army Command and General Staff College. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked briefly in the private sector before retuning to the Defense Department as a civilian employee in 1994. With a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A & M, and a Master of Science degree in Political Science from New Mexico State University, he accepted temporary assignment as Acting DASD for POW/MIA Affairs following the death of former

DASD Jerry Jennings. This appointment, though technically political, appears to have been based more on ability, experience and willingness to serve than on political considerations.

JPAC ACTIVITIES & OPERATIONS

JPAC Commander RADM Donna Crisp, USN, recently hosted a Lao delegation for POW/MIA consultations at JPAC headquarters, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Some members of the Lao delegation also met with PACOM officials on broader issues in keeping with the expanding bilateral military ties. Earlier in August, the JPAC commander led a team to meet with Cambodia's very high level POW/MIA Committee in Siem Reap, Cambodia, near the historic location of Angkor Wat. The talks reinforced the already well-established view that, by any measure, the Kingdom of Cambodia provides the best all-round cooperation and sets the standard for other countries to follow.

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A Plan!

I think we've got a Plan!

It's been a long almost 65 years since our liberation. In those 65 years, we've tried again and again to get help for our medical needs (other than periodontal).

We've hit stone walls every time.

The last Bills submitted in Congress died in the 1990s.

But thanks to the unanimous Board decision last March to support the Civilian Ex-POWs and thanks to the superb efforts on our behalf by PNC Jim Clark, we're going to try a new tack.

At the National Convention in Boise, PNC Clark had the opportunity to speak with Sec'y Tammy Duckworth about our plight. The outcome of those talks was that since it was going to take Congressional action however we tried it, why not try getting Civilian ex-POWs eligible for VA instead of Dept. of Labor benefits.

Eureka!

So here's the idea. We're getting copies of the Public Laws giving Wake Island POWs and Merchant Marines POWs Veterans Administration status. We're going to talk with our liberators as well as other VSOs (remember a lot of us are also mili-

tary veterans) and enlist their support.

Then we're going to approach members of Congress who sponsored or cosponsored our Bills in the past (and yes, there are still a few of them around), asking for their support again.

It's not going to be an easy process...it's not going to be a fast one. But with less than 2,000 Civilian ex-POWs alive...and precedent with Wake Island and Merchant Marines, Rural Health Care initiatives and the rapidly declining military POW population, we're hopeful in a way we haven't been in a long, long time.

We're going to be calling on you for help in the coming months. We ask for your support.

Walter

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The Tiger Survivors Story *Capture and Beyond*

When the Korean War began, the 24th Infantry Division was on Occupation Duty in Southern Japan. On 25 June 1950, the North Korean Communists crossed the 38th parallel enforce. On 29 June 1950, the first Tigers arrested/captured were American civilians from the Methodist Mission at Kaesong, then in South Korea, now located in North Korea. (Seoul City Sue, who broadcast for the North Koreans, also worked at that mission).

On 5 July 1950, the first American soldiers (part of Task Force Smith) from the 24th Division were captured.

Capture is such a horrible and terrifying event. You don't know what will happen to you. We had already seen men with their hands tied behind them and shot in the back of the head. You think that you, too, will be shot after being tortured. All of us were beaten soundly as we moved back through their front lines. Attempts were made by the front line troops to hit or stab us.

It was very hot and humid the summer of 1950. The smell of battle and flesh was all around. We were fed twice a day with millet and maize

grains, a little rice, and a thin soup of Chinese cabbage and egg plant. But the worst thing was being thirsty. We drank from highly polluted sources such as rice paddies and, soon, we were all sick with stomach pains. Thirst can drive a man crazy. Drinking from those rice paddies would prove fatal for many of our group.

We were marched from the various battlefields and snowballed into a larger group in Seoul the capitol of South Korea. This is where the Tiger Survivors became a group.

Major John Dunn Hqs/34/24 was the ranking officer. He had seen tough times before while a Company Commander with the famous Merrill's Marauders who were in Burma/China during WW 2. He was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross for heroism.

We were in school buildings on the outskirts of the city and could see our planes bombing and strafing the city every day.

Medical treatment was primitive and lacking. The poor men who had been severely wounded were between a rock and a hard place. No one had died at this point. The smell of the wounded was sickening.

We departed Seoul in the third week of August 1950 and traveled by rail to Pyongyang, the capitol of North Korea. We traveled at night to avoid our planes. Conditions were beginning to worsen and food, especially water, was in short supply. No medicine was available and the injured wore the bandages they already had on. Some of the men started to die at this point. The weather was turning cold as winter comes early in North Korea.

We arrived in Pyongyang on 24 August 1950 and were housed in a school on the outskirts of the city. We watched as U.S. planes destroyed the city. We were still in the clothing we were captured in. Some had no shirts and some were without shoes. I had no shoes because my size fits all North Koreans and they were taken when I was captured.

On 5 September 1950, in the middle of the night, we were suddenly ordered to move to the train station. Later we learned that our forces were fast approaching. At the train station we got our first look at the group of 81 civilians who would join our group. The youngest was under one year old and the oldest was 83 years old.

We boarded a train composed of animal cars and coal gondolas. There was only one coach and the civilians were put in there. All the windows had been broken. Again, we moved by night to avoid U.S. planes. Several died during that trip. We had lost a lot of weight and had little energy but had to go on or be shot.

On 11 September 1950, we arrived at the frontier town of Manpo-Jin, North Korea. We did not know it at the time but General William Dean, who was the Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division, was captured and held down a side street in that town. The General told me that when he retired and was a professor at Berkley.

An old woman came running from an alley straight at me. I didn't know what to do. If I did anything I would be shot. She ran up to me and took my hand and my heart was beating like a train. This old woman then put a bright red apple in my hand. I was stunned! But now I had another problem as I was surrounded by men starving to death. I got two good bites out of that apple before it was taken by another guy. I often wonder what happened to that kindly old lady.

NOTE: The -jin at the end of a town's name means "near water." The -ri -or -ni means "small place."

We were housed in the center of the town in Japanese Army buildings. Remember, the Japanese occupied Korea for 40 years. All Koreans spoke Japanese then as the Japanese had banned the Korean language and it had gone underground. Our language of interpretation was Japanese and

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the men from Hawaii were forced to be interpreters. They were treated very badly.

Now, the weather was starting to turn into late fall, but we didn't mind it much because we were inside. A few died there. Our diet did not improve at all nor did the medical care.

The Chinese Army ... all 400,000 of them ... joined the war and poured into North Korea from Manchuria. They said they were all volunteers. There had to be at least one of them that did not want to come to Korea! They commandeered our buildings and then we became street people ... out in the cold.

On 9 October 1950, we departed Manpo and slept in fields. And, when it started snowing, we were in dire straits and the death rate began soaring. We moved around that area through the towns of Kosan and Donakhon.

On October 25 1950, we went to a place we now call the "Corn Field" which is just a short distance from Manpo. The winter wind was blowing which made the chill factor very high. We would get in groups of about five guys and dig as best we could, or, rather, scrape a shallow hole in the earth where we could get below the force of the wind and lie down side by side, sharing body heat.

