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Why I vote...

Democracy is not something you believe in or a place to hang your hat, but it's something you do. You participate. If you stop doing it, democracy crumbles.

Abbie Hoffman

Elections belong to the people. It is their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.

Abraham Lincoln

Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

Freedom is when the people can speak, democracy is when the government listens.

Alastair Farrugia

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.

Alice Walker

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Benjamin Franklin

Those against politics are in favor of the politics inflicted upon them.

Bertolt Brecht

A democrat need not believe that the majority will always reach a wise decision. He should however believe in the necessity of accepting the decision of the majority, be it wise or unwise, until such a time that the majority reaches another decision.

Bertrand Russell

A citizen of America will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote in a national election.

Bill Vaughan

And my favorite, used by my father every election:

If you don't vote, you can't complain about the outcome.

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First the bad views: I send VA widow's benefit forms to Oregon surviving spouse whose husband of heart problems, so she should be eligible for DIC. She takes papers to Small-town veterans' office for help in completing papers. She is told she has too much income and would not be eligible. WRONG! Remember this: There is no means test to qualify for the VA widow's benefit, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation. The magic word is compensation. For compensation it does not matter what your income or assets are. It does when applying for Pension, but NOT FOR COMPENSATION!

How, the good views: And so many good things are happening as Outreach proceeds as people are truly at work, doing it.

A view from West Virginia: Suzanne Smith, POW Coordinator in Huntington, WV, VARO writes this. "A lady in north West Virginia saw the little blurb about me in the May Bulletin Outreach column and contacted me about her mother, a surviving spouse of a former POW. We were able to grant increased benefits. And I got to meet both of them at the AXPOW WV State Convention, as

well as National Commander Warren King."

And from daughter Jennifer C: Dear Mr. Campbell, If I had not seen your article in the American Ex-POW Bulletin, I would not have known about Suzanne Smith at the Huntington, VA office. She is FANTASTIC!!!! Thanks to her, I was able to get additional benefits for aid and attendance for my mother, the spouse of a former POW. Thank you so much for continuing to keep veterans and their spouses informed of benefits, and more importantly, WHO and HOW to contact the right people. Not only was Suzanne a great help, but also has become a great friend. Keep up the good work!!!

Then from Pennsylvania: Robert Peck, AXPOW member in central PA town calls; "I have 100% VA disability rating, but I'm concerned about the other two remaining former POWs in our area. Neither of them has the VA benefit they should have, and we don't have any service officer near us." I tell him since he lived in the Philadelphia region, our AXPOW NSO Don Lewis in Dresher PA would be excellent help for them. And I gave him Don's phone number. Don Lewis and Fed Johnson, POW Coordinator in the Philadelphia VARO will take good care of them. Thanks to Robert Peck for his concern for fellow POWs!

And from California: Call from AXPOW NSO Harry Corre in Los Angeles. "I just want you to know that Mr. Mc whom you referred to me has his claim in process. I called him and found he was bedfast due to broken hip and complications, unable to come to office. So I went to his home and helped him fill out his papers. He had never had a POW Protocol physical. Now, I'm taking his claim to the VARO here. It helps that Harry Corre is not only our NSO, but also POW Coordinator at the VA's Los Angeles Medical Center. Few go to the home to do a POW claim.

TAPS Column, July/August EX-POW Bulletin. New widows listed are being contacted by these NSOs: Doris Jenks, FL/GA; Marion Rippee, MO; Stella Webb, LA; Lawrence King, SC; Walter Peterson, WI; Karnig Thomasian, NJ; Don Lewis, PA; Paul Dallas, AL/NC; Richard Carroll, MN; Fred Campbell, TX/CA/AR/NM/KY. And one in Oregon, the deceased answered the phone. Yes indeed!

A nice note from Peggy Jo in Texas, who got her DIC: "Dear Peggy and Fred, I know you said making me happy was all the thanks you needed...but from one Peggy to another, Happy Birthday. Fred can take you out to eat, or buy you another gift.

I am walking on Cloud Nine! I am sharing with God my new windfall, also a new fence...back yard. The old one has had its day. Thanks!"

Peggy Jo's kind thoughts are appreciated very much as she sent a check along with her note. I hated to spoil her good deed by having to void her check and send it back to her, but we AXPOW National Service Officers cannot accept any remuneration for our volunteer work. If we did, the Department of Veterans Affairs would take away our accreditation as NSOs. Nevertheless, I did take my Peggy out to dinner and presented her with a gift. And she looks so young at 85. A KEEPER, going on 63 years.

Jim Mag. Held off applying for VA benefits for many years. He just didn't think he would qualify. Finally, I talk to him in July 2007, and encourage him to put in a claim. How might his condition fit in with the 20+ presumptive conditions the VA tells us that go back to our POW experience in WWII or Korean War or Vietnam? For him, there were anxiety issues, frostbite/cold injury, post-traumatic osteoarthritis due to

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hard parachute landing with a knee replacement, peripheral neuropathy with chronic tingling sensations in hands and feet, and a 1998 heart attack with ensuing six angioplasties over the past ten years. Sent POW protocol claim to Los Angeles VARO in Sept. 2007.

