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National Commander Jim Clark and wife Jerri

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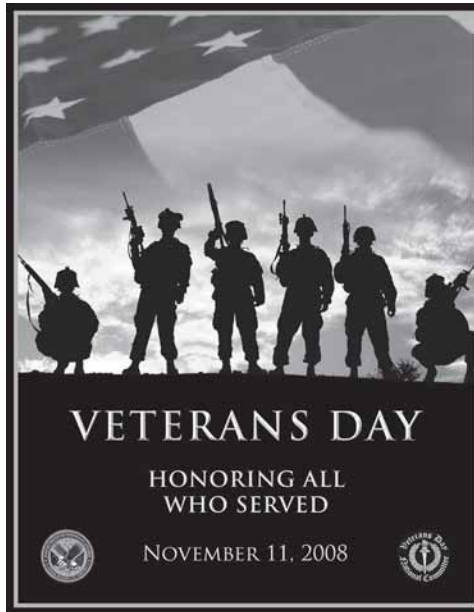
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Thank you, Kansas City!

AXPOW's 2008 National Convention was terrific!

Our hosts, at right, Missouri State Commander John Clark, his wife Anne and all the hard-working Dept. members really outdid themselves to provide us all with a week to remember.



Veterans Day 2008 poster at left

To commemorate the ending of the "Great War" (World War I), an "unknown soldier" was buried in highest place of honor in both England and France (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These ceremonies took place on November 11th, celebrating the ending of World War I hostilities at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). This day became known internationally as "Armistice Day".

In 1921, the United States of America followed France and England by laying to rest the remains of a World War I American soldier — his name "known but to God" — on a Virginia hillside overlooking the city of Washington DC

and the Potomac River. This site became known as the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," and today is called the "Tomb of the Unknowns." Located in Arlington National Cemetery, the tomb symbolizes dignity and reverence for the American veteran.

In America, November 11th officially became known as Armistice Day through an act of Congress in 1926. It wasn't until 12 years later, through a similar act that Armistice Day became a national holiday.

Renewal Notice! Annual Members!

The January, 2009 issue will be the last one you receive if you don't renew. Take a minute and send your 2009 dues to National Headquarters. Don't miss out on all the benefits membership in AXPOW offers!

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Jim Clark**

Dear Members and families,

This is a brief background on my life for those who don't know me.

Born: Lincoln, NE, January 28, 1922.
Grew up in Oklahoma City
Attended University of Oklahoma.

As a teenager, I was very active in the Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle Scout with two additional palms. I was a charter member of the "Order of the Arrow". With the Boy Scouts, I attended the very first National Jamboree, held in Washington, DC in 1937. The Oklahoma contingency made additional trips to New York City and Niagara Falls. I earned the money for those trips by selling donuts (making 10 cents a dozen).

In January, 1942, I enlisted in the Army Air Corps for pilot training. I was called up in May and completed training (SE) at Eagle Pass, Texas, where I was #1 in my class in Gunnery. I received my wings and commission on July 29, 1943, then took additional fighter training.

My wife, Jerri, and I met in late August. We were married Oct. 4, 1943 and just celebrated our 65th anniversary.

In late January, I went overseas, assigned to the 362nd Fighter Group, 378th Squadron, 9th Air Force. That winter we flew escort missions and

then moved to southern England for tactical missions. We moved to a strip in France in early July, 1944.

On July 23rd, while on a low-level bombing mission near St. Lo, I was hit by flak, crash-landed in an orchard full of cows and was captured.

After interrogation, I was sent to Stalag Luft 3, North Compound (RAF). With the Russians moving closer that winter, the camp was evacuated. My campmates left at 3AM on January 28, 1945 - my 23rd birthday - in a blizzard. We never left the road for five days and nights.

When we reached Spremberg, we were stuffed into boxcars and sent to Stalag 13D at Nurnberg. As the Americans moved East, we were marched again, ending up at Stalag 7A, Moosberg.

I was liberated April 29, 1945.

Active duty ended Dec. 24, 1945; my Air Force Reserve term ended Sept., 1957.

I was hired by Goodyear to manage several stores in Oklahoma and Monroe, Louisiana. After 10 years, I took the opportunity to buy a small furniture and appliance store in Bastrop, LA. We spent the next 32 years building it into a large home furnishings store. During those years, I was very active in civic affairs.

In 1998, after many years working locally for the American Ex-Prisoners of War, our chapter hosted the National Convention in Baton Rouge, LA. I was elected National Director, then Jr. Vice Commander. In 2007, I was elected National Sr. Vice Commander. On Sept. 20, 2008, I was elected YOUR National Commander.

I am humbled by your trust and I will strive to live up to this honor.

Jim

news from hq

Another year is coming to an end. Happy Holidays to all!

It was a great convention in Kansas City. The Missouri members did an outstanding job of making us feel welcome and comfortable! Thank you. We are now planning our trip to Boise next September.

After a lot of hard work and lots of determination, Quartermaster Sally is now offering the bronze grave marker again. With the help of JVC Charlie Susino, Sally was able to locate a manufacturer. The medallion is 4" in size and weighs a little over one pound. It contains 84% copper. The hardware for mounting is included in each packet.

Also, we are now offering a Certificate of Captivity. This certificate is suitable for framing and includes information about the former POWs captivity: camp names, locations, military information. These would make a great gift.

Information on the bronze marker and the certificate can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

We, here at National Headquarters, wish you and your families a very wonderful Thanksgiving and a very happy and joyous Holiday Season.

Clydie, Sally, Marsha and Donna



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Now important news from the 61st National Convention, Kansas City, MO with a new National Commander Jim Clark, Bastrop, LA and a large number of new Board of Directors were elected. All the programs by the assigned committees were presented and a lot of good material was available for our POWs.

Our National Capitol Office and Legislative Committee was done a little differently with our program this year. Executive Director Les Jackson decided to invite the Director of the Truman Institute from Independence, MO.

Mr. Tom Heurtz gave a large Powerpoint slide presentation exploring the personal life of Truman from his Missouri roots, his experience in WWI, the rise from local and state politics to the national and international stage and his coming back home in Independence after his presidency. We had a nice crowd who all seemed to enjoy the program.

Since our House and Senate Veterans Affairs committee could not send anyone to the Convention, we had to only inform the members that negotiation of our Osteoporosis and Diabetes Presumptives was continuing at that time.

Since our return from the Convention, I am happy to report that S.3023 was agreed to and the President signed it before Congress ended! Yes, we did obtain the Osteoporosis (PTSD) into law, but did not get the Diabetes or the date

changed for the effective date on the DIC.

We had the support of all the VSOs, but did not have support from the committee. This will have to be worked on diligently next year when the Congress comes back on Jan. 3, 2009. A letter is being sent to the BOD regarding the complete wording etc. about Oct. 8 or 9. YOU should be hearing from your directors on this.

We have already had two meetings with the American Legion, the sponsoring VSO for the Salute to Heroes Inaugural Ball in honor of our new President on Jan. 20, 2009. If anyone is interested please call our office and we can send you the complete details. Just one point of information: The banquet and ball is \$180. per person for your attending it - then you will have to include a hotel price of at least \$250. Details not firmed up yet on hotel prices yet. If interested, just call me and we can fill you in with all the details available.

The POW Advisory Committee is meeting in Jackson, MS the week of Oct. 26th. The office remains busy with a lot of different activities going on. Happy Holidays in December and a good 2009!

Mary Rolan

DoD Revises Purple Heart Eligibility Criteria to Allow Award to POWs Who Die in Captivity

"Updated"

The Department of Defense announced Oct. 6, 2008 it has ex-

panded the Purple Heart eligibility criteria allowing prisoners-of-war who died in captivity to receive the award.

The revised department policy presumes, for service members who die in captivity as a qualifying prisoner-of-war, that their death was the "result of enemy action," or the result of wounds incurred "in action with the enemy" during capture, or as a result of wounds incurred as a "result of enemy action" during capture, unless compelling evidence is presented to the contrary.

The revised policy allows retroactive award of the Purple Heart to qualifying prisoners-of-war since Dec. 7, 1941.

Posthumous award will be made to the deceased service member's representative, as designated by the secretary of the military department concerned, upon application to that military department.

Each military department will publish application procedures and ensure they are accessible by the general public.

Family members with questions may contact the services:

Army: Military Awards Branch,
(703) 325-8700

Navy: Navy Personnel Command,
Retired Records Section, (314) 592-1150

Air Force: Air Force Personnel Center, (800) 616-3775

Marine Corps: Military Awards Branch, (703) 784-9340.

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



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Outreach Happens When You Do It

Outreach gets done because people care!

October 2005: Wanda in Pennsylvania writes to tell about her brother Norman who was a prisoner of the Germans in WWII, captured in the Battle of the Bulge. He died in 1971 of myocardial infarction, and his widow is nearly blind. "Would she qualify for the VA widow's benefit?" Since he died of heart trouble, the answer is YES. The widow's son takes care of his mother's business, and I sent him VA claim papers in Oct. 2005; finally he got them back to me in February, 2006. The claim went through quickly with pronto help of Philadelphia VARO's POW Coordinator Fred Johnson, and this widow got her DIC with first check \$15,000+. Wanda cared about her sister-in-law, and helped her get her VA compensation. (Remember, DIC is COMPENSATION, not pension; same goes for our POW benefits. Compensation, not pension!

September 2008: Now Wanda writes again. "A few years ago I wrote to you telling the POW story of my brother Norman, who died of a myocardial infarction in 1971. Through your efforts, his nearly

blind widow was given her compensation. Today I asked her son if he had ever written to express his THANKS for your efforts on her behalf and he said, 'I don't believe I did.' Thought I should tell you how very much she appreciated your help. Her health has improved quite a bit and so has her outlook on life. Her daughter takes her for a walk every day and my sister-in-law says although she can't see, she still enjoys smelling the flowers, and feeling the warm sun and soft breezes on her cheeks. Her radio provides company when she's alone. So, Fred, in you I feel as though I have made a friend to whom I will ever be grateful. God bless you and your lovely wife and many years in which you continue to help our POWs and their widows. Sincerely yours, Wanda. PS, my husband and I are life members in AXPOW. He is 84 and I am 82." Indeed, Wanda was alert to VA benefits and DID OUTREACH superbly. (This letter from my friend Wanda surely reminds me why I've been doing AXPOW service work and outreach for over ten years. FC)

More Outreach by another former POW's wife: "Dear Mr. C, My husband Keith Carter was a POW, and I read in the Ex-POW Bulletin of your helping widows get their benefits. In late August, while I was attending the 102nd Infantry reunion in Cincinnati, I met a widow and told her about the effort you make to get benefits for widows. Her husband was a POW. Thanks you, Ghita Carter, Georgetown, Texas." Mrs. Carter gave me this lady's address and phone number, and I called her in Birmingham, AL. Her husband had died of a stroke. I called Paul Dallas who works regularly with the POW coordinator in Alabama, and he is doing the work to get this POW widow her DIC. Outreach by POW wife Ghita Carter and Paul Dallas, a super AXPOW NSO.