We thought this was as bad as it would ever get but IT GOT WORSE. On 31 October 1950 (Halloween), a North Korean Major from the Security Forces took over our group. He was later given the nickname of "The Tiger". We would soon learn that The Tiger, whose name was Chong Myong Sil, was a brutal killer. We departed the corn field that day and our death march ("Tiger Death March") began.

The first of our group to come into contact with the Tiger was Father Philip Crosbie, Catholic Church of Australia. Father Crosbie was arrested on 29 June 1950 and was interrogated by the Tiger who wore the uniform of a prison warden. Refer-

ence Father Crosbie's book, "March Till They Die."

The Tiger was in charge of the Sunchon Tunnel Massacre on 19 October 1950 where 100 were shot to death. The Tiger, after that killing spree, came north to take over our group. This information is known because his second in command was captured shortly after the tunnel massacre and told all he knew to our intelligence officers. (reference "Sunchon Tunnel Massacre Survivors" published by the Red Engine Press, Branson MO)

We were not in any shape for marching. We did not have proper foot gear or winter clothing to protect us from the cold. The new North Korean Major started us marching toward the distant snow-capped mountains of the Kosan Pass.

On 1 November 1950, the line of POWs and civilians was stretched out and The Tiger, now at the head of the column, looked back and spied several POWs sitting beside the road. He had given the order that no one was to fall out of the march and the sick and the dead were to be carried.

We were in 13 sections with an American Officer and a Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of each group.

The men beside the road were too weak to proceed and the North Korean guards told them to stay beside the road and transport would be provided. Then, the Tiger went ballistic and asked his guards about what happened and they denied they had given any such order. The Tiger then ordered Major Dunn, our Commanding Officer, to come to the front. He then ordered officers from each of the sections having men who dropped out to come forward. Now, there were six officers standing at attention on a knoll beside the road.

Commissioner Lord of the Salvation Army of England, who was The Tiger's interpreter, announced that The Tiger would execute all six for disobeying orders. Then, the Commissioner started to beg for their

lives and The Tiger threatened to shoot him as well. Finally, the Tiger said he would shoot one officer. He said the section that had the most men beside the road would determine who would be shot and that was Lt. Cordus Thornton from Texas.

(Commissioner Lord, as a young Salvationist, arrived in that area of North Korea we were held captive in, in 1918! He spoke a higher standard of Korean than the Tiger spoke and the Tiger did not like that)

Lt. Thornton was the officer in charge of the 7th Section. The Tiger asked Thornton if he had anything to say and the gallant lieutenant replied that, in the American Army, there would be a court martial to determine guilt or innocence. The Tiger asked his guards if the lieutenant was guilty and the guards said "Yes ... kill him ... kill them all." The Tiger then shot Lt. Thornton, or I should say, executed him in front of all of us. He shot him once through the back of the head. Some of the tissue from Thornton's head was sprayed on some of the other Prisoners of War. The lieutenant did not beg and he did not flinch or cry. He stood like a man and showed us all how to die. He was the first atrocity of the Korean War, in my opinion, that was so witnessed by so many. Lt. Thornton is our hero and we have dedicated our work and rosters to his memory.

The Tiger Death March ended on 9 November 1950 at Chung-Gang-jin, North Korea. We left 89 persons behind who were shot to death by The Tiger and his men. One was a helpless French Nun and an elderly White Russia woman. The only sin committed by these people was that they were too tired to go on and they tried to seek privacy to relieve themselves.

Strong men became weak because they had to carry the sick and dying, as well as the dead, until they were told to leave them beside the road.

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POW Traveling Legacy

Year 2007, I placed a call to Mr. Fred Boyles, Superintendent of the National POW Museum and asked, "What can the POWs do for the museum?"

Mr. Boyles replied that an extension of the museum to house a library for research. The cost would be very expensive. But how about a moving museum?

This was the beginning of the project.

A committee was formed with six people. Andersonville, Fred Sanchez, Chief Ranger; Bill Price, Pacific POW and his wife, Maxine; Esther Carboni, widow of John (Battle of the Bulge); and myself, POW-Europe. To open a bank account, \$50.00 was donated under the name "POW Traveling Legacy".

The preliminary concept planning was funded by The Andersonville Trust in March 2007 for \$24,000 and an NPS Match for a total of \$48,000. The site entered into a "Full Design" phase contract in June, 2009 with Museum Design Associates for a total cost of \$70,000. Phase 2 is being funded through The Andersonville Trust with a Match from NPS.

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Many phone calls and personal visits were made to Andersonville for meetings so we could inform our membership.

The plan for the project is Planning in FY 2008 (complete)
Project Design in FY 2009
Fabrication in FY 2010/2011

NOTE: Fred Boyles has left to take another position within the National Park Service; Fred Sanchez has retired. Brad Bennett is now superintendent of ANHS.

I suggested expanding our committee by bringing in a POW from Korea and one from Vietnam.

The project would be developed by the staff of Andersonville in cooperation with the Friends of Andersonville and the American Ex-Prisoners of War. We now have in place a contractual partnership among the three. The Friends of Andersonville are a 501(c)3 organization and will receive donations on behalf of the project.

News: On Oct. 28 or Nov. 18, 2009, there will be a tentative site visit by the Design Team to Andersonville. Mitch Zetlin, Exhibit Designer at the National Park Service's Interpretive Design Center, Harper's Ferry (HFC) will have a close relationship with our ongoing program.

Andersonville has announced that experienced exhibit producer and now project manager PJ Lewis from HFC has joined the team. He will be updating us on the project status, including funding.

Museum Design Associates from Cambridge, MA will continue as the main design contractor and work on design Phase II should begin by fourth quarter 2009.

Our Traveling Legacy was presented during our National Convention in Boise, Idaho. Brad Bennett, our new Superintendent charged the members to match his \$50.00 donation to the project. What a surprise - \$2,900 was collected! We now have \$16,000 in private donations.

The traveling exhibit is based on the thematic exhibit halls of the National POW Museum. The traveling exhibition will be comparable in concept to the museum. It will not replicate the exhibits, but rather complement them while offering visitors a glimpse of what might await them when they visit the National POW Museum. The traveling exhibition will include cases, wall panels, free-standing displays and electronic and visual components that can display the site's oral history collection.

Design of the exhibition will permit hosting by military museums, historical societies, schools and universities, galleries, community libraries and other cultural institutions. The hosting institution will be required to meet the levels of security and environmental conditions prescribed by the National Park Service standards. Objects selected for display will be items least vulnerable to damage or deterioration. The exhibit will be hosted for three-month periods and the receiving institution will pay the cost of shipping the traveling exhibition to its next location.

The Friends of Andersonville have been very supportive of our project and have contributed to our fund. Project 1 is paid; Project 2 is half paid.

Wouldn't it be great if we could send the Exhibit out while we are having our 2010 National Convention?

All donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to: POW Traveling Legacy and send to: Friends of Andersonville, PO Box 186, Andersonville, GA 31711. *Please note: The Friends of Andersonville have received funds from wills, grants and bequests over the years. Perhaps members would like to direct their donation to the POW Traveling Legacy.*

We need your help. Let's support this project, men. This is our last chance to enhance our legacy at Andersonville for future generations. Updated information on our progress will be in future issues of the Bulletin.