Due to unfortunate glitches, Jim's claim got sidetracked. But, finally in June 2008, POW Coordinator Jim Berry calls to tell me his special project was to get Jim's claim processed through with exam appointments and rating decision as soon as possible. August 29, 2008, 7:52AM, PDT, comes a call from POW Coordinator Jim Berry: "I want you to know that I am finishing Jim Mag.'s claim right now, so that he will get 100% plus Homebound award, going back to Oct. 1, 2007. That will mean a sizeable retroactive first check." Our thanks to Jim Berry for his persistent follow-up for this former POW's VA claim. A happy conclusion with a first check for \$30,000 plus, and spouse now eligible for ChampVA free Medicare supplement.

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Many wives and/or widows are still under the impression that CHAMPVA is not a complete supplement to Medicare. Many believe it is simply prescription coverage. This is incorrect as CHAMPVA is a Complete supplement to Medicare and covers the everything as any other Medicare supplement plan.

CHAMPVA covers hospital, doctors and prescriptions.

Most everyone now has two CHAMPVA cards.

One, to present at a doctor's office and/or a hospital.

The other, card is your pharmacy identification card that can be used at participating pharmacies.

The Copay when used at a local pharmacy is 25%.

Of course, the best way to get your prescriptions is to use the MEDS BY MAIL program. If you have submitted a current CHAMPVA Other Health Insurance Certification (VA Form 10-7959C) that supports that you DO NOT have another health insurance plan with pharmacy coverage, you can use the Meds by Mail for your non-urgent, maintenance medication needs.

There are no CO-PAYMENTS, NO DEDUCTIBLE REQUIREMENTS AND NO CLAIMS TO FILE in the Meds by Mail program.

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Prescribed maintenance medication is mailed to your home.

This program is a great benefit. Just be sure to mail your prescriptions to the correct address, which depends on which area of the country you reside.

When your prescriptions arrive, it is a good idea to mail back the renewal slip in the package immediately, if this is a prescription you need daily. This will prevent you from misplacing it. With this program, you do not need to enroll in the Part D program.

Will Medicare and CHAMPVA cover all my health care needs?

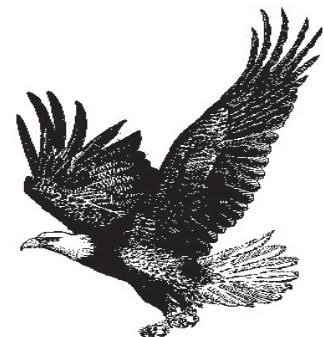
Combined, these two programs will cover most medical needs, after a \$50 deductible is met for the year.. However, there are some benefits that are not provided under either program, such as cosmetic services or eyeglasses.

If you have Medicare and CHAMPVA, do I need a Medigap policy?

The decision is really up to you. CHAMPVA has no premium costs or enrollment fees and provides essentially the same health care coverage as most Medigap policies. If your only insurance is Medicare, CHAMPVA becomes a secondary payer. Although CHAMPVA does not pay for your Medicare Part B premiums, it does pay most out-of-pocket expenses for benefits covered by Medicare.

Thanks

Doris Jenks



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.

High Blood Cholesterol

What Is Cholesterol?

To understand high blood cholesterol, it is important to know more about cholesterol.

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance that is found in all cells of the body. Your body needs some cholesterol to work the right way. Your body makes all the cholesterol it needs.

Cholesterol is also found in some of the foods you eat.

Your body uses cholesterol to make hormones, vitamin D, and substances that help you digest foods.

Blood is watery, and cholesterol is fatty. Just like oil and water, the two do not mix. To travel in the bloodstream, cholesterol is carried in small packages called lipoproteins. The small packages are made of fat (lipid) on the inside and proteins on the outside. Two kinds of lipoproteins carry cholesterol throughout your body. It is important to have healthy levels of both.

Low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol is sometimes called bad cholesterol.

High LDL cholesterol leads to a buildup of cholesterol in arteries. The higher the LDL level in your blood, the greater chance you have of getting heart disease.

High-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol is sometimes called good cholesterol. HDL carries cholesterol from other parts of your body back to your liver. The liver removes

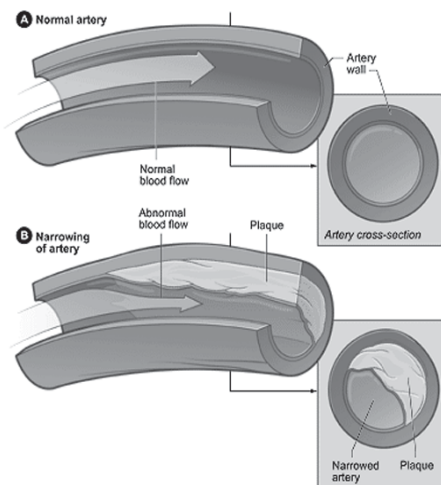
the cholesterol from your body. The higher your HDL cholesterol level, the lower your chance of getting heart disease.

What Is High Blood Cholesterol?