Lou Gehrig's Disease: Do you know of a veteran or especially a former prisoner of war who has, or died of,

this fatal disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis? Read the following that Ex-POW BULLETIN editor, Cheryl Cerbone gleaned from the Federal Register on Sept. 23, 2008 and passed on:

Veterans with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) may receive badly-needed support for themselves and their families after the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that ALS will become a presumptively compensable illness for all veterans with 90 days or more of continuously active service in the military. "Veterans are developing ALS in rates higher than the general population, and it was appropriate to take action," Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake said. He based his decision primarily on a November 2006 report by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine (IOM) on the association between active-duty service and ALS. The new interim final regulation applies to all applications for benefits received by VA on or after September 23, 2008, or that are pending before VA, the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, or the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on that date.

If you know of any former POW who has Lou Gehrig's Disease or a widow of one who died of ALS, please let us know. This is active outreach you can do!

A related story: Sept. 18, 2008: Mrs. B. in Portland, OR has a claim in to Portland VARO. Husband died with primary cause ALS, with mild heart trouble a contributing cause. But it was not enough to get her the VA's DIC. Sad. Sept. 23, 2008: As above article says, on this date ALS is made a presumptive for veterans. Now the Portland VARO is reviewing her claim to see if this new presumptive will make her eligible for DIC. Prayer is permitted.

outreach cont'd

Letter from Henry S. in Oakham, MA: "My wife (95) is in a local rest home, and she has ChampVA. How do I get her medications paid for? And does it cover Custodial Care or Skilled Care?" I call NSO Katherine Arnold in Acton, MA; she knows Henry and Josie and Kay will help them with answers, though the Care question will most likely be negative. Thanks, Kay.

TAPS column, Sept. Bulletin. New widows listed are being contacted by these NSOs: Doris Jenks, FL; Lawrence King, SC; Walter Peterson, WI; Don Lewis, PA; Richard Carroll, MN; Kay Arnold, MA; Betty Grinstead, IA; Melanie Bussel, CT; Doc Unger, OH; Rudy Collins, WA; Louise Dunham, AZ; George Coker, VA; WT Jones, TX; Fred Campbell, CA/KS/OR/CO.

Social Security COLA Announced

Social Security beneficiaries in 2009 will see a relatively major increase in their monthly checks, according to CCH, a leading provider of tax, benefits and payroll law information and software. As a result of inflation, an increase of 5.8 percent will be applied to this coming year's benefits, starting with December 2008 benefits, which are paid in January 2009. This is the largest increase since 1982.

The 5.8 percent cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, will produce an estimated average monthly benefit of \$1,153 for all retired workers in 2009, \$74 a month more than in 2008. What's more, for most beneficiaries, none of that increase will be eaten up by a rise in the standard premium paid by beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part B in 2009.

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faqs about DIC

What Is DIC?

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC is a monthly benefit paid to eligible survivors of a

- military service member who died while on active duty, OR
- veteran whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease, OR

- veteran whose death resulted from a non service-related injury or disease, and who was receiving, or was entitled to receive, VA Compensation for service-connected disability that was rated as totally disabling

- for at least 10 years immediately before death, OR

- since the veteran's release from active duty and for at least five years immediately preceding death, OR

- for at least one year before death if the veteran was a former prisoner of war who died after September 30, 1999.

Who Is Eligible?

The surviving spouse if he or she:

- validly married the veteran before January 1, 1957, OR

- was married to a service member who died on active duty, OR

- married the veteran within 15 years of discharge from the period of military service in which the disease or injury that caused the veteran's death began or was aggra-

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vated, OR

- was married to the veteran for at least one year, OR

- had a child with the veteran, AND

- cohabited with the veteran continuously until the veteran's death or, if separated, was not at fault for the separation, AND

- is not currently remarried.*

Note: A surviving spouse who remarries on or after December 16, 2003, and on or after attaining age 57, is entitled to continue to receive DIC.

The surviving child(ren), if he/she is:

- not included on the surviving spouse's DIC

- unmarried AND

- under age 18, or between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school.

Note: Certain helpless adult children are entitled to DIC. Call the toll-free number below for the eligibility requirements.

How Should a Claimant Apply?

Claimants should complete VA Form 21-534 Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child.

Following the death of my husband, who died in Vietnam, I remarried and my DIC payments were terminated. I am now divorced from my second husband. Can I have my benefits restored?

Yes, one of the provisions of the Veterans Benefits Act of 1998 provides for restored entitlement following the termination of a subsequent marriage.

Will my benefits be restored automatically?

Answer: No, you must re-apply and advise the Department of Veterans Affairs of the termination of the remarriage.

What Are Some Related Benefits?

Health Care (CHAMPVA)
Federal Employment Preference
Home Loan Guaranty
Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance

Packet #5 (What Every POW's Wife Should Know Before She is Your Widow) has been updated again, with much time and effort on the part of Marlene Agnes, to include the most recent laws and benefits published. The packet may be purchased from National Headquarters. Cost of the updated packet is \$15.00~includes S/H.

PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES Public Law 97-37 (Layman's Terms)

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

1. ARTHRITIS, TRAUMATIC

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

2. AVITAMINOSIS

The total lack of vitamins in the diet. This disorder is a fatal condition unless it is supplemented with vitamins within a few weeks. There fore, 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.

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9. ANY OTHER NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCY

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

10. PSYCHOSIS

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

11. PANIC DISORDER

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

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

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

12. GENERALIZED ANXIETY DISORDER

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

(1) Motor tension as characterized by shaking, jumpiness, trembling and restlessness;

(2) Autonomic hyperactivity, such as sweating, cold or clammy hands, high or irregular heart rate, dry mouth, etc.;

(3) Apprehensive expectations, anxiety, worry, fear, anticipation of misfortune to himself or others;

(4) Tendency to insomnia, hyper-alertiveness, 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 associa-

tion, an environmental or ideational situation.

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

(1) Hyperalertness or exaggerated startle response;

(2) Sleep disturbance;

(3) Guilt about surviving when others have not;

(4) Memory impairment or trouble concentrating;

(5) Avoidance of activities that arouse recollection of the traumatic event;

(6) Intensification of symptoms by exposure to events that symbolize or resemble the traumatic event.

15. ATYPICAL ANXIETY DISORDER

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

16. DEPRESSIVE NEUROSIS/ DYSTHYMIC DISORDER

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

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

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17. PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

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

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

18. IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a common disorder of the intestines that leads to crampy pain, gas, bloating, and changes in bowel habits.

Some people with IBS have constipation (difficult or infrequent bowel movements); still others have diarrhea (frequent loose stools, often with an urgent need to move the bowels); and some people experience both. Sometimes the person with IBS has a crampy urge to move the bowels but cannot do so.

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

19. PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE

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

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

peritonitis; or obstruction of the gastrointestinal tract because of spasm or swelling in the area of the ulcer.

The direct cause of peptic ulcers is the destruction of the gastric or intestinal mucosal lining by hydrochloric acid, an acid normally present in the digestive juices of the stomach.

20. CIRRHOSIS

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

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

Many people with cirrhosis have no symptoms in the early stages of the disease. However, as scar tissue replaces healthy cells, liver function starts to fail and a person may experience the following symptoms: Exhaustion, fatigue, appetite loss, nausea, weakness and/or weight loss.

Cirrhosis may be diagnosed on the basis of symptoms, laboratory tests, the patient's medical history, and a physical examination. A liver biopsy will confirm the diagnosis.

21. STROKE & COMPLICATIONS

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

The symptoms of a stroke include sudden numbness or weakness, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding speech; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes;

sudden trouble with walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; or sudden severe headache with no known cause. Includes the three major types of stroke: ischemic, hemorrhagic, and embolic, as well as complications from stroke.

22. HEART & COMPLICATIONS

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

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

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

23. OSTEOPOROSIS (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.

This is a new presumptive, signed into law October 10, 2008.

Requires a previous VA diagnosis of PTSD.



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



10. POWs at Cabanatuan Camp 3 beaten with clubs.



11. Bilibid POW hospital ward, Philippine Islands.



12. Bataan Death March, April 1942.



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



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



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



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



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



7. Survivors of Suchon Tunnel Massacre, Korea.



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



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

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Andersonville Observes POW/MIA Recognition Day

Four days of events marked National Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day at Andersonville National Historic Site and nearby Americus. The third Friday of September is recognized as a day to acknowledge the sacrifices made by POWs throughout our history and to remember those who are still unaccounted for. Andersonville is the location of the National Prisoner of War Museum and the national memorial to all POWs in American history as designated by federal law.



The first event held on Wednesday, September 17th was a student Convocation at Georgia Southwestern State University in



Americus. Specialist Joseph Hudson told 300+ college and high school students about his ordeal as a POW in March 2003 when his unit was captured during a fierce battle during the initial invasion of Iraq. He told the students, "We were mechanics; we weren't supposed to be captured and had not been trained to resist our captors." After his presentation, Hudson took questions from the students.

On Thursday the park co-sponsored with the University a reception to honor all the former POWs who attended. Held at the historic Lee-Council House in Americus, the event was made possible by the Friends of Andersonville and Eastern National.

From Thursday through Saturday a book signing was held at the National POW Museum with Colonel Glenn D. Frazier, US Army (Ret) author of Hell's Guest. Colonel Frazier was a prisoner of the Japanese in WWII for 3 ½ years. His story was a major focus in Ken Burns WWII documentary *The War* that aired in the Fall of 2007.

On Friday, the group Rolling

T h u n d e r sponsored a Remembrance Ceremony at the First Baptist Church in A m e r i c u s . Leaders from the various branches of the military thanked 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 government to search for the remains of those still unaccounted for.

Later that same day, a plaque was dedicated at the National POW Museum at Andersonville to the POWs of World War's One and Two from the 42nd Rainbow Division. Over 200 were assembled for that short ceremony made up of former POWs and members of Rolling Thunder. A Candle-Light Ceremony was held at the Windsor Hotel in Americus in the evening.

The last event, held at Andersonville National Cemetery on Saturday morning was a service to honor former POWs. The large crowd was lead by a processional of over 475 motorcycles from Americus.