National POW/MIA

Recognition

Day Commemorated

by Kim Humber, Lead Park Ranger,
Andersonville National Historic Site

Andersonville National Historic Site commemorated National POW/MIA Recognition Day, 2009, with four days of special events from Wednesday, September 16 through Saturday, September 19. This was the fourth consecutive year that the National Park Service partnered with Georgia Southwestern State University, the Friends of Andersonville, and Rolling Thunder, Inc. to sponsor remembrance ceremonies both inside the park and in our neighboring communities. The third Friday of September is recognized annually as a day to acknowledge the sacrifices made by prisoners of war throughout our nation's history and to remember those who remain missing in action. Andersonville NHS is home to the National Prisoner of War Museum - the Congressionally designated national memorial to all American POWs.

A Convocation at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia, held on Wednesday, September 16th, was the first event. Sergeant First Class Daniel Stamaris U.S. Army (Retired) told more than 300 college and high school students about his ordeal as a POW during Operation Desert Storm. On February 27, 1991, Staff Sergeant Daniel J. Stamaris, crew chief of a Blackhawk Helicopter carrying seven other crew members, was on a search and rescue mission when their helicopter was shot down over Kuwait by enemy forces. Only 3 crew members survived the crash - Major Rhonda Cornum, Sergeant Troy Dunlap, and Staff Sergeant Daniel Stamaris. SSgt. Stamaris suffered a broken left leg, left foot, broken pelvis and shattered knee from the crash. All three surviving crew members were captured and held as prisoners of war until their release on March 6, 1991. After his

presentation, Stamaris took questions from the audience.

On Thursday, September 17th, the National Park Service co-sponsored a reception with Georgia Southwestern University to honor 176 former POWs - from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq - who were in attendance and their spouses and other family members. Held in the Storm Dome on the campus Student Success Center, the event was made possible by the Friends of Andersonville.

From Thursday through Saturday, a book signing was held at the National POW Museum with Colonel Ben Purcell, U.S. Army (Retired), author of *Love and Duty*. Colonel Ben Purcell, a prisoner of war in Vietnam for five years, and his wife Anne, who raised their five children in his absence, provided inspiration with their account of how their faith saw them through their anguish.



On the morning of Friday, September 18th, a new plaque was dedicated at the National POW Museum in Andersonville NHS paying tribute to the 7140 members of the armed services who were captured in Korea as POWs, the 2701 who perished there, and the 8177 who remain missing in action. Over 600 people, including former POWs, members of Rolling Thunder, and the general public, gathered for the ceremony which commenced with the roar of a Missing Man Formation military flyover. Following the plaque dedication, Rolling Thunder

held an afternoon remembrance ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Americus, Georgia, where leaders from the various branches of the military thanked the members of Rolling Thunder for their efforts to seek a full accounting of those still missing in action. Another speaker from the Department of Defense's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Office in Hawaii told what is being done by the federal government to search for the remains of those still waiting to come home. Rolling Thunder conducted a Heroes Dinner and candlelight ceremony for the POWs and families of the MIAs in Georgia Veterans State Park at Lake Blackshear to complete the evening.

Andersonville NHS hosted a final ceremony to honor former POWs on the morning of Saturday, September 19th. The large crowd was escorted by a motorcycle procession by over 500 Rolling Thunder members. Music was provided by the U.S. Marine Band from the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia. A plaque and commemorative coin were presented by Rolling Thunder members to each of the 176 former POWs in attendance. Helicopters from the U.S. Army provided a concluding flyover, saluting the POWs in attendance. Earlier in the week, Rolling Thunder volunteers put up an "Avenue of Flags" in Andersonville National Cemetery, which provided a perfect backdrop for the programs. Beautiful weather graced the 5,000 people who attended on-site and off-site events and visited the National Prisoner of War Museum over the course of the four days, reminding everyone of the meanings of those few but powerful words in the preamble of the U.S. Constitution, "...to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity..."

Pic: Former Desert Storm POW SSgt Daniel Stamaris at GSW Convocation and Superintendent Bennett

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Jan. 22-24, 2010. The BACEPOW Liberation Reunion will be held at the Marriott Silicon Valley Hotel in Fremont, CA. For information on the reunion contact Sascha Jansen at: Mabuhayma@aol.com (530) 795-0411. A 65th liberation anniversary trip to Manila, Philippines will leave on January 25, 2010 immediately after the reunion in Fremont. The trip next year will include two nights in Honolulu and tours of the Pearl Harbor Memorial and the USS Missouri.

March 5-6, 2010. The USS Houston Survivors Association Annual Reunion will be held at the Houston Downtown Doubletree Hotel. Feel free to stay a couple of days into the next week @ our *USS HOUSTON* rate, \$89.00. Make your reservations by one of the following. Call 1-800-222-TREE and give the group name of *USS HOUSTON* before requesting your dates of stay. For more information, contact Lin at: lindrees.ca30@sbcglobal.net.

March 19-21, 2010. National Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Arlington, TX. There will be more information in the next Bulletin.

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I'm trying to locate a Bulletin issue from the 1990s, I believe. My Dad, A.C. Karr, before his death was a subscriber to your magazine,

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which he enjoyed very much. He showed me an issue with a POW camp he was in, Bilibid, Cabanatuan, Clark Field, Philippines or Hanawa, Japan, I am not sure which. I am looking for any help on how to get a copy of this issue, I wish I could give you a year, but am unable to do so, all I remember is a rough sketch of the prison layout and how my Dad was so precise in telling me about each building and area in the compound, my best guess would be the Hanawa prison, but I am not sure. Most likely was between the years of 1993 to 1997, but am not positive, thank you in advance for your concern and help in this matter. Any information or direction to finding and locating a copy would be very helpful. Gary J. Karr, 2218 E. Lonesome Dove, Deer Park, TX 77536; gskarr1@aol.com.

I was a POW in Stalag XVII-B, Barracks 32B and my bunk mate was **Lowell E Root** from Richmond, IN. We were in the 450th BG and were shot down April 29, 1944. Lowell attended my wedding at Ypsilanti, MI and I lost track of him afterward. Does anyone have any information? Thanks, Herman A Deal, 3622 Pratt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

On Nov. 11, 1944, my husband, **Lt. William P Dever, Jr.** did not return from his seventh mission which had taken off from Foggia, Italy. Bill was co-pilot on a B-24, 15th AF, 515th BS, 376th BG. I received a telegram from the War Dept. stating he was "Missing in Action". That was all I heard until a year later when I received another telegram stating my husband was "Presumed Dead". It has been over 64 years since Bill disappeared, but I want Bill's son, his grandchildren and now a great-grandchild to know more about this wonderful man. Thank you. Joyce Dever Rapp, Box 23, Lima, NY 14485; Jrapp1@rochester.rr.com.

I'm looking for information about my father. My father, like some of the vets returning from war, didn't speak much about the war. And as

the years went by he still wouldn't speak much or long on the subject. From reading books and oral histories I have gotten somewhat of an idea of the struggles and trials that these men had to endure. I am wondering if any of your members might remember my dad. He's gone now and I'm still filling in the story of his service time. Dad was **Robert (Bob) L. Ebeling of Kankakee, Illinois**. He was captured during the Battles of the Bulge. He was a P.O.W. in Stalag IXB, Bad Ord Germany, housed in barrack #27. He was in a tank battalion but which one, I haven't a clue. I'm not even sure what division of the Army he served in or where he received his training. He also had a nickname; he went by "Pops" If anyone remembers him please write me. Thanks for your time and your service. Barbara Ebeling, P.O. Box 1436, Payson, AZ 85547.