Too much cholesterol in the blood, or high blood cholesterol, can be serious. People with high blood cholesterol have a greater chance of getting heart disease. High blood cholesterol on its own does not cause symptoms, so many people are unaware that their cholesterol level is too high.

Cholesterol can build up on the walls of your arteries (blood vessels that carry blood from the heart to other parts of the body). This buildup of cholesterol is called plaque. Over time, plaque can cause narrowing of the arteries. This is called atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries.

The illustration shows a normal artery with normal blood flow (Figure A) and an artery containing plaque buildup (Figure B).



Special arteries, called coronary arteries, bring blood to the heart. Narrowing of your coronary arteries due to plaque can stop or slow down the flow of blood to your heart. When the arteries narrow, the amount of oxygen-rich blood is decreased. This is called coronary artery disease (CAD). Large plaque areas can lead to chest pain called angina. Angina happens when the heart does not receive enough oxygen-rich blood. Angina is a common symptom of CAD.

Some plaques have a thin covering and burst, releasing fat and cholesterol into the bloodstream. The release of fat and cholesterol may cause your blood to clot. A clot can block the flow of blood. This blockage can cause angina or a heart attack.

Lowering your cholesterol level decreases your chance for having a plaque burst and cause a heart attack. Lowering cholesterol may also slow down, reduce, or even stop plaque from building up.

What Causes High Blood Cholesterol?

A variety of things can affect the cholesterol levels in your blood. Some of these things you can control and others you cannot.

You can control:

What you eat. Certain foods have types of fat that raise your cholesterol level.

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Saturated fat raises your low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol level more than anything else in your diet.

Trans fatty acids (*trans* fats) are made when vegetable oil is hydrogenated to harden it. *Trans* fatty acids also raise cholesterol levels.

Cholesterol is found in foods that come from animal sources, for example, egg yolks, meat, and cheese.

Your weight. Being overweight tends to increase your LDL level, lower your high-density lipoprotein (HDL) level, and increase your total cholesterol level.

Your activity. Lack of regular exercise can lead to weight gain, which could raise your LDL cholesterol level. Regular exercise can help you lose weight and lower your LDL level. It can also help you raise your HDL level.

You cannot control:

Heredity. High blood cholesterol can run in families. An inherited genetic condition (familial hypercholesterolemia) results in very high LDL cholesterol levels. It begins at birth, and may result in a heart attack at an early age.

Age and sex. Starting at puberty, men have lower levels of HDL than women. As women and men get older, their LDL cholesterol levels rise. Younger women have lower LDL cholesterol levels than men, but after age 55, women have higher levels than men.

What Are the Signs and Symptoms of High Blood Cholesterol?

There are usually no signs or symptoms of high blood cholesterol.

Many people don't know that their cholesterol level is too high.

Everyone age 20 and older should have their cholesterol levels checked at least once every 5 years. You and your doctor can discuss how often you should be tested.

How Is High Blood Cholesterol Diagnosed?

High blood cholesterol is diagnosed by checking levels of cholesterol in your blood. It is best to have a blood test called a lipoprotein profile to measure your cholesterol levels. Most people will need to not eat or drink anything (fast) for 9 to 12 hours before taking the test.

The lipoprotein profile will give information about your:

Total cholesterol

Low-density lipoprotein (LDL) bad cholesterol: the main source of cholesterol buildup and blockage in the arteries

High-density lipoprotein (HDL) good cholesterol: the good cholesterol that helps keep cholesterol from building up in arteries

Triglycerides: another form of fat in your blood

If it is not possible to get a lipoprotein profile done, knowing your total cholesterol and HDL cholesterol can give you a general idea about your cholesterol levels.

Testing for total and HDL cholesterol does not require fasting. If your total cholesterol is 200 mg/dL or more, or if your HDL is less than 40 mg/dL, you will need to have a lipoprotein profile done.

Cholesterol levels are measured in milligrams (mg) of cholesterol per deciliter (dL) of blood.

Triglycerides can also raise your risk for heart disease. If you have levels that are borderline high (150-199 mg/dL) or high (200 mg/dL or more), you may need treatment. Things that can increase triglyceride levels include:

- Overweight
- Physical inactivity
- Cigarette smoking
- Excessive alcohol use
- Very high carbohydrate diet
- Certain diseases and drugs
- Genetic disorders

How Is High Blood Cholesterol Treated?

The main goal of cholesterol-lowering treatment is to lower your low-density lipoprotein (LDL) level enough to reduce your risk of having a heart attack or diseases caused by hardening of the arteries. In general, the higher your LDL level and the more risk factors you have, the greater your chances of developing heart disease or having a heart attack.

Some people are at high risk for heart attack because they already have heart disease. Other people are at high risk for developing heart disease because they have diabetes or a combination of risk factors for heart disease. Follow the steps below to find out your risk for getting heart disease.

Check the list to see how many of the risk factors you have. These are the risk factors that affect your LDL goal:

Cigarette smoking

High blood pressure (140/90 mg/dL or higher), or if you are on blood pressure medicine

Low high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol (less than 40 mg/dL)

Family history of early heart disease (heart disease in father or brother before age 55; heart disease in mother or sister before age 65)

Age (men 45 years or older; women 55 years or older)

The higher your risk is, the lower your LDL goal will be.