At the start of the program helicopters from the US Army and Navy provided a fly over to salute the POWs in attendance. Music was provided by the Marine Band from the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, GA

A plaque and commemorative coin was presented to each of the 81 former POWs in attendance. Earlier in the week, Rolling Thunder volunteers had put up the Avenue of Flags in the Cemetery that made a perfect setting for the program. Beautiful weather and a large crowd of 800 made the event a great success.

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Statues of Vietnam Ex-POWs Dedicated

Recently, two 9' tall statues of Vietnam Ex-POWs VADM's (Vice Admirals - 3 stars for Army Air Corps and ground pounders) James B. Stockdale and William P. Lawrence were dedicated in the "Yard" of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. The statues were donated to the Brigade of Midshipmen through the good graces of Mr. H. Ross Perot, himself a USNA graduate and admirer of the two men. VADM Stockdale had served as Ross Perot's running mate in the 1992 Election on the United We Stand Party ticket.



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Bill Lawrence, as a midshipman, had been the equivalent of Douglas MacArthur in West Point, i.e., "Mr. Wonderful." Lawrence stood very high in his class academically, was president of the Class, was the Brigade Commander (#1 midshipman militarily) and Captain of the Football Team. Additionally, Midshipman Lawrence had chaired the midshipman committee that organized the academy's honor system as it exists today. Among other assignments after repatriation, Admiral Lawrence was Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy. His daughter, Wendy, was a very successful midshipman at USNA and recently retired as a CAPT, USN (Ret) and astronaut who had four flights in space. Wendy would occasionally tease her father who had been the first Naval Aviator to travel twice the speed of sound that she had routinely travelled 25 times faster than he did.

Admiral Stockdale was a close to a modern Naval Philosopher as existed since the 19th Century's Alfred Thayer Mahan. He always "thought big." He was the senior Naval Aviator to be captured in Vietnam and was the de facto leader almost the entire time he was incarcerated. Following repa-

triation he commanded the fleet anti-submarine forces and was President of the Prestigious Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He became president of the Citadel and was a Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University for many years.

Both Stockdale and Lawrence were graduates of the Navy's Test Pilot School and had been squadron commanders in the fleet. Lawrence was shot down in 1967 as CO of VF-143 and Stockdale as the Commander of Carrier Air Wing 16 aboard *USS Oriskany* in 1965.

The statues of Admirals Stockdale and Lawrence are added to the 9' tall, life-size statue of B/Gen Robbie Risner at the U.S. Air Force Academy (which replaced an earlier version that was moved to the Air Force's fighter weapons school where Korean Ace Risner served until retirement.

A statue and bas relief of Col. George E. "Bud" Day, USAF, Medal of Honor, is in the terminal of Bud Day Field at Sioux Gateway Airport in Col. Day's home town of Sioux City, Iowa.

These statues, widely spread out geographically, are fitting monuments to the lives of some of Uncle Sam's best warriors who all served honorably as prisoners of war of a very brutal enemy.

Photos: Bill Lawrence Statue Jim Stockdale statue. Robbie Risner statue.



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Americans Accounted For:

There are now 1,749 US personnel listed by the Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO) as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. Listed as MIA in SVN on 5-18-71, the remains of Sgt. Timothy J. Jacobsen, USA, from CA, were recovered 6-7-95 and identified 3-24-08. The remains Captain James E. Cross of Ohio and Captain Gomer D. Reese, III, of NY, were recovered 4-9-07 and identified 7-18-08.

The remains of Captain Lorenza Conner, USAF, listed as MIA on October 27, 1967, were repatriated Defember 4, 2007 and identified May 2, of this year, just recently announced. It was previously announced that the remains of Col David H. Zook, USAF, listed as MIA October 4, 1967, were recovered June 18, 1992, identified on May 23, 2008. 90+% of the 1,749 still listed as missing and unaccounted-for were lost in

Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control.

JPAC Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Hickam Air Force Base, HAWAII – Under a sweltering sun, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) recognized their fifth anniversary with a short ceremony on Wednesday morning. To mark the event JPAC team members massed on "Heroes Green" outside JPAC headquarters for a group photo and cake cutting event.

Over its lifetime JPAC and its predecessors conducted more than 368 recovery and investigation missions around the globe. Some of the countries JPAC teams have operated in include: China, North Korea, South Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Canada, Palau, Albania, Philippines, Newfoundland, Papua New Guinea, Germany, Hungary, France, Australia, Fiji, Solomon Islands, India and Japan.

JCRC-CILHI

The Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) was formed after the Vietnam War in 1973. JCRC worked in concert with the newly formed Central Identification Laboratory, Thailand (CIL-THAI), which handled the remains and identification of Americans killed during the war.

By 1976 a downsizing of U.S. Forces in Thailand classified CIL-THAI and JCRC personnel as military, rather than humanitarian. At this time CILHI's mission was broadened to include the search, recovery and identification of service members killed in Korea, WW II and any concluded future conflicts.

JTF-FA

JCRC continued operation until 1992 when it became Joint Task Force-Full Accounting (JTF-FA). This change was partly due to an increased interest from the U.S. government as well as the public in missing in action (MIA) recovery, meanwhile Southeast Asian countries showed and increased willingness to allow access to records, files and witnesses concerning unaccounted for Americans.

JPAC

In 2002, the Department of Defense concluded that POW/MIA accounting efforts would best be served by combining JTF-FA and CILHI. On Oct. 1, 2003 the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory-Hawaii and U.S. Pacific Command's Joint Task Force Full Accounting were merged into JPAC.

Soldier Missing In Action From WWII Is Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is 2nd Lt. Ernest E. Martin, U.S. Army, of Hanover, MT.

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In November 1944, the 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division was attacking east through the Hürtgen Forest in an attempt to capture the German towns of Vossenack and Schmidt. On Nov. 4, the Germans counterattacked in what would become one of the longest running battles in U.S. history. Turner, a member of G Company, 112th Infantry Regiment, was reported missing in action near Vossenack on Nov. 9.

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Greetings!

This salutation once brought shivers and other bad reactions to many draft eligible young men. I remember receiving my letter a few weeks after I started Navy boot camp in San Diego and I laughed. Today, our descendants have many other worries, but not this one.

When WWII started, my father Henry D. Riley, brother Henry M., sister Evelyn and brother-in-law Ed Blake were working for the US Navy at Cavite Navy Yard in Manila Bay, P.I. Three other sisters, Nellie, Betty, Dorothy and I were going to school in Manila (Bordner). My oldest sister, Fannie Blake, Ed and niece Jane lived next door to us in Cavite.

Santo Tomas University in Manila became Santo Tomas Internment Camp (STIC) and was our home for most of WWII, until liberated by soldiers of the First Calvary, the Filipino Scouts and one Marine Air controller, Bob Holland, but that's another story (1).

I went back to the Philippines several times while in the Navy. The trip to Cavite was very depressing. Any trace of our house was gone, leveled by bulldozers. I also visited Santo Tomas. I wasn't in uniform so I was able to blend in with the students. The room that my father, brother and I shared had been converted back to a Chemistry lab. It seemed strange to be standing in the room that had been our prison for so long.

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It took me many years before I could talk about WWII, and I don't remember what year I finally joined the AX-POW.

The first AXPOW convention I got involved in was the 57th National Convention in Arlington, TX in 2004. I got "hooked" by the nice and knowledgeable people from the Dallas and Fort Worth Chapters. We worked hard, but had fun and I got to talk to many interesting and kind people who came to the convention.

While at this year's convention I had the pleasure of having my picture taken with four lovely ladies who as youngsters were imprisoned on Luzon by the Japanese during WWII. I will mention their names: Mary Jane Bellis Laznibat, Betsy Herold Heimke, Phyllis Holter Dunn and Sally Bateman Morgan. I have known Sally and Mary Jane for several years but met Betsy and Phyllis

at the convention in Kansas City. My thanks to Pat Avery who took the pictures.

At the board meeting on Sunday, I was named to succeed Ted Cadwallader, a daunting task, in being responsible for this column. Ted, you are a hard act to follow, and I hope you will continue supplying input.

My goal is to make this page interesting to all readers. If anyone has a topic that they feel could be of interest to the readers, send me an outline. If it's appropriate I'll ask you to write it. Let's try to learn more about what happened to civilian internees during WWII. Are there books or websites we should know about and discuss? Sascha, how about what Kinue is trying to accomplish with her website? That could affect both military and civilian ex-POW's.





It was sixty-three years ago that their fathers were evacuated from the German prisoner of war camp, Stalag Luft III. This officer's camp, where the famous "Great Escape" took place in 1944, was hidden in the pine forests of Poland in an area known as Upper Silesia. There, the men, called "Kriegies," (German prisoners of war) waited out the war. Now their children will pay tribute to them in a unique way.

On January 27, 1945, at a 4:30 p.m. staff meeting in Berlin, Adolf Hitler's growing concern about the Russian Army, now having crossed the Elbe River, reached its peak. To prevent the Russians from liberating the Kriegies and to preserve his options to use the men as hostages, Hitler ordered an immediate evacuation of 10,000 POWs from Stalag Luft III. The order signaled the start of the twenty-seven hour march that began in bitter cold and ended with a grueling boxcar ride to Bavaria to other over-crowded camps in Germany.

The first two-thousand men of South Compound moved out at 11:00 p.m. and formed a column a mile long as they cleared the way by tramping down the six inches of snow for the eight thousand that followed behind. The line of prisoners from all compounds within the camp would eventually stretch to twenty miles long. For the men of the South and Center Compounds, the march ended with a seventy-two hour boxcar ride to Stalag VIIA in Moosburg, Germany. The men of the West Compound were transported first to Stalag XIIID at Nürnberg, Germany, where they stayed until just after Easter when they were marched to join the others at Moosburg.

Remembering, and paying tribute to their fathers, a group of "Kriegie Kids" will re-enact the forced march, returning to Poland Jan. 24th 2009, to Feb. 3rd, to once more march out in the snow from what remains of Stalag

Luft III. They will pass by the same weathered barns where their fathers slept and visit the Catholic Church where Center Compound crowded in for warmth and refuge upon their arrival there. The marchers will stop in Spremberg where their sickly fathers were finally fed some warm barley soup before entraining in over-crowded, filthy boxcars to be transported to Stalag VIIA.

This memorial trip, "The Road from Sagan," is open to anyone who had a loved one march out of the camp. A bus will be provided for those who are unable to march the entire route, and the group will stay in hotels along the way. The marchers will fly into Berlin and fly home from Munich. The cities of Dresden, Munich and Nürnberg will also be visited.