My uncle, **PFC Kenneth Rosenberry**, was a POW in the Philippines in WW II. Regretably, Kenny never made it home. He died on the hell ship, Arisan Maru in October 1944. I am trying to research his POW experience and I have determined that my uncle was held at the Nichols Field/Pasay School work detail in the Philippines in 1943-44. (1) Were any of your living members also held at Nichols Field? This was a rather small detail and someone may remember Kenny. (2) Do you have any archival documents or photographs of this POW camp? A vet whom I have been conversing with, Joe Johnson, suggested to me that you might have some pictures of POWs from this camp/detail. (3) Were any of your living members associated with the 60th CAC (preferably Battery F)? That was my uncle's unit. I appreciate any help you can give! I just want to keep Kenny's memory alive for the next generation. Matthew S. Wynn, Esq., Wynn McGarry LLC, 500 North Gulph Road, Suite 505, King of Prussia, PA 19406; (610) 755-3305; www.wynnmcgarry.com.

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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"

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One signature is required on resolutions and amendments. Members are reminded that resolutions must be submitted to the committee before Feb. 1, 2009. Those requesting changes should include a telephone number where they can be reached if more information is needed. Send requested changes to: Clydie Morgan, Chairman, 3201 E. Pioneer Pkway, Suite 40, Arlington, TX 76010.

From the Strategic Planning Committee:

All members are encouraged to send in your ideas for the national organization. They may be ideas to help the organization's finances, long-term planning or operations. Please send your thoughts to ND Lew Sleeper, 6636 E Villa Dorado, Tucson, AZ 85715; 520-751-9628; sleepjl@aol.com.

From the Awards Committee:

Do you know a member who has done an outstanding job for AX-POW? Or a non-member who always gives that extra bit to help ex-POWs?

Submit their names and give a short explanation of why you think they should receive an award. Send in your requests to ND Bill Jeffers, 3522 Milbrook Way Cr., Green Acres, FL 33463. 561-969-6036.

From the Outreach Committee:

Join the Outreach Committee!
Positions are open to all who are willing to reach out to help former POWs and their dependents receive the VA benefits due them. No salary. Volunteers are paid in gratitude, thanks and smiles from those they help. Contact Chairman Fred Campbell for details. 3312 Chatterton Dr., San Angelo, TX 76904; 325-944-4002.

From the Editor:

2010 schedule of Bulletin deadlines
Jan./Feb. issue due Dec. 1.
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If you have questions for any committee, please address them to the committee chair.

2010 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All AXPOW Offices will be closed on the following dates:

New Years Day January 1
MLK/Civil Rights Day January 18
Presidents Day February 15
Midyear Meeting March 19-21
Memorial Day May 31
Independence Day July 4
Labor Day September 6
National Convention Sept. 20-27
Columbus Day October 11

Purple Heart Award

A crowd of hundreds witnessed the event which opened with an all-service Honor Guard and a motorcycle

parade by the Patriot Guard. Governor John Lynch commenced the formal ceremony, lighting a large commemorative purple candle. The name of each fallen POW was read and a surviving family member was escorted



Maj. Gen. Reddel III and family members receiving certificates

The NH Chapters of the American Ex-Prisoners of War and the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Blue and Gold Star Mothers honored the 61 New Hampshire POWs who died in captivity during WWII and the Korean War. These POWs are eligible for the posthumous award of the Purple Heart pending military review protocols under the recent DoD directive of October 1, 2008. This consolidated statewide effort is believed to be the first of its kind in the United States.

to the podium to accept the honor. A long-stem daisy, the official POW flower, was placed in a large vase and a personalized candle lit.



Allan Gavan presented with American Flag in appreciation



Members of NH Chapter

Major General William Reddel III, adjutant general of the NH National Guard, presided and presented the award certificate, after which a bell was tolled for each deceased POW followed by a moment of silence.

The ceremony concluded with a traditional folding of a commemorative American flag honoring the deceased. flag presented to Allan Gavan

Members' forum



In 1983, Congress passed Public Law 97-37, entitled "Former Prisoners of War Benefit Act". This law accomplished several things. It established an Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War and mandated medical and dental care. It also identified certain diagnoses as presumptive service-connected conditions for former POWs. Other Public Laws passed since then, and policy decisions by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in 1993 and 2004 have added additional diagnoses to the list of presumptive conditions. (source: Military.com benefits)

Now let's think about all of these happenings. Do you believe that Congress did all that by their own volition? "Au Contraire." It was and still is our very own AXPOW organization that educated the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, and they in turn educated Congress for each presumptive we have. Just this past year we have osteoporosis as a new presumptive for POWs and diabetes is being looked at now.

So what is our legacy to be? A chapter in a text book for a high-school class, skipped through in an afternoon? Or do we take on the responsibility of teaching our new generation how to climb that mountain in order to seek help for those who cannot help themselves.

In order to do this, we must enlighten all of our new people to protect each and every presumptive we have and never stop looking for more that will be needed. The presumptives are laws, but remember, laws can be changed by the swipe of a pen.

We need guardians for the health of The American Ex-Prisoners of War now and in the future.

Alice Gollin
Dept. of California

Comprehensive Soldier Fitness:

ARMY REALLY STRONG

By Alice A. Booher



Resilience is one of those words/concepts that means many things to a variety of people. To the physicist or biologist it is the property of a material to absorb energy when it is deformed elastically and then, to bounce back like articular cartilage in the knee or a rubber band. For the psychologist or sports coach, resilience is the ability to be calm, energized, engaged, focused and purposeful, in good times and bad. For the U.S. Army, resilience must be the ability to grow and thrive in the face of challenges and bounce back from adversity in an era of high operational tempo and persistent conflict.

For the Army, after the Vietnam Era ended in the mid-1960's, until the advent of the Global War on Terrorism, there had been no significant increased precipitant stress on the force and thus no particular increased need for specific resilience. Since then, however, there has been persistent conflict and repeated deployments, and perhaps altered expectations on everyone's part which translates to those who themselves voluntarily entered the service. There have been heavy losses in combat, and escalating suicide rates, all of which is now constantly blasted on the media and internet. Too many soldiers return from deployment to a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) without the coping

skills to turn that into post-traumatic growth, strength, focus and revitalization. Absent regrouping skills, the chasm between the realities of military action versus public expectations becomes massive, unfathomable and not easily fixable.

It is a "given" that serving in the Army, particularly in time of war, is going to be stressful, often intense, for the soldier, the family, the community, the employer, everyone. But what if everyone involved, including the troops, were better prepared for that stress? What if, after the most traumatic of these events, even when there are significant consequences including bodily and mental injury, there could be positive progress rather than adversity, growth rather than defeat, a return to a happier, productive, sometimes different but still a "good normal"?

Our country has always been a great melting pot, and one of the most positive benefits of an all volunteer force is the wide range of diversity, including cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, brought to service. But with that multiplicity comes a wide spectrum of skills, and for everyone to thrive in a stressful Army environment, there has to be a clear common basis for coping and a plan for teaching Soldiers the necessary skill set to do so.