There are two main ways to lower your cholesterol:

Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC)—includes a cholesterol-lowering diet (called the TLC Diet), physical activity, and weight management.

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TLC is for anyone whose LDL is above goal.

Drug Treatment—if cholesterol-lowering drugs are needed, they are used together with TLC treatment to help lower your LDL.

Lowering Cholesterol With TLC

TLC is a set of lifestyle changes you can make to help lower your LDL cholesterol. The main parts of TLC are:

The TLC Diet, which recommends:

Limiting the amount of saturated fat and cholesterol you eat.

Eating only enough calories to achieve or maintain a healthy weight.

Increasing the soluble fiber in your diet. For example, oatmeal, kidney beans, and apples are good sources of soluble fiber.

Adding cholesterol-lowering food, such as margarines that contain plant sterol or stanol esters that lower cholesterol for some people

Weight management:

Losing weight if you are overweight can help lower LDL. Weight management is especially important for those with a group of risk factors that includes high triglyceride and/or low HDL levels and being overweight with a large waist measurement (more than 40 inches for men and more than 35 inches for women).

Physical activity:

Regular physical activity is recommended for everyone. It can help raise HDL levels and lower LDL levels, and is especially important for those with high triglyceride and/or low HDL levels who are overweight with a large waist measurement.

Cholesterol-Lowering Medicines

Along with suggesting that you change the way you eat and exercise regularly, your doctor may prescribe medicines to help lower your cholesterol. Even if you begin drug treatment, you will need to continue TLC. Drug treatment controls but does not “cure” high blood cholesterol. Therefore, you must continue taking your medicine to keep your cholesterol level in the recommended range.

The five major types of cholesterol-lowering medicines are:

- Statins
- Bile Acid Sequestrants
- Nicotinic Acid
- Fibrates
- Ezetimibe

When you are under treatment, you will be checked regularly to:

Make sure your cholesterol level is controlled

Check for other health problems

You may take medicines for other health problems. It is important that you take ALL medicines as your doctor prescribes. The combination of medicines may lower your risk for heart disease or heart attack.

When trying to lower your cholesterol or keep it low, it is important to remember to follow your treatments for other conditions you may have, such as high blood pressure. Get help with quitting smoking and losing weight if they are risk factors for you.

Many people are able to lower their cholesterol levels by eating a low saturated fat and low cholesterol diet, exercising, and losing weight if needed.

Some people will need to take medicines prescribed by their doctor to lower their cholesterol in addition to eating a low saturated fat and low cholesterol diet, exercising, and losing weight if needed.

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Tips for success with the Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC) diet

Content provided by Healthwise

Use the following tips for success with the cholesterol-lowering Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC) diet.

Work with your doctor on a plan to lower your cholesterol through diet.

Gather detailed, easy-to-understand educational materials about the diet.

Gather information about menus, cooking classes, support groups, books, and videos.

Get support from your family in making changes in your diet. Think ahead and make realistic and customized meal plans.

Get the help of a registered dietitian if you have questions about the TLC diet.

Change the way you plan, prepare, and eat every meal.

Learn how to read and understand food labels. Look for the amount of saturated fat per serving, and determine its percentage of your total saturated fat intake for the day. “Low-fat” does not always mean what it seems. Some labels measure fat content by weight rather than as a percentage of the calories in a serving.

Limit fast foods. It can be difficult to choose a low-fat alternative.

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NEWS FROM ANDERSONVILLE

This month's article will be some short news items to bring AXPOW members up to date on the news from Andersonville.

The park hired a new curator to replace Kandace Muller who transferred to Shenandoah National Park. Bridgett Beers came to us from the National Park Services' Southeast Archeological Center in Tallahassee where she was the Curator there. She is off to a great start and has already made brought in several new artifacts into the collection and worked with researchers who have come to the park to access our photos and archival collections.

Park Guide Angela Clark left the Site to take a position at Andrew College. Angela had been with us for a couple of years and had been hired first as a student at Georgia Southwestern State University. Andrew College is a small two year school near Angela's home. She will be working in student housing and public relations. We wish her the best in her new endeavors and know that she will be missed.

And another item on the staff front, long time park maintenance employee Ed Herrod retired from the

park during the summer. Ed was our heavy equipment operator for many years. He had retired from the Georgia Air National Guard but in earlier days was a Marine. Ed lives in the little town of Andersonville, so the staff is able to keep up with him although he is already missed for his great sense of humor.

As our museum is now 10 years old, we are seeing some of our high tech exhibits simply wear out and quit. These sophisticated systems have run seven days a week for nine hours a day for 10 years. Electronic components rarely operate that long. What complicates the replacement of these systems is that what was the latest innovation in 1998 is now obsolete although the program content is still excellent. The repairs and replacements of these systems are getting done, but it can still be challenging. As soon as we find a system that goes down, we replace it as soon as possible.