Anyone wishing further information can contact Evelyn McLaughlin kmclaughlin@gobrainstorm.net or Marilyn Walton, 513 523-2016.

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My name is David Graf. I was a medic at **Valley Forge Army Hospital in 1973** when 16 Army former POW returned from Vietnam to Ward 16. I am now Director of Veterans Affairs in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. I would appreciate hearing from any of these Veterans. dgraf@northamptoncounty.org. So if you see this in your magazine, please get in touch with me.

I am researching my uncle, **PFC Kenneth Rosenberry**, US Army, 60th Coast Artillery Regiment, F Battery. He arrived at Corregidor on the U.S. Grant in October or November 1940 and I believe that he was captured on there in May 1942. He operated anti-aircraft guns, and was assigned to protect a 12-inch Coastal Battery

at Topside Corregidor, overlooking the China Sea (Cheney). A Marine who served with my uncle on Corregidor, Warren Jorgenson, believes that Kenny might have been kept behind on a work detail with Mr. Jorgenson at Corregidor for a year after the battle, gathering scrap metal. Mr. Jorgenson then went to Clark Field until he was shipped to Japan a year later, but lost track of my uncle before getting to Clark Field. I don't know which POW camp my uncle was sent to. Unfortunately, Kenny died on the *Arisan Maru* (hell ship) on October 24, 1944, so I do not believe that he ever made it to a Japanese POW camp. I am trying to find out more about him and I was wondering if by chance any of your members knew him. He probably went by Kenny. He was from Pennsylvania, and would have been about 22 when he was captured. I would like to know more about his service on Corregidor and where he spent the time from his capture to his death. Thanks for any help you can give.

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I am trying to find information about my uncle who was a POW during WWII. His name was **Paul Johnson**. He was a bombardier with the AAC and he was captured by the Germans. He was born in Struthers, OH, but moved south after the war. Thank you. Strawdog52@aol.com.

I am doing research about **1st Lt. Joseph H Rubin**, #0-803096, from Pennsylvania. He served as a pilot with the 331st BS, 94th BG, 8th AF. In Jan. 1944, his B-17 crashed over Germany. He was a POW until May 3, 1945 in Luft I, Barth. If anyone has any information, I would be grateful. Timothé LOOCK, 13 rue Francis Garnier, Appartement n°B105, 33600 PESSAC, FRANCE; timothelock@wanadoo.fr.

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Back in 2004 you kindly published my request for information on 4 American PoW's held by the Germans during the fighting in Normandy. They were:

- **Major Raymond Elledge - USAAF 506th Fighter Squadron, 404th Fighter Group**
- **1st Lt Francis T Gillespie - USAAF 508th Fighter Squadron, 404th Fighter Group**
- **S/Sgt Morris Sheppard - IHHC of the 505th PIR**
- **Pvt Gerald Wilen - HHC of the 505th PIR**

The reasons for this email are several...

To thank you (very belatedly) for publicizing my initial request for information.

To ask whether anyone within the ex-POW community has any further recollections of these men given the additional information that I now have. To make people aware that I have now (finally!) begun to create a website dedicated to these men which will, I hope, help make others aware of the sacrifice that all servicemen make not only on behalf of their country, but also of others, too. The website can be found at <http://menintheshed.wetpaint.com>.

And finally, to act as an encouragement to others who are researching into POWs' history - perhaps their Fathers or Grandfathers - not to give up. I first found out about these POWs being held in my friend's shed in 2003 & I'm still finding out new information - sometimes, it's been a hard "slog" with little to show for the efforts put in & then sometimes, it all bears fruit - as happened in the case of one of the "British" POWs - an RAF pilot, who turned out to be American a couple of flukes put me in touch with the family in February 2004 & by the July, 200 of them had a reunion to remember their family members who served; I am still in regular contact with the family So,

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thank you for your efforts on behalf of the families & friends of the ex-POWs. Regards, Colin Foster, 268 Victoria Street, Newton, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 4DT;
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We are looking for information about a prisoner that was in the Philippine Military Prison Camp #1. Our relative **Alexander Raymond Kopek** was a prisoner in that camp and thought to have been killed on the Arisan Maru in Oct 1944. His information is as follows: Pvt. Alexander R. Kopek, Service # 37-006-354, 194th Tank Battalion. If you have any information regarding this camp or the downing of the Arisan Maru please contact: John Farrell 3700 NW Lake Drive, Lees Summit MO 64064 or e-mail at jcfarrellsmo@hotmail.com.

My father **Jose Ignacio Flores** survived the Bataan Death March and spent the remainder of WW II as a POW in Fukuoka POW Camp #1 - Kashii (Pine Tree Camp) Kyushu Island. In app. 1952, he was stationed in Texas (Galveston?) in the Air Force where he met and married my WAF mother Rose Marie Strobel. At the time of his death in 1957, my father had attained the rank of Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force and had been in the service for 18 years. We were stationed in France although he died in a Naval Hospital in San Diego. Any information should be sent to Mickie Flores, 50 Dogwood Circle, Hayesville, NC 28904 mickie@marlinespike.com.

I am looking for a newspaper article that also showed a photo of my father, Army Pvt. **Lawrence W. Strahler**, I Co., 378th of Waterford, OH. The photo was taken on March 29, 1945 during the POW liberation by the 7th Army, and he was shown the photo and the article a few days later. I've located several other articles and photos of Heppenheim POWs taken on that day and am willing to share them. I can also provide some more details about the picture and article, but do not know the name of the paper. My dad would love to see the photo and article again, and any help would be appreciated. I'd be happy to reimburse your expenses. Thank you. Diane

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My name is Annelore De Donder and I work for "Woestijnvis" (www.woestijnvis.be), a Belgian production house that makes high quality programs. I write you regarding a new filmed series of documentaries for the Belgian National Television, for which we hope you will be able to help us with our research. The framework that holds this documentary (for now: **Birthday Twins Project**) together is this question: "What would my life have been like, if I wasn't born in Belgium but in another part of the world?" To be able to answer this question, we have selected about 20 Belgian participants for our project. For those Belgians, we are looking for people worldwide who were born on the exact same day and who have the same gender (the so called "birthday twins"). Eventually, we'd like to visit the twins abroad and introduce them to their Belgian counterpart. Together they can discover to what extent their surroundings, habits, culture... have been of influence on their life; what the resemblances or differences are. We would like to immerse the Belgian person in the daily life of his/her foreign twin and film that experience during a couple of days. For each selected Belgian, we intend to find two suitable twins. Finally, this will result in filmed parallel portraits showing the Belgian person visiting two twins in their native countries. The Belgian men and women we have selected are born on these dates:

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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 Sid Hecker, Chairman, 7730 Laie Place, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

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 Deanie Schmidt, 1001 Parkview Blvd, #316, Columbus, OH 43219.

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News Briefs

VA Secretary Establishes ALS as a Presumptive Compensable Illness

Cites Association between Military Service and Later Development of ALS

Veterans with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) may receive badly-needed support for themselves and their families after the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced Sept. 23, 2008 that ALS will become a presumptively compensable illness for all veterans with 90 days or more of continuously active service in the military.

"Veterans are developing ALS in rates higher than the general population, and it was appropriate to take action," Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake said.

Secretary Peake based his decision primarily on a November 2006 report by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine (IOM) on the association between active-duty service and ALS.

"We are extremely grateful to Secretary Peake, Congressman Henry Brown and Senator Lindsey Graham for standing on the side of veterans with ALS across the country," said Gary Leo, president and CEO of The ALS Association.

"Thanks to their leadership, veterans with ALS will receive the benefits and care they need, when they need them. Thanks to their efforts,

no veteran with ALS will ever be left behind."

The report, titled Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis in Veterans: Review of the Scientific Literature, analyzed numerous previous studies on the issue and concluded that "there is limited and suggestive evidence of an association between military service and later development of ALS."

"ALS is a disease that progresses rapidly, once it is diagnosed," the Secretary explained. "There simply isn't time to develop the evidence needed to support compensation claims before many veterans become seriously ill. My decision will make those claims much easier to process, and for them and their families to receive the compensation they have earned through their service to our nation."

ALS, also called Lou Gehrig's disease, is a neuromuscular disease that affects about 20,000 to 30,000 people of all races and ethnicities in the United States, is often relentlessly progressive, and is almost always fatal.

ALS causes degeneration of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that leads to muscle weakness, muscle atrophy, and spontaneous muscle activity. Currently, the cause of ALS is unknown, and there is no effective treatment.

The new interim final regulation applies to all applications for benefits received by VA on or after September 23, 2008, or that are pending before VA, the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, or the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on that date.

VA will work to identify and contact veterans with ALS, including those whose claims for ALS were previously denied, through direct mailings and other outreach programs.

VA Health Care Funding 2009

The chairs of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs committees have introduced legislation, to be taken up next year, to ensure timelier and fully funded budgets for the VA health care system.

Proponents say passage of the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform Act (H.R. 6939 and S. 3527) also might lead to a gradual reopening of VA health care to thousands of priority group 8 veterans. These are veterans with no service-connected ailments and, by government standards, adequate income. Priority group 8 enrollments were stopped in 2003. The thrust of the VA health budget reform bill, however, is to approve VA health care funds a year in advance and end a disturbing pattern by Congress of passing VA budgets months after the budget year begins. These two- and three-month delays have forced VA hospitals and clinics to operate with funds frozen at previous year levels, creating supply and staff shortages, hiring freezes, and delays in equipment purchases.

The health care budget reform bill would put the VA health care budget under an "advance appropriation" schedule. If it were in effect this year, Congress would be passing a VA health budget now to take effect Oct. 1, 2009. Part 2 of the package would improve the level of VA health care funding by requiring the department to use a new actuarial model that quite accurately can project the per capita cost of providing health care to the VA's enrolled-patient population. The GAO would be tasked with verifying the accuracy of VA health care cost projections each year. Therefore, if the VA proposed a health budget short of requirements, the White House would have to explain both to Congress and to veterans why health services were being targeted for reductions.

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This legislation comes from the Partnership for Veterans Health Care Budget Reform (PVHCBR), a group of eight veterans' service organizations: AMVETS, the Blinded Veterans Association, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Paralyzed Veterans of America, the American Legion, VFW, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

VA, DoD Electronically "Hand Off" Records of Wounded Patients

Instant electronic medical information from the Department of Defense (DoD) about severely wounded troops soon will be transferred to four Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) special treatment centers. The two departments completed a successful pilot project sharing patient information between Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Polytrauma Unit at the Tampa, Fla., VA Medical Center.