With this harsh reality seen by internal and external eyes, the Army determined it had a problem that mandated aggressive addressing and resolution. After more than a year and a half of tremendous hard work and commitment, the Army has just effectuated a viable, realistic launch



towards an extraordinary solution. The Navy has a 45 minute per week resilience education during basic training; the Marines have had similar programs for the short term; Special Operations have widely integrated them for years. Now the Army has its collective act together.

The ARMY STRONG campaign has always professed that it is "*about much more than being physically fit. It is mental and emotional strength. It is the confidence to lead. It is the courage to stand up for your beliefs. It is the compassion to help others. It is the desire for lifelong learning. It is the intelligence to make the right decision. It is making a difference for yourself, your family, your community and your Nation.*"

In practice, however, while the Army has always prided itself on the "strong" part of the creed, often this was nonetheless equated with physical prowess while "putting a lid on the emotions". But individuals are made up of many parts, and when physical strength is at low ebb, it requires the sustenance of those other elements to survive, rebound and flourish.

The Army will continue its massive program to assess and reduce suicides including a newly announced 5-year study by a consortium of Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), University of Michigan, Harvard, Columbia and National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH); and the efforts of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) directed by BG (Dr.) Loree K. Sutton. It will incrementally endeavor to de-stigmatize mental health help seeking. And there are other programs now in place to assist the soldier including the new Warrior Care and Transition efforts, ombudsmen and changes in medical and physical evaluation boards.

But in addition, as Army Surgeon General LTG Peter B. Schoomaker

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said in "AMEDD: Keeping the Army Fit to Fight", a recent article in *Army magazine*: "Army Chief of Staff GEN George W. Casey, Jr., has a vision of an Army composed of balanced, healthy and self-confident soldiers and families whose resilience and total fitness enable them to thrive in an era of high operational tempo and persistent conflict."

As we speak, there is Army-wide implementation of Comprehensive Soldier Fitness (CSF). This is not just some pie-in-the-sky theory; the time and effort has been spent to work out the kinks in a working model. With strong guidance at all levels, wise focus on the myriad training levels and the NCO leadership, the CSF concept has been taken to the "road" inside and outside the Beltway, within and without the Pentagon and The Hill. Plans have been ongoing, consults undertaken, vast groups of constituencies and involved, expert parties given the chance for input and thoughtful problem solving.



GEN Casey prefaced the establishment of CSF with: "The vast majority of Soldiers deploying have a positive growth experience because they are exposed to something very hard, very difficult, and they succeed". To emphasize the overriding all-encompassing concept, business NOT as usual, the CSF is located not in a

medical or some other comparable traditional billet, but as a brand new command directorate under the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 LTG James D. Thurman.

The immediate key to the success of GEN Casey's CSF efforts may be his selection of the Director of CSF, BG Rhonda L. S. Cornum. Cornum, whom many of you know, is articulate and well-educated [with a BS in Microbiology/Genetics, and PhD in Nutrition/Biochemistry from Cornell; MD from USUHS; Masters in Strategic Studies from National War College]. She has hands-on teaching and surgical experience. She has held repeated strong commands, in Bosnia, the Landstuhl RMC facility and Forces Command. But perhaps most important from Casey's viewpoint (and maybe Cornum's as well) is that she

is, first and foremost, operationally and in her heart, Airborne, with the air assault insignia, wings, bullet wounds, broken bones and scars to prove it. Her capture as a POW was as flight surgeon, 2/229 Attack Helicopter Battalion in Operation

Desert Shield/Storm, which makes the cerebrally capable but action-oriented Cornum [who would never admit and may be miffed that someone else might suggest it] herself something of a poster-girl for resilience.

Cornum along with educators, chaplains, psychiatrists, sociologists, trainers, senior staff, civilian and military including senior management, senior NCOs and others have



fully taken CSF boots to the ground, from TROA to AUSA forums, to The Hill, and to all the basic training facilities from Forts Knox, Wood, Leavenworth, Jackson, and everywhere between.

As Vice Chief of Staff GEN Peter Chiarelli recently told 2,000 Army health-care professionals, mental wellness must be produced through a multidisciplinary approach. He acknowledged that many things can and will be done, including adequate "dwell time" at home between deployments. Other programs, like the Chaplaincy's "Strong Bonds" with work to reduce rates of depression, anxiety, indiscipline, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and absences without leave. But Chiarelli noted that in the overriding context, education and assessment remains imperative, and this will be primarily tasked to CSF.

CSF's approach is via two paths: organizational and individual. *Organizationally*, the Army's massive training command (TRADOC) will incorporate mental strength training into every developmental school starting at initial entry, to be increasingly sophisticated from basic training up the NSO ladder from officer basic to senior service schools. A Master Resilience Trainers (MRT) program has been adapted from a similar initiative at University of Pennsylvania, with the first group trained and operational. A second level MRT will be embedded in units to assist commanders and junior leaders to build resilience in their troops.

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Cornum states the goal to be that "every sergeant and lieutenant should feel as comfortable building mental toughness in Soldiers as they are in leading a formation on the parade ground". She further noted that the most vulnerable demographic is the junior enlisted ranks, who tend to be younger than their higher-ranking counterparts, but the CSF proposal entails assessments for the entire force throughout their careers. [For instance, at Ft. Jackson, where the first recruits tested the program this summer, Casey said Drill Sergeants will probably do the teaching in basic training.]

Individually, the key is recognition that everyone comes to the table with a different level of maturity, educational and sophistication in the five pivotal dimensions of strength: social emotional, spiritual, physical and family. The goals of CSF are to increase resilience and performance by developing these five dimensions. Thus, there must be an assessment of where each soldier fits into that spectrum, and to that end, there are means such as a Global Assessment



Tool (GAT), to which there are no wrong or right answers, and results of which will never be shared with spouses, doctors, bosses or family. Each soldier will be able to view columns on a "fitness tracker", and these will be linked to a training program tailored to the individual. To address the geographic vastness of deployed active duty, Guard and Reserve members, at least one self-development module in each dimension will be web-based. Once implemented force-wide, a variation of CSF will be available for family members

and civilians to receive similar education and training. Programs will encompass a wide-spectrum around cognitive reframing, self regulation during response to adversity, relationship building or communication skills, and are also designed to help troops adapt these skills when returning to civilian life.

The holistic mission may be difficult, but it looks like it not only can but will work. For the sake of everyone, most of all the troops, it must succeed. Early feedback to a CNN reporter from senior enlisted persons was that they had participated and were impressed. Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston has said "Fit disciplined and focused on excellence, our Warriors serving today are the best of their generation". It is a profound responsibility to see to it that they get appropriate and adequate tools to continue. Says Army Sergeant Major John Heinrichs, "Every dollar, every hour we invest in this (CSF), will pay for itself in the future. This is a part of balancing the Army." And as Cornum says, "We're taking good people and making them better." HOOAH!

Chaplain Beaver read the following poem at the National Convention in Boise in Sept. He had a number of requests for it. It was a beautiful part of the Memorial Service.



The soldier stood and faced God
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
how shall I deal with you? Have
you always turned the other
cheek? To My Church have you
been true?"