During the summer the park was fortunate to receive two seasonal maintenance positions under the Centennial program. This service wide initiative provided funding for the agency to hire badly need staff in preparation for the National Park Service's 100th birthday in 2016. At Andersonville we employed these folks to work in the Cemetery. Most of their efforts were spent aligning headstones. When the 240 pound headstones are first placed in the ground they will often shift and move as the ground settles. Several years later they need to be aligned. There is no easy way to do this work other than by hand. Thanks to this program, were able to align 770 headstones.

Another major summer time work project was to do two other projects in the Cemetery. Special funding was received to back fill sinking graves and to clean all the headstones. All 18,600 headstones were cleaned which took approximately two months. Another team backfilled over 1200 sinking graves. Four seasonal staff employees were hired for these two tasks. To hire these employees, the park

used its special veterans hiring authority to bring on four highly motivated men to do this work.

This summer the question I have been asked the most is, "Has the price of gas effected visitation at the park?" The answer is yes. Andersonville was fortunate to see an overall increase in visits to the park in 2007 thanks to our marketing program, but all the marketing in the world can't overcome the effect of \$4.00+ gas. The good news is that the drop in visitation appears to be slight - less than 5%. It is still too early to tell for sure, but let's hope it is not too bad. I think the silver lining in this cloud is that the drop would have been much worse if it had not been for our marketing efforts.

With the POW Museum celebrating its 10 year birthday, it is a good time to look to the future. During 2009, the park will begin a Long Range Interpretive Plan. This effort will bring in some of the best planners in the National Park Service to look at what direction we should be taking for the future. This is not just an internal look but will involve key partners and the local community to examine what the park should be doing in the next ten years. This plan is the first step to seeking support for possible development of new interpretive media and outreach programs to share the story of all POWs in American history.

The park is always looking for former POWs who would like to volunteer. We have a small apartment on site where one can stay who is interested in volunteering. Our volunteers talk to visitors and especially school children relating their experiences as a POW. It's a great program and a wonderful opportunity to see the park and museum in a new light. If you are interested, please call the park and say you are interested in being a POW Guest Host.



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October - Big in Navy History

October 13, 1775 - U.S. (Continental) Navy authorized by Congress

October 10, 1845 - U.S. Naval Academy authorized by Secretary of the Navy, George Bancroft

Herewith in a forum composed of, primarily, prisoners of war who were members of the Army or Army Air Corps or U.S. Marine Corps, is a brief history of the Navy and its first institution of higher learning. This is compiled from the official U.S. Naval Academy website and the U.S. Navy website.

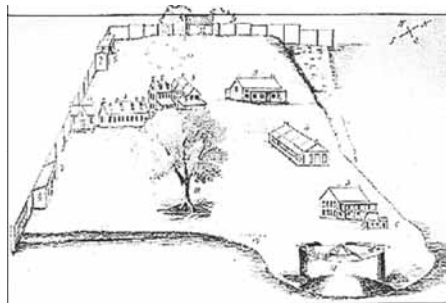
When the founders of the United States Naval Academy were looking for a suitable location, it was reported that then Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft decided to move the naval school to "the healthy and secluded" location of Annapolis in order to rescue midshipmen from "the temptations and distractions that necessarily connect with a large and populous city." The Philadelphia Naval Asylum School was its predecessor. Four of the original seven faculty members

came from Philadelphia. Other small naval schools in New York City, Norfolk, Va., and Boston, Mass. also existed in the early days of the United States.

The United States Navy was born on October 13, 1775 during the American Revolution when the need for a naval force to match the Royal Navy became clear. But during the period immediately following the Revolution, the Continental Navy was demobilized in 1785 by an economy-minded Congress.

The dormancy of American seapower lasted barely a decade when, in 1794, President George Washington persuaded the Congress to authorize a new naval force to combat the growing menace of piracy on the high seas.

The first vessels of the new U.S. Navy were launched in 1797; among them were the United States, the Constellation, and the Constitution. In 1825, President John Quincy Adams urged Congress to establish a Naval Academy "for the formation of scientific and accomplished officers." His proposal, however, was not acted upon until 20 years later.



Map showing original layout of Academy

Somers set sail from the Brooklyn Navy Yard on one of the most significant cruises in American naval history. It was a school ship for the training of teenage naval apprentice volunteers who would hopefully be inspired to make the Navy a career. However, discipline deteriorated on the Somers and it was determined

by a court of inquiry aboard ship that Midshipman Philip Spencer and his two chief confederates, Boatswains Mate Samuel Cromwell and Seaman Elisha Small, were guilty of a "determined attempt to commit a mutiny."

The three were hanged at the yardarm and the incident cast doubt over the wisdom of sending midshipmen directly aboard ship to learn by doing. News of the Somers mutiny shocked the country.

Through the efforts of the Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft, the Naval School was established without Congressional funding, at a 10-acre Army post named Fort Severn in Annapolis, Maryland, on October 10, 1845, with a class of 50 midshipmen and seven professors. The curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French.

In 1850 the Naval School became the United States Naval Academy. A new curriculum went into effect requiring midshipmen to study at the Academy for four years and to train aboard ships each summer. That format is the basis of a far more advanced and sophisticated curriculum at the Naval Academy today. As the U.S. Navy grew over the years, the Academy expanded. The campus of 10 acres increased to 338. The original student body of 50 midshipmen grew to a brigade size of 4,000. Modern granite buildings replaced the old wooden structures of Fort Severn.