The pilot's expansion will share enhanced data between VA's four polytrauma centers in Tampa, Fla.; Richmond, Va.; Minneapolis; and Palo Alto, Calif. and all Army medical treatment facilities.

The patient information to be shared between DoD and VA involves electronic notes on the patient's situation and background, an assessment of his or her condition, and recommendations for future care.

This uniform, standard method of communicating patient information will ensure veterans receive high quality care immediately after being transferred and the information is available and accessible at all times.

"I'm proud to announce the launch of this partnership," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "Because it is targeted at severely wounded veterans transferring directly from DoD to VA, it enhances their care."

The VA-funded project is the result of collaboration among VA and DoD nurses and information technology professionals. The departments are working to make all of their electronic patient records interoperable.

Peake said the announcement represents a significant step forward in those efforts.

Last US vet of WWI backs new memorial

Frank Buckles, last known WWI veteran and WWII POW, is at the center of an effort to refurbish the DC War Memorial to honor all WWI veterans.

More than nine decades after driving ambulances on the battlefields of Europe, 107-year-old Frank Woodruff Buckles is the nation's last known survivor of World War I.

Now he's also become the face of an ambitious campaign to erect a national memorial honoring the 4.6 million Americans who endured "the war to end all wars."

Planners envision refurbishing and expanding an existing memorial that President Herbert Hoover dedicated in 1931 to honor World War I veterans from the District of Columbia.

That circular open-air Doric structure, ravaged by time and neglect, is tucked among trees at the southern edge of the Mall and often is ignored or overlooked by tourists. It was named as one of DC's most endangered places in 2003 and 2006.

Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, has introduced the Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act to renovate the memorial and rededicate it as a national shrine in 2018, when America observes the 100th anniversary of the end of the first world war.

Buckles said the 21st-century commitment was needed to make the memorial "what it should be" by honoring all who'd gone before him. "I just feel there should be some recognition," he said.

Buckles was born in 1901 in Harrison County, Mo. He lied about his age to enlist, telling a skeptical recruiter that Missouri didn't keep birth records when he was born. He was dispatched to England, then France, where he served as an ambulance driver. After the armistice, he delivered German POWs back to their home country.

Buckles spent the next 20 years as a merchant seaman before he was entangled in another world war. He was working in the Philippines in 1941 and was captured by the Japanese shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He spent the next three and a half years in Japanese prison camps.

After World War II, he returned to the United States, married and settled down on a 33-acre West Virginia farm, where he still lives. His wife died in 1999.

The D.C. Preservation League and a newly formed World War I Memorial Foundation will take the lead in planning, designing and raising money. Refurbishing the monument is expected to cost just under \$1 million but planners said it was too early to project a total cost.

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National Purple Heart Hall of Honor

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From The Badge of Merit to



The Purple Heart

The Badge of Military Merit

circa 1782

New Windsor Cantonment is the site of the final encampment of America's first army at the close of our country's War of Independence. To honor the service of his troops, General George Washington chose a select few of his troops to receive a small purple cloth Badge of Merit, the precursor to the Purple Heart award. One of three known Badges of Military Merit, the only documented surviving example, is on exhibit here.

So it is natural that this significant historic site was selected to be the home of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. In 1932 the new Purple Heart medal was presented to 150 veterans of World War I on these same historic grounds.

The Purple Heart became a decoration available to all who serve, but desired by none. As per United

States Army regulations, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917 has been wounded, killed, died after being wounded, or has been held as a prisoner of war. As it was when General Washington created it, the Purple Heart is specifically a combat decoration.

Since 1932, 1.7 million Purple Heart medals have been awarded to America's servicemen and women wounded or lost in combat. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor preserves the compelling stories of their sacrifice. Listen to the veterans' stories in their own words in the hall's theatres and browse through the electronic Roll of Honor, featuring the names of Purple Heart recipients. Visit the exhibition galleries for a first-hand experience that cannot be conveyed in history books.

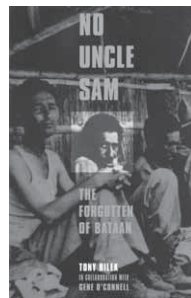
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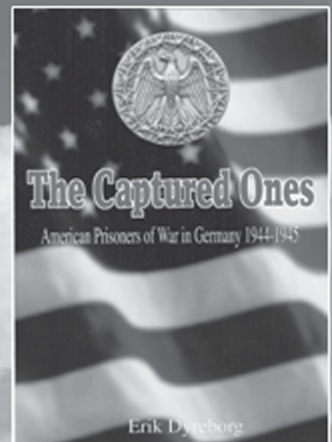
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The Captured Ones is a remarkable story about a few American airmen who served in Europe during WWII.

The stories are narrated by the airmen, and recount missions over enemy territory, encounters with enemy fighters, crash landings, and bail out from burning planes.

The 25 airmen in this book were all shot down over Germany or German occupied territory. They were captured and became POWs in Stalag Luft I in Barth, Germany. They stayed in the same barracks, and in the same room, until they were liberated by the Russians on 1 May, 1945.

One of them, Lyle Shafer, made a list of all the roommates, just after the liberation of the camp. He looked for his fellow roommates for over 17 years and made it possible for them to reunite in 1989. This is the story about *The Captured Ones*.



Erik Dyreborg, born in Denmark in 1946, lives in Copenhagen with his wife, Mvian, and their three children. A crashed B-17 near his boyhood home fuelled his historical interest in the WWII air war, and has resulted in his authoring four books in the past five years about American airmen.

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Your Stories



Former POW Visits His WWII China Prison Camp

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Roy Weaver recently returned to a "home" he last saw 62 years ago, one he thought he'd never want to see again. It wasn't home in the traditional sense, but the barracks in northern China in which the 88-year old Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, resident lived as a prisoner-of-war of the Japanese during most of WW II.

The camp the enemy called "Hoten" was where Weaver ate, slept, worked and suffered for nearly three years until he and about 1,000 of his fellow prisoners were liberated at war's end in August 1945 by an OSS rescue team.

In April [of 2008], a Chinese organization dedicated to preserving the history of Japan's occupation during the second World War provided Weaver and eight other former Hoten POWs an all-expense trip to Shenyang.

Weaver was a 23-year old corporal, a four-year veteran of the Marine Corps, when he was captured in early May 1942 at Fort Hughes, an island garrison in Manila Bay. Sent to Pusan, Korea, Weaver was among 1,200 prisoners who were issued Japanese uniforms, then marched aboard a train for the three-day trip to Mukden, Manchuria (now Shenyang).

At Mukden, about 1,500 men, most of them Americans, lived in wooden barracks. For some, their stay was brief: two hundred thirty-five died of disease, malnutrition and the cold during the first winter when the temperatures hovered at 35 to 40 degrees below zero.

"We were given blankets, but little coal or wood, and the food was very poor." Weaver says. "Our breakfast was cornmeal, and lunch and dinner was a purple soup made with millet. We called it bird seed."

He and his fellow POW's fought the war in their own way: "We did a lousy job of making tools, and when a concrete base for a huge lathe was being poured, we pitched what good tools we could find into the wet cement."

He was punched and kicked by guards on several occasions but was beaten severely only once, by a sadistic captain the prisoners called "The Bull" who struck him repeatedly with his sheathed sword.

Weaver's supervisors in the factory were the Japanese civilians who, he says, treated him and his fellow prisoners fairly well, even to the extent of sharing whisky with them during the Christmas seasons of 1943 and 1944,

The day after the Japanese surrendered, the OSS parachuted six men into the camp. Four days later, Russian troops arrived and the prisoners were finally freed.

This is My Story

by Wilson H Pitts
as told to my
granddaughter, Kristin Pitts

I was born June 10, 1925, to James H Pitts and Lula A Pitts in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. I had three brothers William, James, and Raymond and four sisters Thelma, Ethel, Mildred, and Violet. However I am the only one living at this time.



After graduating from Walkertown High School in May of 1943, it was then that I enlisted in the United States Air Force that August and reported to Kessler Field, Mississippi for basic training. This was also the beginning of my pre-aviation cadet training. In order to begin pilot training I needed to meet the physical requirements first. However I had the flu during the physical and was unable to pass the aerial depth perception examination, prohibiting me from becoming a pilot.

After completing basic training I was sent over to Tyndal Field, Florida for aerial gunnery training. Once I completed this training it was then that I was assigned to Chatham Field, Georgia where our crew was formed. The crew consisted of nine men including myself. The crew members included: pilot-Edward Schmitt, co-pilot-Arnold Schonberg, navigator-Albert Moeller, bombardier-Stanley Sayer jr., flight engineer-Joe Holloway, radio operator-Reese Whitby, right waist gunner-Bill Kiser, left waist gunner-Clarence Krammes, and I was the tail gunner.

Our first mission was to Berlin in August of 1944 out of North

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Pickenham, England where we were stationed. On February 9, 1945 twenty-one missions later we were returning from a bombing mission to Magdeburg, Germany when suddenly our plane was hit by German flak in the number two engine. This caused the plane to shake violently and we were losing altitude fast (approximately 18,000 feet). By this time we were over Holland and the emergency bell began to ring, which meant to leave the plane immediately. Once I left my station I noticed that the escape hatch was already opened. I saw one of my crew members had already bailed out from the front of the plane. This was the final indication to me that it was time to bail out, so I jumped out of the rear of the plane. Since at this stage of war the enemy would shoot any floating target, I delayed my parachute opening as long as I could.

I landed in a pasture near a canal, but because the wind was blowing it carried me over into a fence post causing me to injure my hip. As I freed myself from the post I went towards the canal. I only got a few steps in the canal when my feet began to freeze. Since it was full blown winter the icy water was too much to bear and I realized that I would not make it through the canal. By this time it was too late I

was surrounded by German soldiers with their guns aimed at me. It was then that I became a prisoner of war. They took me to a nearby anti-aircraft facility. It was there that I was searched and interrogated. While in Holland they took me

to different facilities which they did in a 1937 American Chevrolet Panel truck. They had told me that our plane had crashed into the water and that Sayer and I were the only survivors. I found out the real story later though, however it took me over fifty years to get it. I received a written account from co-pilot Schonberg on October 12, 2004.

The following is part of his recall of that day. "At the IP the bomb bay doors would not open because they were frozen.

The decision was made to drop the bombs as the bomb bay doors were flimsy and we expected them to be knocked off by the five hundred pounders, which was what happened. On withdrawal and descent westbound over Holland there was flak and we took a hit in the number two engine. When the oil pressure got down to forty pounds I hit the feathering button for that engine. Instead of feathering, the propeller ran away; the tachometer is calibrated up to forty-five hundred rpm there is a pin a quarter of an inch beyond and that's where the needle was. The left wing was shaking violently; the sound from the propeller's tip speed made communication personally or by intercom impossible.