The soldier squared his shoulders
and said, "No, Lord, I guess I
haven't, because those of us who
carry guns, Can't always be a
saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,
and at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
because the world is awfully
rough.

But, I never took a penny, that
wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of over-
time, when the bills got just too
steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,
though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place,
among the people here.

They never wanted me around,
except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here,
Lord, It needn't be so grand. I
never expected or had too much,
but if you don't, I'll understand."
There was a silence all around the
throne, where the saints had
often trod. As the soldier waited
quietly for the judgment of his
God.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
you've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's
streets; you've done your time in
Hell."

~Author Unknown~

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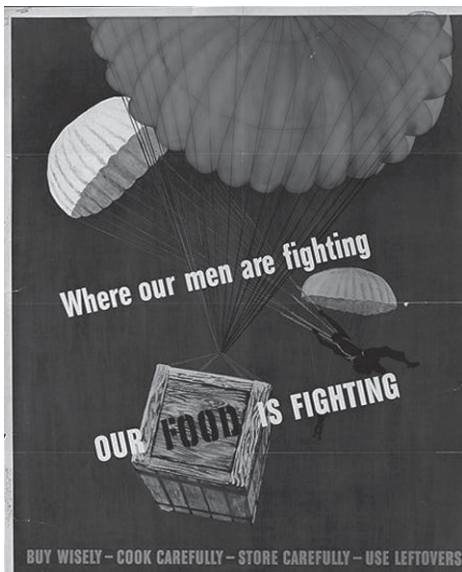
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Hospitality Room
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Daytrip to Andersonville
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Commanders Reception

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Past National Commanders Breakfast
General Business Session
Camp Reunions

Hospitality Room
Evening Entertainment

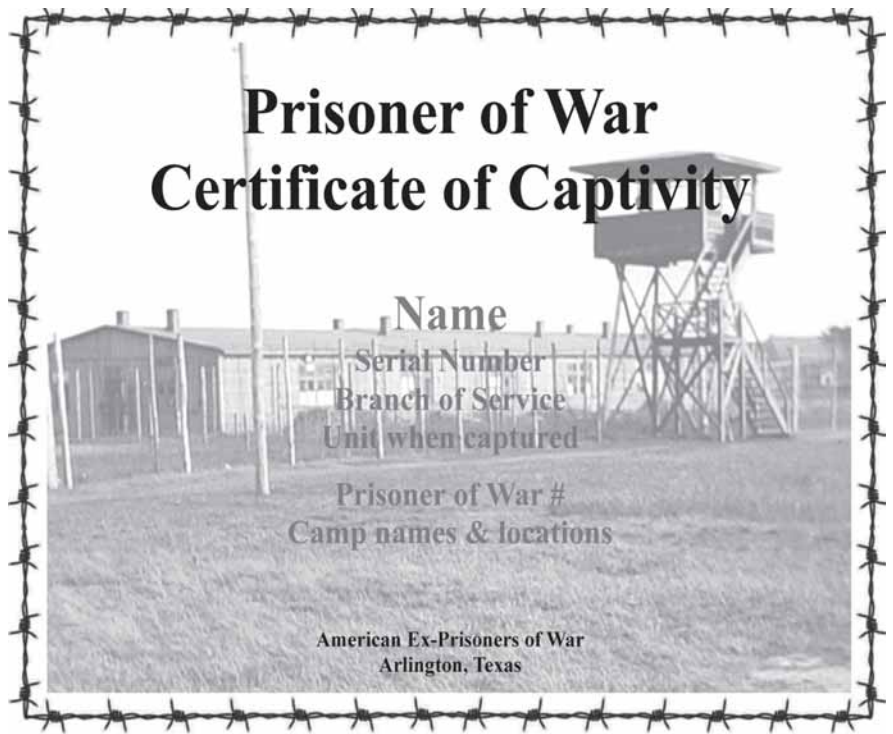
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Banquet and Installation of Officers

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National Board of Directors Meeting

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ASH, William E, age 87, of Leroy, OH died June 28, 2009. He was a POW in WWII. He leaves his wife, Ruth, 1 daughter, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

BAKKE, Marvel, of Harper Woods, MI passed away July 18, 2009 at the age of 89. He was a member of the Wolverine Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Jean 9 children, 1 brother, 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

BEHR, Richard H, 90, of Youngtown, AZ died Aug. 21, 2009. He was a mechanic in the 106th Inf. Div. during WWII. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, was captured and held prisoner until liberation. He was a member of the POWOW Chapter, AXPOW in Phoenix. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Bernelia, and one son.

BEDFORD, Doris A, of Fairport, NY passed away Aug. 30, 2009. She was 86 and the wife of ex-POW Richard Bedford (P-47 pilot; Stalags III, VII, XIII). In addition to her husband of almost 66 years, she leaves 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

BENTLEY, Jack, passed away on July 26, 2009 at the age of 90. He was flying out of North Africa when his plane was shot down in June, 1943; he was a prisoner of the Italians until Italy surrendered, then he was held in Luft III and marched to Stalag 7A. Jack leaves his wife, two sons and good friend Holley Midgley.

BROWN, Ernest E "Bud" of Worthington, Kentucky, died September 10, 2009. A life member of AXPOW since 1986, he served with in the 88 Div I Co 2nd Btn, and was held a POW in Stalags 7A and 2B, He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Donna.

BURGBACHER, Marian A "Marny", 84, of Ellenton, FL passed away Aug. 3, 2009. Marny and her husband, Paul (ex-POW, captured at Cassino, Italy) were active members of the Manasota Chapter, AXPOW. In addition to her husband of 64 years, she leaves 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

CABIAO, Lorie passed away Aug. 29, 2009. He fought in WWII as a Philippine Scout and was a POW, captured on Bataan. He later joined the US Army. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Alejandra, 3 daughters, 1 son and 5 grandchildren. Lorie was a member of AX-POW and the Tacoma, WA Chapter.

CAIRE, James A, 90, of Biloxi, MS died June 17, 2009. During WWII, he served with HQ and HQSQD, 27th BG(L), US Army. He was captured on, and survived, the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of captivity in the Philippines and Japan. James was a member of the Gulf Coast Chapter, AXPOW and ADBC. He is survived by his loving wife, Anna, 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

CLINE, Floyd W., 87, life member of the Bakersfield Chapter, AXPOW and active member of the Cessna Sergeant Chapter died April 22, 2008. During WWII, he served as a Flight Engineer with the 723rd BS, 47th BW, 450th BG, 15th AF. He was shot down over Ploesti and held in Romania. He leaves his wife of 60 years, Becky, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

COBBLE, Ellen B passed away Aug. 3, 2009 at the age of 85. Ellen was part of the Greatest Generation and embodied the values that make this country great. Her life was dedicated to family. Ellen is survived by 1 son, 5 grandchildren and 1

brother. She was a beloved member of the Tacoma Chapter, AXPOW.

DUKEMAN, Pauline Piersol, 85, of Narvon, passed away Sept. 13, 2009. She was a life member of the Conestoga Chapter, AXPOW. Pauline was the wife of the late Donald Wayne Dukeman, who died on April 16, 2006. She is survived by 2 sons, 1 daughter, 1 sister, 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

EDWARDS, Mary Katherine, widow of ex-POW Story Edwards and member of the Chattanooga Chapter, AXPOW died July 28, 2009. She will be missed by her chapter friends.