So two major "birthdays" occur this month. Flash note, from Army, Air Force and Marines veterans: So does Hallowe'en.

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AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR

There are still 1,754 US personnel listed by the Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO) as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

The remains of Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Manuel R. Denton, USN, listed as KIA/BNR October 8, 1963, was buried as part of a group on August 7, 2008 at Arlington National Cemetery. The remains of WO 1st Class Arthur F. Chaney, USA, and WO 2nd Class Bobby L. McKain, USAR, both listed as KIA/BNR in South Vietnam on May 3, 1968, were turned over to US officials by a US citizen on June 11, 1985, identified on March 11, 2008, but only recently released by DPMO as identified. The remains of SGT Timothy J. Jacobsen, USA, listed as MIA April 16, 1971 in

South Vietnam were recovered June 7, 1995 and identified March 24, 2008, announced by DPMO as identified on July 28, 2008.

The accounting for these four US personnel brought to 829 the number of US personnel accounted for since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. 90+% of the 1,754 still listed as missing and unaccounted-for were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control.

UPDATE ON JPAC OPERATIONS

The 92nd Joint Field Activity (JFA) in Vietnam begun June 11th recently ended following the return of one Recovery Team (RT) extended for several days in an effort to complete excavation at one site. A brief ceremony, attended by US Ambassador to Vietnam Michael Michalak, was held prior to the earlier redeployment of the other JPAC teams to honor five US personnel whose remains may be among those recovered and repatriated. The 45-day work period included five RTs, one Phase Two Testing Team (P2T), one Investigation Team (IT), one Underwater Investigation Team (UIT), one Research and investigation Team (RIT) and one Vietnam Office for Seeking Missing Persons (VNOSMP) unilateral recovery team in a restricted area where US personnel are not allowed.

In Laos, POW/MIA talks took place at the end of August in Vientiane. Led by Detachment III Commander LTC Brandt Deck, USA Special Forces, the talks included officials from JPAC headquarters in Hawaii and DPMO in Washington, DC.

The 105th JFA in Laos extended over a 30-day period and concluded at the end of July. Five RTs operated in northern Laos, in Houaphan and Xiengkhoang Provinces. In Europe, a JPAC anthropologist recently completed assisting the US Army Mortuary Affairs Activity-Europe in the disinterment of US remains from the Ardennes American Cemetery,

Neupre, Belgium. These unknown remains were sent to JPAC's laboratory in Hawaii for forensic analysis.

MISSING WWII PILOT IS IDENTIFIED

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is 2nd Lt. Howard C. Enoch, Jr., U.S. Army Air Forces, of Marion, Ky. He will be buried on September 22 in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

Representatives from the Army met with Enoch's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

On March 19, 1945, Enoch was the pilot of a P-51D Mustang that crashed while engaging enemy aircraft about 20 miles east of Leipzig, near the village of Doberschütz, Germany. His remains were not recovered at the time, and Soviet occupation of eastern Germany precluded his recovery immediately after the war.

In 2004, a team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) surveyed a possible P-51 crash site near Doberschütz. The team found aircraft wreckage. In 2006, another JPAC team excavated the site and recovered human remains and aircraft wreckage.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA in the identification of Enoch's remains.

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Personal Reflections – Ken Burns Documentary – THE WAR

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“The Second World War was fought in thousands of places, too many for any one accounting.”

With those all encompassing words, Ken Burns, America’s foremost iconic documentarian, opens our eyes to the all too familiar flavors of a war where the participants in this particular hell are simply you and me. From the four towns of our country, Mobile, Alabama – Sacramento, California – Laverne, Minnesota and Westbury, Connecticut, he brings each individual personality of this story gently into our lives. Without apology his introduction into the war is genuine and firm and not fraught with white washing or deletion of the realities of battle.

When Mr. Burns and Lynn Novick invited me to be one of the Sacramento participants in this documentary I accepted without hesitation – for one important reason. Telling my own story would be telling our story – that of the Civilian-American experience during WWII in the Philippines. What a grand opportunity to tell our story with national and international coverage, a topic barely covered, if at all, in schools and other media representation over the years. My over five years association with these intensely warm and passionate researchers, directors, writers, film gurus, historians and story tellers was a once in a life time adventure for me.

From the very beginning the staff created an atmosphere of caring as if I was the only personality involved in this whole production. The personal care and gently handling of each of our stories was treated with the utmost respect and understanding. Their sensitivity brought out the best in all of us. I

found myself talking about incidents I hadn’t thought of in a lifetime. In gatherings and receptions with the other Sacramento participants of The War, we all shared the same sentiments exactly. Because of the many invitations to join the documentary previews and premiers in preparation for the main TV event with PBS we all became good friends and enjoyed each others company and history together. It was an opportunity of a life time.

The time spent gathering and seeking out personal documents, letters and pictures about the war experience to share with the crew was most enlightening not only for the crew but for me as well. By going over these tangible gems from the past in conversation brought out great discussions reserved for intimate friends. I will always cherish these moments preparing for the final phase of The War.