I pushed the bail out alarm button. The bombardier came up from the nose all he got was the flight engineer, Joe Holloway waving his arms and with the open bomb bay the bombardier jumped. I understand from other crew members that about this time the gunners in the waist were opening the bottom hatch and as they got it open they saw the bombardier go by beneath the airplane. The events described could not have taken more than a minute or so; during that time I managed to get the propeller slowed down to about twenty-two hundred rpm, held my breath and hit the feathering button again- the propeller feathered. We resumed our heading to our base in England bucking a 60 mph head wind. On the landing approach the number three engine failed. We got the gear down and landed, straddling the radio caravan at the end of the runway, wiping out the antennas and encouraging the two occupants to dive out while we touched down with one wheel on pavement and one wheel on sod. Lieutenant Schmitt's skill and coolness managed to land the plane safely with only two engines and bomb bay doors gone. The crisis was over but we lost two crew members."

In the words of the famous radio announcer Paul Harvey, "Now the rest of the story." They put me in a boxcar and took me to Nuremberg, Germany where I was put in prison camp.

Several weeks later they marched us to Mooseberg. The march was in the middle of the winter and we



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were forced to sleep on the snow-covered ground. During the march we were bombed and strafed by American planes by mistake. Several prisoners were killed right in front of me. One day during the march we decided to stop on a hill for a religious service, for President Roosevelt who had passed away. Some of the men had spelled out POW in toilet paper down the hill to keep us from mistakenly being hit by American bombs again. However during the service we noticed that some goats were eating our sign and some of the men had to run and chase them away.

When we reached Mooseberg the prisoner count was so high that we were forced to sleep in tents on the ground. We had to sleep close together to keep from freezing to death. We were fed soup and were given Red Cross Parcels. If it had not been for the parcels, many of us which were already suffering from starvation would have died. However we were able to use the parcels to bribe the guards for parts to make crystal radios.

These radios allowed us to keep up with the war. We had even heard about General Patton crossing the Rhine River. It was shortly after on April 29, 1945 when Patton's third army came and freed us. We were taken to a nearby air field. While at the air field small planes arrived carrying field grade German officers fleeing to avoid capture by the Russians, who quickly surrendered.

We loaded on to the C47 planes and were flown to camp Lucky Stripe in France. It was from there that we were put on a ship and headed for the New York City Harbor. Arriving at the harbor I could see the Statue of Liberty which left me with indescribable feelings and a true found sense of freedom.

I was then sent home on leave. This is when I met my future wife Mary

Ragland. I was discharged on October 29, 1945 from the air force, but I remained in active reserve until June 10, 1980 when I retired as a colonel. We were married June 29, 1946 and remain married today. We have two sons Keith and Robert. Also we have six granddaughters and one grandson. It was four years ago one day before our wedding anniversary when we were blessed with one great-granddaughter, who I had the honor of naming Isabelle.

My experience in the war was one in which I will never forget, but if needed I would do it all over again.

A Chance Encounter

Richard Sorenson, who moved through Europe with Gen. George Patton's Third Army after the Battle of the Bulge, talks about how he liberated the POW camp where Arden Schofield was held prisoner. Cape Cod Times/Paul Blackmore Reprinted with permission

**By Robin Lord
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July 21, 2008**

A chance encounter between two men at a Chatham nursing home over the winter turned into a profound connection between a former World War II prisoner and his rescuer.

Arden Schofield, who endured five months in a German prison camp after he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, and Richard Sorenson, a member of George Patton's army that liberated him, sat down last week at Liberty Commons Skilled Care Center to tell their remarkable story.

Sorenson, now 86 and a Barnstable resident, and Schofield, 90 and a former Braintree resident, initially talked when both were residents at the nursing home last winter. They resumed their conversation recently, when Sorenson returned to

recover from a stroke. The two men learned they had both fought in Europe in 1944, and from there the coincidences mounted.

In December 1944, both fought in the Battle of the Bulge, where outnumbered and under-equipped Allied forces resisted a German offensive in southern Belgium and Luxembourg. The enemy was forced to pull back about one month later, taking thousands of prisoners with them, including Schofield.

In May of 1945, Sorenson was with Patton's Third Army that advanced into Germany near the end of the war in Europe. While he and Schofield did not meet at that time, and neither remembers the other, they know that their paths must have crossed when the American troops arrived at the camps.

"My savior," Schofield said, grasping Sorenson's arm during an interview at Liberty Commons last Tuesday. "If it wasn't for Patton and this man, I wouldn't be here."

Both men are confined to wheelchairs, and while their short-term recollection may not be as sharp as it once was, their memories of the war are crystal clear.

"I just remember seeing thousands of prisoners and we told them we were taking them home," Sorenson said.

The emotions of the momentous experience are etched into Schofield's brain. When he was lying on the wood floor of the flimsy and stark camp, his body wasted from several months of dysentery, cold and hunger, he said he knew he was only days away from death. But, on that day in May 1945, he looked up to see a group of men staring down at him with tears in their eyes. They were Americans, and he was free.

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"I was on the floor and I was so elated. I couldn't believe it," Schofield said.

His ordeal "took me apart" in a way no one who had not been there could understand, Schofield said. It was "the coldest winter of the century" when he was taken prisoner on Dec. 17, 1944, he said. The German Army had surprised American and British troops by sneaking up on them in white uniforms.

"They rose up right out of the snow," Schofield said. "The commander of the artillery thought it was prudent to give up, and I feel he made the right decision because we were completely surrounded."

Schofield and other prisoners were marched through the forest, herded aboard freight cars and carried by train to German prisons, with little water, food or sanitary conditions, he said. Life in the camps didn't get any better. The 6-foot man weighed 80 pounds by the end of his imprisonment.

"The skin seemed to disappear from the bones," he said.

During the time Schofield was suffering, Sorenson and others in Patton's army had been pushing the Germans back through France and into Germany. By early spring, they knew they had the Germans on the run.

"One day they told us to put out all the lights (on the vehicles) and Patton came along and said 'Put your lights on, I want them to know we're coming,'" he said.

Sorenson and his fellow soldiers also endured hardships that winter.

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Cut off from supplies and backup fire power, they lived in abandoned German concrete camps and even in some German tanks.

"None of us could believe we survived the winter," he said. When Patton's troops finally arrived at the prison camps, they were greeted by a stark scene of emaciated humans, many suffering from dysentery. "(The rescuers) couldn't believe that humans could do that to another human being," Schofield said.

Sorenson remembers the liberation of prison camps in Germany that May as being "a very confusing time," when soldiers on both sides seemed to blend together at times, and many of the defeated German troops were scattering into the countryside.

But, the former prisoners were eventually gathered together and taken out of Germany to begin their recovery. Schofield was flown to Paris and then back to the U.S.

"I'll never forget, I could hardly walk. They deloused us and I couldn't get my clothes off, because they had been on so long, they had stuck to my skin," Schofield said.

"When they finally lowered my litter (stretcher) onto American soil for the first time, I scooped a handful of dirt and ate it, that's how grateful I was."

"Looking back on it, you become more thankful, more religious," Sorenson said.

The experience also made him more peace-loving, he said.



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AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR VOLUNTEER FUNDING PROGRAM



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

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American Ex-Prisoners of War Volunteer Funding Program

Our thanks to those who have made contributions to the AXPOW Funding Program, first announced by PNC Warren King in the November/December 2007 Bulletin.

As you will recall, the program was designed to keep the AXPOW organization solvent and readily available to assist POWs, dependents, and dependent children in their needs. The Ways and Means Committee did an outstanding job in organizing and presenting the program. Since the inception of the program, around 600 members, or friends of the organization, have made contributions totaling approximately \$37,000.

In 2006 it was realized that if the organization was to survive, additional funding would be needed. We had been experiencing a shortfall in operating funds over the past few years, and some tough decisions had to be made in this regard.

Times have changed dramatically since the inception of the AXPOW organization in the 1940s, with little adjustment by the organization to meet these changes financially, although services have been extended, and rightly so, to members.

The shortfall in operating funds resulted for several reasons, mainly due to the decreasing membership, of which many of this group pay an annual membership fee. We are losing approximately 2000 members each year or about 6 each day, mainly from the WW2 era.

The AXPOW organization includes approximately 20,000 members (down from 35,000 initially) of

which 91% are life members, which does not generate operating funds. Only about 1500 members pay annual dues totaling \$48,000 which in itself is not enough to sustain our organization financially. Other causes of decreasing revenue is that printing costs has increased, and in-house marketing sales have decreased. Maintaining an office, travel, business technology and mailing costs have increased considerably, where revenue has remained constant in many instances, and decreased in others.

All these functions are critical in meeting needs of POWs, especially as we advance in age, which required a new area of funding being explored. This need initiated the Volunteer Funding Program.

One of the most important functions of the AXPOW organization is the NSO program under the leadership of Doris Jenks. This program must continue to function efficiently if we are to seek out POWs, spouses, and dependent children who need help with their disability benefits, DIC, and ChampVA.

Recently, funding for the NSO program was discontinued from another source, which in the future will require funding from the AX-POW budget.

The expense budget for 2008-2009, recommended by the Budget Committee and approved by the membership at the 61st annual AXPOW convention in Kansas City, was \$476,121. This is derived from the actual income from the 2007-2008 budget of \$514,993 and expenditures of \$468,070.

In order to fund the current budget, it is recommended by the Ways and Means Committee that we all continue to support the Volunteer Funding Program again this year.

The budget for the 2008-2009 Volunteer Funding Program proposed by the Budget Committee and approved by the general membership is \$35,000. Your continued support of the Funding Program is needed in order that all AXPOW programs, including the NSO program, can be continued in an efficient manner. Chapters and State Departments are also urged to contribute to the funding program in order that we can meet our budgeted amount.

Contributions made by check should be made out to AXPOW and mailed to the Treasurer, Sonnie Bill Mottern, 279 Huckleberry Rd, Bluff City, TN 37618, as listed in the Bulletin. All funds will be deposited directly in the AXPOW account in support of the organization.

Contributions can also be made with a credit card. If you wish to contribute in this manner, please contact the National Office , 817-649-2979 for instructions.

Please refer to the form, titled, AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR VOLUNTEER FUNDING PROGRAM, found in your Bulletin - this month on page 29 - for further information. A complete accounting of contributors will appear in the Bulletin each month.