EDWARDS, Wilson Victor "Bill", member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter (CO), AXPOW, died Aug. 7, 2009. He was 91. During WWII, he fought with the Royal Air Force until the US entered the war. He then served with the 4th FG, flying P51 Mustangs. He was shot down and held in Luft 1, Barth until liberation. He leaves his wife, Barbara, and many children and grandchildren.

EZELL, John Ellison of Killen, AL passed away Nov. 23, 2008. He was drafted into the Army while still in high school; he served with the 106th Inf. Div., Co A and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. John is survived by his wife, Edna, and two daughters.

FIGGINS, Becky, wife of Past Commander Jim Figgins of the Agua Fria Chapter, AXPOW passed away September 11, 2009. Becky and Jim lived in Sun City West, AZ. They had 2 sons, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Jim served in the 478th BG and was interned in 7A.

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GABER, Marjorie L, 76, of Waterford, PA died Aug. 25, 2009. She and her husband, ex-POW Karl (top turret gunner stationed on Iwo Jima with HBS 121/shot down in Tokyo Bay and held in Ofuna, Japan) were active members of the Barbed Wire Assn. of NW PA. In addition to her husband, Marjorie leaves 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

GALLAGHER, James M, age 89, of Waterford, CT and Viera, FL died July 24, 2009. He served as navigator with the 8th AF, 389th BG; he was shot down and imprisoned at Luft 1, Barth. Jim was a life member of Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

GIUGA, Mariano T, of Cheektowaga, NY passed away July 2, 2009 at the age of 89. He was a member of the Western NY Chapter, AXPOW. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge while serving with the Third Division, USA during WWII. He leaves his wife, Violet, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

GOAD, Virgilene Bryant, 69, of Bainbridge, GA died August 2, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, former P.O.W. Clarence G. Goad. Both were very active, long-time members of the Huchison-Poplowski Chapter, Panama City, FL. She is survived by a son, two daughters, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

GOUIN, Donat "Don" J, 80, of Lima, OH died July 15, 2009. He was a member of AFVN stationed in the City of Hue during the Tet Offensive of 1968 where he was captured. He was held five years as a POW. Don was a member of NW Central Ohio Chapter, AXPOW for 21 years, having served as com-

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mander. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Alma, 1 son, 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

GRZYWA, Edwin F, of Cheektowaga, NY passed away May 6, 2009. He was 86 and a member of the Western NY Chapter, AXPOW. Edward was captured while serving with the 450th BG, 720th BS, flying out of Italy. Survivors include one son and two daughters.

HAMONS, Eugene J, of Ganado, TX passed away Sept. 22, 2009. He was 83. Gene was captured while serving in the Army during WWII. He leaves his wife, Pakali, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Hill, Eini, 87, of Phelps, Wisconsin, died August 9, 2009. She was the wife of Armie S. Hill, also deceased, who was captured during World War II in North Africa at Kasserine Pass and was interned in POW Camp 98 on Sicily and POW Camp 59 in Servigliano, Italy. Eini is survived by four children, nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

JERNIGAN, Wilbur R of New Brockton, AL passed away May 5, 2009. He was 84. During WWII, he served with the 15th AF, 99th BG, 347th BS. He was flying from Italy when he was shot down over Yugoslavia. He spent the remainder of the war in Luft 1, Barth. Roland is survived by his wife, Jeanne, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was a life member of AXPOW and the Boll Weevil Chapter.

JOHNSTON, Helen, wife of ex-POW Robert Johnston died Aug. 8, 2009 in Sun City West, AZ. She and Bob were active members of the Agua Fria Chapter. Bob served with the 275th Reg., 75th Div. and spent time in Stalag 4B. In addition to her husband, Helen is survived by 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

KIRCH, Raymond S, 90, of Valparaiso, FL, died June 30, 2009. He was in the 27th BG during WWII. He was wounded on Corregidor and was captured by the Japanese and was held as a prisoner of war for 1218 days. Raymond leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Doris, one son and four grandchildren.

KOROSEC, Joseph J, of Cleveland, OH passed away Sept. 4, 2009. He was 84. He was shot down while serving with the 8th AF, 452nd BG; he was held in Luft 1, Barth. Survivors include his wife, Ann, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 1 granddaughter, 1 brother and 1 sister.

KOVAL, Edwin J, 86, of Houston, TX died June 7, 2009. During WWII he served with the 15th AF, 343rd BS, 98th BG. He was shot down over Bologna and taken prisoner. He leaves his wife of 63 years, Alethea, 1 son and 2 daughters.

MARTIN, Evelyn B, of McMinnville, OR passed away Aug. 7, 2009. She was the beloved wife of ex-POW James Martin (Philippines, Taiwan and Japan).

MASCONE, Attilio Anthony, 87, of Silver Spring, MD passed away July 30, 2009. He was part of the 422nd Inf., 106th Div., fighting in the Battle of the Bulge when he was captured. He was taken to Stalag 9B and held until liberation. Attilio's wife, **Beatrice**, who sewed military uniforms during WWII, passed away March 24, 2009. They are survived by two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren.

McCARTHY, Roy B, age 89, of San Leandro, CA died Aug. 31, 2009. He was a veteran of the USMC, captured with the North China Marines and held for 3 years, 9 months. Roy was a member of AXPOW and the Marine Corps League. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Jean, 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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McCLURE, Lee, of Aurora, CO died Aug. 10, 2009. She was a member of the Mile High Chapter, Denver and life member of AXPOW. Her husband, William served with the 882nd BS, was captured in the Pacific and held in Kempai Tai. In addition to her husband, Lee leaves 2 daughters, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons.

McCORMACK, John William, of Des Moines, IA and Bradenton, FL passed away July 25, 2009. He was 91. He was a WWII veteran and ex-POW, captured while serving with the 707th Tank Bn. He was a life member of AXPOW. John is survived by his wife of 68 years, Josephine and 2 daughters.

McMANAMON, Hugh T, 90, member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, died in July, 2009. He was captured in Europe while serving with the 423rd Reg. 106th Inf. as a medic. He was held in Stalags 12A, 4B, 3B, 3A and Kommando 483. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, 1 daughter, 1 son, 1 granddaughter and 1 great-grandson.

MEYER, Dorris L, of Woodlands, TX died Aug. 20, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, ex-POW William P Meyer. Dorris was a life member of AXPOW. She leaves 3 sons, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, 4 nieces and several great-nieces and nephews.

NORRIS, Alvi D, of Danville, IL passed away June 17, 2009. Alvi served in the Army, captured in Korea and held for 33 months. He was a member of the Illiana Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Marlene, 3 children and many grandchildren.

ORN, Caroline, 85, of Crosby, MN died Aug. 22, 2009. She was the widow of ex-POW Donald Orn. Both were members of the Lakes Region Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by 1 son, 1 daughter and 6 grandchildren.

PASURKA, Carl A, Sr, of Elk Grove Village, IL passed away August 29, 2009 at the age of 92. While serving with the 515th Coast Artillery he was captured in the Philippines, and spent 3-1/2 years in POW camps in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Lorraine, two sons, and numerous nieces and nephews.