When it was announced that Mr. Burns found the perfect twelve year old to read excerpts from my diary I wrote as a little girl in Santo Tomas, the staff was elated with the choice. On the next trip to Sacramento, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, both producers, invited me to lunch to review the outcome. Rebecca’s voice, as me, started a stream of tears which was difficult to contain. It was definitely a success. Today Rebecca Holtz and I are good friends. She is seventeen and a dynamic, beautiful, talented red head. She paints, plays drums, acts in community playhouses, sings blues and shares a radio disc jockey program with her father each Saturday. This summer Rebecca and her family came to my home town for a wonderful visit.

If you have seen The War, there is a short segment where an older man (as my grandfather) reads letters of inquiry to the US State Department requesting information on my family’s whereabouts in the Philippines. That wonderful voice belongs to the well known veteran of many years of stage and screen, Eli Wallach. I am deeply honored he accepted this role.

The amazing and gifted writer, Geoffrey Ward, wove magic with the words and tempo of the film’s script and brought the companion book for The War series to life. Geoffrey is a unique writer, historian and biographer who has been working with Ken Burns for many years. Besides our part in the documentary, Geoffrey Ward and I share a past history of our polio years and our abiding admiration for FDR.

The premier of The War was a huge success in all respects. Eli Wallach, Tom Hanks, Josh Lucas, Bobby Cannavale, Samuel Jackson, Adam Arkin, Kevin Conway, Robert Wahlberg and Keith David all generously lent their voices to an amazing part of true history. Wynton Marsalis, Nora Jones and YoYo Mah brought extraordinary arrangements, music and lyrics to enhance the film and bring listening enjoyment to new heights.

It isn’t over by any means. It’s been a year since PBS aired the initial documentary and still the e-mails and letters fill my life as well as speaking engagements. Many old friends have resurfaced and I am overjoyed to connect once again with them. Total strangers who have the need to reach out to tell me how the story has touched their hearts still write to me. But the most intriguing to me are the many, many young people who are passionate about our history and eager to learn more. They range from nine years old through people in their forties. They are eager for answers. I love this. This aspect of the documentary is a wake up call. We need to keep nurturing and enticing the younger generations in a manner that is both dramatic and exciting and give them more of Ken Burns jewels in history. Feeding hungry minds is of paramount importance and is a job not reserved for a few alone. We all are responsible to give generously of ourselves.

As Ken Burns said, “By stepping into memory, by stepping into the great gift of memory these men and women have given us, we liberate ourselves.”

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Survivors of Stalags 9A,9B and Berga. I am wondering if you would like to meet your former "Kriegies" at our reunion in Orlando this coming year. It would be great to have as many as possible join together. At the reunion in Austin, TX we had survivors, spouses, friends and some offspring. If you did not receive an invitation to join the group this year or you know of a survivor of 9A, 9B or Berga please send the name, address (E-mail address if available) to Morton D. Brooks, 7735 Cherry Blossom St., Boynton Beach, FL 33437 (or E-mail to mortoby@aol.com). You will thus be assured of an invitation to the 2009 reunion in Orlando and news of your fellow survivors.

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I wonder if anyone might have known my dad - he was a POW- this is what I know: His name was **Sgt. Lionel Havlas**; he was aircraft engineer on B-17 bomber. He was part of the 457th - mission 23 to Gydnia, Poland; he was shot down 4/9/1944 and captured. Serial # 42-97465; 751st BS. Pilot was Lt. Robert K. Walker who was KIA. Others on that flight: J. B. Latham, Frank S. Jackson, Marlin Greenawalt, David Gerber, Leland Mills, Kneeland Parshley - KIA, Frank Croft, Jr, Bruce Kustaborder. Those cremembers who survived were all captured with dad. Dad was in Stalag Luft 17B. After his death, we found a little book, all in pencil - had names and addresses of men he was apparently in prison with, and some poems. All of the above information came from the internet as Dad didn't talk about this with us. He

died in 1989. Thanks for any information. Sue Noll;
suenoll@sbcglobal.net.

My grandfather was **John W. Brown**. He passed away when I was 2. As a result I have never been able to learn much about his experiences. After my grandmother passed away recently, I was able to find what unit he was in and where he was held. He was part of the 2nd Armored Division and was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. Any information you might have would be very helpful. Thank you for your service to your country. Nathan A. Brown, Merrill Lynch, 2400 E Highland, Suite 300, Jonesboro, AR 72401; 870-972-1561; Fax: 870-972-9236.

I'm trying to locate two airman from W.W. II whom I believe were POWs. They are **John C. Monroe and Harold A. Simpson**. They flew with Lt. George Goodwin on "Goodwins Gremlins" out of Italy. I'm hoping they might have some information about my cousin, Ted Davis. Thank you. Jim Davis, 24367-190th Ave. Morning Sun, IA 52640; 319-865-3281.

I am looking for any information about **L Company, 232nd Battalion, 42nd Infantry**. From what I was told they were captured on or about January 5, 1945 and possibly shipped to Stalag 5A by cattle car. You can email me at: ecupirates@embarqmail.com or snail mail at Tandy Dunn 203 Water-Lilley Rd, Washington NC 27889.