Thank you in for your past and future support of the organization through the Volunteer Funding Program, that we may help those of the AXPOW organization in need.

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ALBAUGH, William D., 83, of Brunswick, OH died Dec. 16, 2007. Bill served in the Army during WWII. He was a POW in Germany. Survivors include 2 sons, 2 sisters, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and dear family friend Margaret Albaugh. He was a member of the Barb Wire "Buckeye" Chapter, AXPOW.

AXELSON, Willene A., of Wanamingo, MN passed away June 20, 2008. She was 78 and the beloved wife of A.K. "Ken" (502nd PI, 2nd Btn. Captured at Longchamp, Belgium, held in Stalag 9B). Billie enjoyed reading, crocheting, playing the piano, cross stitching, bridge and was an avid sports fan. In addition to her husband, she leaves 3 sons, 3 daughters, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

BRADY, Jack Emerson passed away August 11, 2008 at the age of 87. He joined the U.S. Army and was sent to the Philippines, where, at the age of 21, he was surrendered on Bataan and survived the Bataan Death March. He spent 3 ½ years as a POW. He is survived by his three children, two grandchildren and his brother. Jack was a member of AXPOW and a loyal member of the Tacoma Chapter.

BUNCH, Amos Turnage, Jr., of Clear Creek, MS died Sept. 3, 2008. He was 86. Amos served with the 457th BG during WWII. His B-17 was shot down over Poland; he was captured and spent 13 months in Stalag 17B. He leaves his wife of 63 years, Wilma, 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 sisters and 4 grandchildren.

CAREY, William, Manasota Chapter (AXPOW) member, died September

28, 2008, in Sarasota, FL. He was an Ex-POW during WWII. Survivors include his beloved wife of Edna.

CHAPA, David, 91, Death March survivor, passed away Sept. 16, 2008. His unit was sent to Clark Field in the Philippines where he was captured. He spent 3 ½ years in prison camps in the Philippines and Japan. Survivors include 4 daughters, 1 son, and many grandchildren.

CHIRICO, Phillip, of Ocala, FL died Aug. 6, 2008. He was 87. Phil served with the 94th BG, 331st BS, 8th AF during WWII; he was shot down and held in Lufts VI and IV. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Kate, 1 son, 2 daughters, many grandchildren and good friend Don Kremper.

CLYDE, John P., of Florence, NJ passed away July 7, 2008. Jack was captured at Anzio while serving with the 157th Inf. 45th Div. He survived many POW camps and the 600 mile march across Germany. Jack was co-founder, Past SVC and life member of the Neglected Heroes Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife Rose-Marie, 4 children, 5 stepdaughters, 25 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and a large, loving extended family.

DEMETER, Edward J., of Parma, OH died in January, 2008. Ed served in the Army during WWII; he was a POW in Germany. Survivors include his loving wife, Betty, four daughters, 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Barb Wire "Buckeye" Chapter, AXPOW.

DORMAN, Donald O. Jr., 85, of La Crosse, WA died Feb. 20, 2008. He served with the 9th AF, 406th FG, stationed in France. He was shot down over Germany, captured and even-

tually held in Luft 1, Barth. Survivors include his wife, Ruth.

ETHRIDGE, Ina, wife of Bob (POW, serving in the North Africa Campaign, and captured North of Casablanca) died on October 8, 2008. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son and two daughters. Both Bob and Ina were members of the American Ex Prisoners of War, and the Agua Fria Chapter, Arizona.

FOX, George Jr. of Little Rock, Arkansas, died March 28, 2008. He served his country as a member of the 4th Marine Battalion, and was held a POW by the Japanese. A member of the Northwest Arkansas Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 62 years, Oriana.

GRIFFITH, Hubert W., long-time chaplain for the Dept. of Texas, AXPOW, passed away in Plainville, TX on Aug. 1, 2008. He was 90. Hubert served in the Army during WWII with the 36th Div. His unit became known as the "Lost Battalion". He was captured after two months of fierce fighting on Java and held in Burma, providing slave labor for the Burma to Bangkok Railroad. Of the 902 members of his battalion, only 40 survive. Survivors include his wife, Josephine, 1 son, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

HOLT, Edward, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died June 23, 2008. He served in the Army 21 years, during WW II and the Korean Conflict. He spent three years in prison camps in China during WW II. A member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean.

JERNIGAN, Henry E. Jr., of Greenville, AL died July 13, 2008. Ed served with the 15th AF, sta-

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tioned at Foggia, Italy. He was shot down over Upper Silesia, taken prisoner, treated for his injuries, then sent to Germany for interrogation and several rehabilitation camps. He was liberated at Moosberg. Ed leaves his wife, Alice, 1 son, 1 stepson, 1 stepdaughter, 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

KIRSCHSTEIN, Angela, of Crossville, TN passed away March 20, 2008. Angela was the beloved wife of Ex-POW Edward.

KISER, William W., of Lawrenceville, IL died May 15, 2008. Bill served with the 8th AF, 407th BS, 92nd BG. After he was shot down, he was held in various POW camps - the last one Stalag 17B, Krems. He leaves his loving wife of 66 years, Betty, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

LAMBERT, Carl Bartow Jr., 85, of Bellefontaine, OH died Aug. 25, 2008. He served in the Army during WWII with Co. L, 112th Inf., 28th Div. He was held in camps XII, IIIA and IIIB. Carl was a member of the Northwest Central Ohio Chapter #1. Survivors include two daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LEWIS, Nathaniel passed away April 29, 2008 at the age of 93. Nathaniel served in the Army during WWII; he was wounded, captured and held by the Germans. He is survived by two daughters and one son. He was a member of the Brooklyn "Key" Chapter, AXPOW.

LOCARNINI, Peter Renaldo, of San Leandro, California, died July 19, 2008. Serving in the Navy, he was interned by the Japanese for 3 1/2 years, in Hoten, Mukden Manchuria. He was predeceased by his wife, Audrey.

LOVOI, Joseph, 87, of Methuen, MA died Sept. 18, 2008. He served as a navigator in the AAC; captured on

his 29th bombing mission and held until liberated by Gen Patton. Joe leaves three sons, one daughter and three grandchildren.

MADDEN, Cedora Josephine, 76, of Montgomery, AL passed away Sept. 16, 2008. She has been a life member of the Montgomery Chapter AXPOW. She was the widow of James E. Madden, who predeceased her. He was attached to HQ & HQ SQ 24th Pursuit GP., Clark Field, Philippine Islands when taken prisoner by the Japanese. He was interred at Cabanatuan, Pasay School, Bilibid, and Funatsu, Japan, and returned to Allied control at war's end in 1945.

MASON-MASELSKIS, Frances, of La Mesa, CA died Sept. 13, 2008. She was 82. Frances was known as a dance teacher and ballerina. She was the beloved wife of Ex-POW Frank.

MASOOMIAN, Margie, of Plano, Texas, died suddenly August 15, 2008. She was the wife of 63 years of "Doc" Masoomian, commander of the North Central Texas Chapter, AXPOW. Marge leaves a loving family and a large host of friends in AXPOW.

McGETTIGAN, James D., of E. Freehold, NJ passed away Sept. 16, 2007. During WWII, he served with Co. A, 36th Reg., 3rd Div. He was captured on the initial landing at Anzio Beach; he was held POW at Stalags 4B and 2B, then force-marched across Germany. He escaped on the march with 3 comrades. He was a member of the Garden State Chapter #1. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou, 1 daughter and 2 sons.

MEYER, Alfred, of Hillsborough, NC, died in August, 2008. A POW from August 17, 1943, until the end of the war, he was held in Stalags 7A, 11A and 357.

MINSHEW, Cecil Truman, of Perrin, Texas, died Oct 4, 2008. Serving with the E Btty, 131 FA, he spent 3 1/2 years in Japanese POW camps.

MONCRIEF, Stella T., 84, member of the Barbed Wire "Buckeye" Chapter, AXPOW, died Jan. 18, 2008. Sally was the beloved wife of Ex-POW Milton; she is also survived by 2 sons, 3 grandchildren, and a loving extended family.

MOORE, Mark Jr, 85, of Bedford, Massachusetts, died September 1, 2008. A pilot, he was shot down on his seventh mission and was held in Stalag Luft 3. He was a member of Mass #1 Chapter.

MUNDY, Charles S., 88, of Logan, OH passed away May 18, 2008. During WWII, he was captured at Faid Pass while serving with K Co., 168th Inf., 34th Div. He was held in Stalag 7A, 3B, Trottendorf Commando Camp and 3C. Charles was a member of Fairfield Barb Wire Assn., AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 52 years, Eloise, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

NELSON, John Vincent, of Kalispell, Montana, died June 24, 2008. He spent 41 months as a POW in a Japanese prison camp. A member of the Cecilia McKie Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rose.

PARAVICH, Franklin A., 87, of Chicago and Northlake, IL, died August 14, 2008. Franklin served in the 550th Airborne Infantry Battalion. He saw service in Panama, North Africa, Italy, the invasion of Southern France where his unit liberated the town of Le Muy, and the Battle of the Bulge where he was wounded and captured at Renuamont, Belgium. As a POW he performed railroad and construction forced labor. He spent time at Limburg Stalag XIII A, and after the camp was accidentally bombed by the Allies survived the 7 day "human cargo" train to Bremervode. He was a member of the AXPOW Greater Chicago

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Chapter. He is survived by his daughter Kathleen.

PARR, Arthur, of Canton, died in 2006. He served with the L Co 134 Regt 35 Div, and was held in Stalag 9B. A member of the North Central Ohio Chapter, he leaves his wife, Ruth.

PHILLIPS, William, of Akron, Ohio, died in 2006. "Bill" served with the 3 Ranger Bn, and was held in Stalags 7A, 2B and 10A. He was a member of the North Central Ohio Chapter.

PURCELL, Thomas, of Wellesley, MA passed away Nov. 7, 2007 at the age of 89. He served with the 389th BG during WWII; he was shot down over Politz, Germany and captured, then held in Luft III. He is survived by his five children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

RHEUARK, John L., 83, of Overland Park, KS passed away Apr. 19, 2008. He served with the 15th AF, 456th BG, 747th BS. He was shot down over Czechoslovakia and held in Stalag XIIIID. John was a member of the Heart of America Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Jean, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He is greatly missed.