PATTERSON, Thomas R, of Northville, Michigan, died September 3, 2009. He was a bombardier with the 15 AF, 455 BG, 742 BS, and was a POW on Luft 1, An AXPOW life member since 1988, he was a member of the Wolverine Chapter.

PAVONE, Louis (Louie) Dominic, age 87, passed away on July 25, 2009 in Chehalis, WA. Louie faithfully served his country in the Army from 1940 to 1946. In early 1942, he was taken prisoner on Corregidor by the Japanese and spent the next 3 ½ years in POW camps. In 1945, he was freed from the Mukden Manchuria Camp by the Russian Army. He was a life member of AXPOW and ADABC. His wife Theresa predeceased him; survivors include 1 son, 1 brother, 1 sister and many nieces and nephews.

PETTIT, Morris, of Ellijay, GA died July 14, 2009. He enlisted in the USA in 1936; embarked for overseas duty in 1943, serving with Co. B, 110th RCT, 28th Div. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in Neidenbach, Meinigem, Hiburgerhausn and Frising. He leaves his wife, Laura, and three sons.

RABALAIS, Hillman, of Moreauville, LA, died August 7, 2009. He was a member of the South Louisiana Chapter. He was captured in Korea, held in Camps 1 and 3 for 28 months. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Irma, 5 children and 11 grandchildren.

RUETSCH, Mary Jane passed away August 29, 2009. She was the wife of life member Robert J. Ruetsch

and member of Ohio Chapter #1. They were married 65 years.

SAVITZ, Harvey E, 87, of Chewelah, WA died June 19, 2009. He was captured on Wake Island Dec. 23, 1941 and was a POW for 44 months in Shanghai, China and Shingu, Japan. Harvey was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter and life member of AXPOW. Survivors include 4 daughters, 1 son, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

SCHNEIDER, Virginia, of Pittsburg, Texas, died August 23, 2009. A member of the Fort Worth Chapter, she was the widow of Lester Schneider, a POW in Luft 3.

SEDIVY, Harold William, of Summerville, SC died Sept. 15, 2009. He served with the 15th AF as waist gunner on a Liberator. His plane was shot down over Yugoslavia and he was held in various camps across Germany. Harold was past SC Dept. Commander and a life member of the Low Country Chapter. He is survived by 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

SHALLCROSS, Edgar M Jr, 86, of St. Clairsville, OH passed away Sept. 8, 2009. He was captured while serving in the Army during WWII; he was a member of the Barbed Wire Chapter #1. Surviving are his wife, Sue, 3 sons, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

SHAY, Elizabeth "Betty", of Springfield, OH passed away Aug. 26, 2009. She was a retired teacher who never lost her zest for reaching out to others. She leaves her loving husband, Gene, 3 children, 3 step-children, 2 sisters, 1 brother, 8 grandchildren and many other extended family.

SPAULDING, Donald Dale, 86, of Tulsa, OK died Aug. 10, 2009. He

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was with Battery G, 60th CAC (AA), assigned to Bataan. He was captured on Corregidor May, 1942 and held in POW camps in the Philippines and Japan for 3 ½ years. He was a member of the Tulsa Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Hazel, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

STUENKEL, William L, 86, of Spooner, WI passed away Feb. 7, 2009. During WWII, he was assigned to the 168th Inf., 34th Div. He was captured at Anzio and held by Germany for 16 months, much of it spent at Stalag 2B. He leaves his beloved wife of 63 years, Verna, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

SURPRISE, Daniel H, of El Dorado Springs, MO passed away July 14, 2009. He was 84. His plane "Stormy Weather" went down over Denmark and he was captured. Dan was a member of the Springfield, MO chapter, AXPOW. His loving wife of 64 years, Betty, 1 son, 3 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren survive him.

SWEIBERG, James J Sr, 92, charter member of the Ft. Vancouver Chapter, AXPOW died Mar. 15, 2009. He was captured on Wake Island in 1941; he was held in 4 camps in China and 2 camps in Japan until liberation nearly 4 years later. Survivors include 2 sons, 2 daughters and several grandchildren.

TIMM, Eugene A "Gene", of Rochester Hills, MI passed away July 26, 2009. During WWII, he served in the Army. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in Stalag 9B until liberation. Gene leaves his wife, Lois, 1 son, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

VANDERHOOF, Merl Quincy of Newton, IL, died Aug. 29, 2009. He was captured while serving with the AAC as an Engineer/Gunner on B-24s. He was held in Dulag Luft 6, 4, 7A and 13D. He was a member of the Kickapoo Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Martha, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 2 stepdaughters and 8 grandchildren.

VanHOUTON, Robert, 86, a founder of the Bill Rolan Memorial Chapter of Northern Virginia, died September 15, 2009. During the Battle of the Bulge, he was cap-

tured by the Germans and interned in POW camps 9B and 9A for 4 ½ months until liberated by American forces. Bob held a number of important posts in the Dept. of Virginia AXPOW including state and chapter commander. He will be missed by his many friends.

WARMUTH, Werner G "Bill" passed away on Sept 23, 2009. Bill was serving with the 427th BS, 303rd BG, 8th AF as a navigator on the B-17 "Tiny Angel" when he was shot down over Malberg, Germany and taken prisoner. He was interned in Stalag III and later marched 63 miles to Stalag 7 near Moosburg, Germany and liberated by elements of Gen Patton's Third Army. He will be missed by his friends in Fresno Chapter #1.

YOUNGBLOOD, William S, of Mt. Pleasant, SC died Aug. 25, 2009. He served with the 103rd Inf. Div. during WWII, across France and Germany. He was held as a POW by the Germans for 6 months. He was a life member of AXPOW and charter member of the Low Country Chapter. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doris, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

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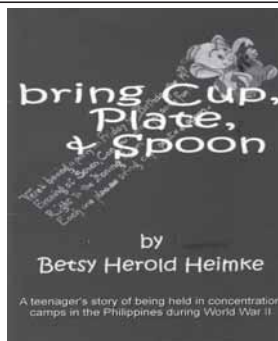
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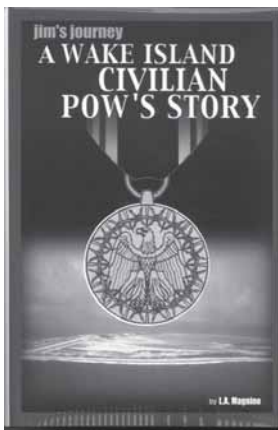
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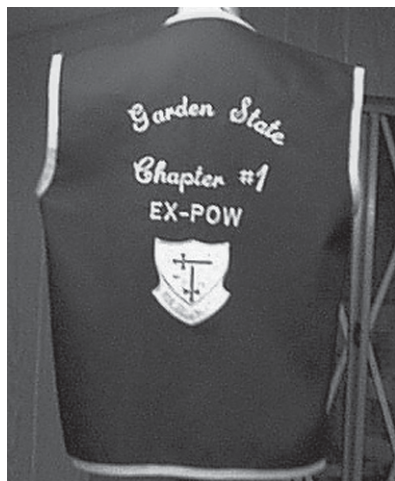
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