ROBERTS, Harold S "Babe", 86, of Stoneham, MA died August 29, 2008. He served with the 8th AF, 390th BG. He was held POW in Germany, in Stalag Luft IV & VI and was on the 86 day road march. He was a life member of AXPOW, and MA Chapter # 1. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, two brothers, two sons, five daughters, eleven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

RODGERS, James W., 90, of Holdenville, OK died May 26, 2008. During WWII, he was assigned to the 450th BG, 723rd BS, 15th AF. His B-24 was shot down and he was captured. He was held in Stalag 17B. Survivors include his loving wife, Sarah, 4 chil-

dren, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

RODRIGUEZ, Ernestina R., 74, of San Antonio, TX passed away Sept. 21, 2008. She was a life member of AXPOW. She is survived by her husband, Jose (POW in Korea in Camp 1 1951-1953). She also leaves 1 daughter, 1 son and 5 grandchildren.

ROYSTON, John W. Jr., of Lebanon, PA died July 1, 2008. He was the beloved husband of Edna. During WWII, John served with the 42nd Rainbow Division, USA. He was a POW in Germany. John was a member of the PA Capital City Chapter, AXPOW. In addition to his wife, he is survived by 2 daughters, 3 sons, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

RYHERD, William, member of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW passed away Sept. 2, 2008. Bill served with the 9th AF, 397th BG, 598th BS. He was shot down in France, near Paris and was with the "Free French" for almost a month. On the day they were taking him to an air field to catch a plane to England; a "traitor" turned all those in the car to the German Police. He was sent to Buchenwald Concentration Camp then transferred to Stalag Luft III. His wife Maxine predeceased him; he is survived by 1 son and 1 daughter.

SCALLEY, Norma E., 82, of Cleveland, OH died Aug. 12, 2008. She was the widow of Ex-POW Robert. Norma was a teacher and a librarian. She leaves two daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

SCHLEGEL, Norvella, widow of Eugene "Gene", of Beatrice, NE died July 11, 2008. Gene had been a member of the 28th Inf. Div., 110th Reg. He was a POW in Stalag 9A and 9B.

SEITZ, Robert A., of Wauwatosa, WI passed away Aug. 17, 2008. He was 85. Robert was shot down while serving with the AAF. He was a POW in Stalag Luft III. Survivors include four sons, eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

SHEARER, Melvin Jr., of Lancaster, KY passed away Sept. 5, 2008 at the age of 82. During WWII, he served with Co. A, 23rd Reg., 42nd Rainbow Division. He was captured and held in Stalag XIB until liberation. He leaves his wife of 60 years, Kathryn, 1 son, 1 daughter, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

SHERMAN, Eric Herbert, of San Diego, CA passed away September 17th, 2008. Eric served with the 8th AF, 445th BG, 703rd BS. He was shot down on his 28th Mission on the 21st of July, 1944, his 25th Birthday. He was held in Luft I, Barth. He is survived by one son and one daughter.

SILVERMAN, Jerome, of East Meadow, NY died Oct. 4, 2008 at the age of 89. He was shot down while serving with the 457th BG, 8th AF; he was held in Stalag Luft III Sagan, Nuremberg and Moosberg. Jerry leaves four children and six grandchildren.

SMEDLEY, William T. 87, of Kellyton, AL passed away August 11, 2008. Bill was assigned to 746th BS, 456th BG, 15th AF, stationed in Northern Italy. Shot down on August 22nd, 1944 over Czechoslovakia, and held in Stalag Luft 4, until liberation. He was both a member of National and the Montgomery Chapter of the AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Margaret Martha, 1 son and 2 daughters.

STELPSTRA, Charles, 89, of Cottonwood, AZ died Oct. 2, 2008. He served with the US Army, was captured in Luxembourg in the Battle of the Bulge. He was held in Stalag IVB, Muhlburg, Germany. Charles' wife and one son predeceased him; he leaves 2 sons, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

TIMMERMAN, Nan, loving wife of Dale passed away Feb. 25, 2008. They met while Dale was training in Scotland. Dale, a member of the Red Bull Division was captured at Faid Pass and held in various camps until liberation. He then returned to Scotland and married Nan. They made their home in Oto, IA. They were both members of the Iowa Tri-State Chap-

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ter, AXPOW. Nan is survived by her husband of 62 years, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

THURMAN, Jack, of Lafayette, Louisiana, Died September 24, 2008. A member of the Acadian Chapter, he served as a Radio Operator/Gunner aboard a B-24 Liberator, and was held in Stalag 17B. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Fanelle.

VARGAS, Herminio "Miniong" passed away August 20, 2008 at the age of 89. He served in the Philippine Scouts' Infantry Div., survived

the 1942 Bataan Death March and was one of the first Filipino soldiers to volunteer to serve in the Korean War. Herminio became very involved with the Tacoma Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Eliza, his children, his 3 granddaughters and his 4 great-grandsons.

VILLANEUVA, Valentine, 83, of Highlands Ranch, CO died Sept. 7, 2008. He was a member of the Mile High Chapter and life member of AXPOW. During WWII, he served with the AAC, 447th BG, 710th BS. He was captured and held in Dulag 12, Frankfurt on the Rhine, Dulag Luft. Survivors include his wife, Nellie, 1 daughter, 1 son, 3 sisters, 3 brothers, 4

granddaughters and 6 great-grandchildren.

WRIGHT, Fletcher L. "Dit", 90, passed away Sept. 17, 2008. Dit was born Aug. 7, 1918, in Kildare. He was in the AAC during World War II; a POW of the Japanese for 3 1/2 years. He leaves his wife of 62 years, Jane Ray Wright; 4 daughters, 1 son, 1 sister, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

WYNN, Joann, 74, died Aug. 28, 2008 in Allison Park, PA. She was the widow of Ex-POW Richard, who died in 1989. Richard was a navigator with the 100th BG, 8th AF. He was shot down in 1944 and held in various POW camps in Poland and Germany.

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Genesis 1:1
"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

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I received my Doctorate of Divinity in 1973 and am an ordained minister and bishop in the Church of God, where I served as Senior Pastor for more than 40 years. I have now retired from pasturing. My wife, Gladys, and I reside in Abingdon, VA. We have one daughter, Robin, son-in-law, Bill Pruette, and two grandsons, Cameron and Nathan.

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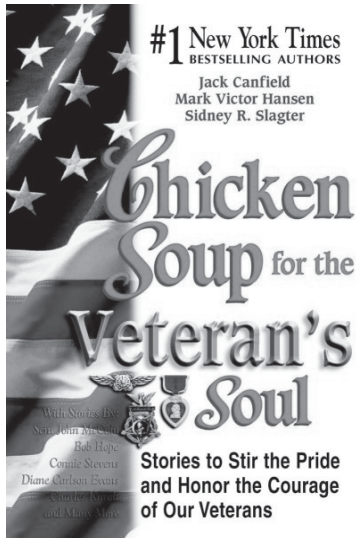
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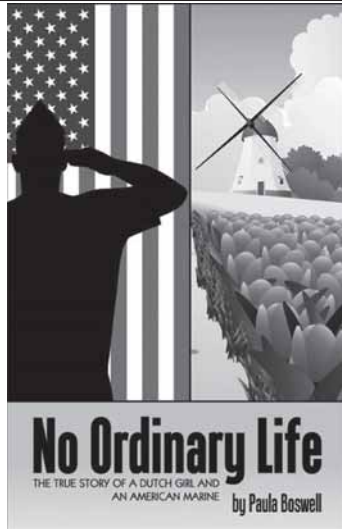
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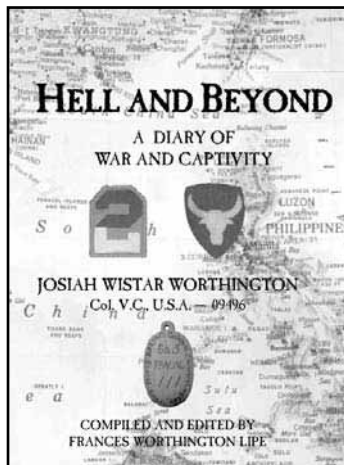
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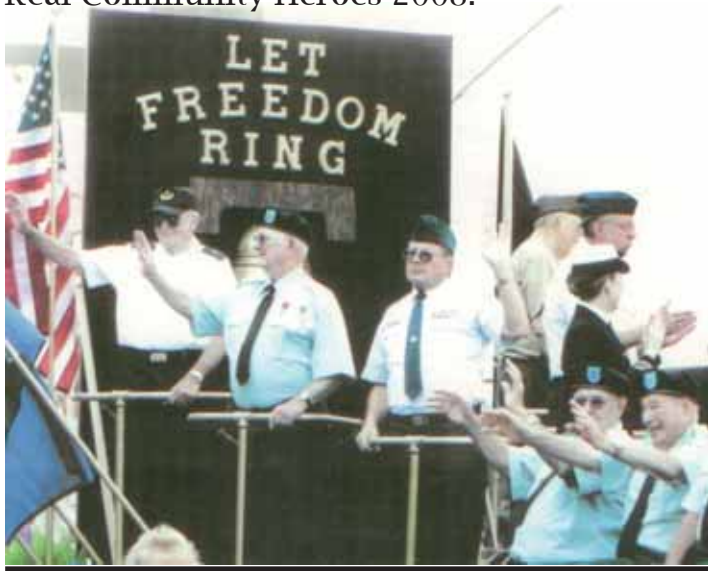
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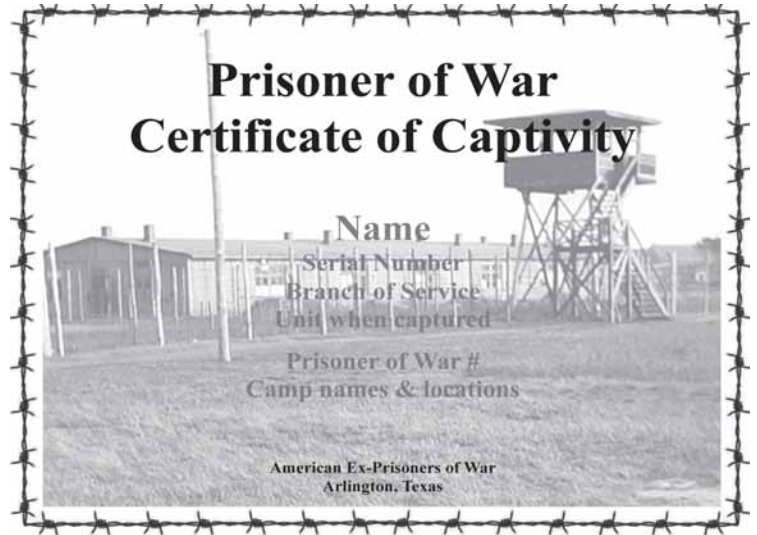
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