I am trying to research any and all info/pictures on: **Manuel Wayne Woodrum**, captured in North Africa in Tunisia. He was a POW in Germany Stalag 3B. Was in the 1st Armored Division, 81st Armored Recon Company A. One of his best friends was a Charles T. Mattingly. Any and all info or direction would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to email me: siwoodrum@peoplepc.com. Thank you in advance, Sharon Woodrum, 1174 Georgia Lane, Reading, OH 45215-4020.

News Briefs

Medal of Honor on PBS

On November 5, PBS will present the national broadcast of MEDAL OF HONOR, a 90-minute documentary directed and produced by Roger Sherman that explores the history of our nation's highest military honor and the extraordinary acts of bravery for which it has been bestowed.

Beginning with the Civil War, when the medal was first created to boost morale, to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, MEDAL OF HONOR weaves together historical narratives and first-person accounts of those who have received the medal for heroic combat actions that seem to defy human ability (of particular interest for your readers is the film's profile of Bud Day). It is a moving and inspiring tribute to those who have gone far beyond the call of duty in their service to this country. While most Americans have heard of the Medal of Honor, few are familiar with its history, the secretive process that determines who receives it, and the individual acts of heroism that the medal represents. The film also explores why every Medal of Honor since Vietnam has been given posthumously. In modern warfare, it seems to have become medal one must die to receive.

The broadcast of MEDAL OF HONOR presents an opportunity to focus national attention on this history and spark a dialogue on how we as a nation honor those who are willing to sacrifice their lives for our country.

Check your local listings for time.

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Veterans Still Eligible for Stimulus

The Internal Revenue Service wants retirees and veterans to know that it is not too late to file for an economic stimulus payment. The IRS plans to send a second set of information packets to 5.2 million people who may be eligible but who have not yet filed for their stimulus payment. The packages will contain everything needed by a person who normally does not file a tax return but who must file this year in order to receive a payment of up to \$300 — \$600 for those married and filing jointly. The deadline for filing for the payment is 15 OCT. For more information call the rebate hot line at (866) 234-2942 or check the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov/newsroom/

VA Mileage Reimbursement Increase

The House overwhelmingly approved a bill that—among other things—would increase the mileage compensation paid by the VA by nearly 50% to help vets who have to drive long distances to receive medical care. The increase in mileage compensation—to 41.5 cents per mile—was included in the Fiscal Year 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, which must still be considered by the Senate and approved by President Bush, according to House Appropriations Committee Chairman Dave Obey (D-WI). The spending bill—which passed 409 to 4—would provide \$336 million above Bush's FY 2009 budget request for servicemember quality-of-life projects to improve living conditions and health care delivery. Projects include the modernization

of training facilities, as well as the building of child care centers, barracks and housing, Obey said. The bill also would address the backlog in maintenance at VA medical facilities; improve access to health care for vets in areas where VA does not offer services; increase availability of new generation prosthetics; substantially increase funding for research into trauma, mental health and other critical areas; and provide additional case workers and medical services for homeless vets.

Disabled Veterans Memorial

Congress approved legislation which the president signed into law requiring the U.S. Mint to issue 350,000 silver coins to raise money for a memorial near the U.S. Capitol honoring disabled veterans. Across Independence Avenue from the U.S. Botanic Garden are two acres dedicated to the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, but raising the \$86 million for design, construction, maintenance and outreach has been a campaign for supporters. A \$3 million pledge from H. Ross Perot earlier this year put the total collected near \$70 million. The House and Senate authorized the minting of 350,000 \$1 coins, which will be sold with a \$10 surcharge. The proceeds of the surcharge will be paid directly to the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation. The memorial will honor 3 million veterans currently living with a disability as a result of their military service. The design, approved by the Commission of Fine Arts in 2004, features a star-shaped reflecting pool, an everlasting flame and grove of trees. The memorial is designed "not just to show all of the veterans how much we care about them and honor them but also to remind future Congresses that freedom is not free, that a price is very high when the president calls on our armed forces to deliver, and when they do, we honor them and will always remember their memory," Rep.

Mark Steven Kirk, R-Ill., said recently on the House floor. The coins will be issued in 2010. *Source: DAV*

VA Health Care Budget

Hoping to avoid annual problems with veterans' health care budgets that are too late and too small, the Partnership for Veterans Health Care Budget Reform (PVHCBR) is trying to solve two problems.

- Only once in the last 14 years, and twice in the last 20 years, has the VA budget been approved by the start of the new fiscal year. The funding bill, known as appropriations, has been 3½ months late, on average, over the last six years.

- A second and more serious problem is that the VA budget still isn't large enough to eliminate waiting lists for medical appointments.

The veterans' groups propose a two-part solution: They want a better method of calculating how much money is needed and they want advance appropriations. If their plan was in effect now, Congress would be working on the veterans' budget for fiscal 2010, which begins on October 1, 2009. For years, major veterans' groups have pushed Congress to treat VA funding similar to funding for Medicare and Medicaid. Costs for those programs are covered without Congress having to pass annual budgets. While key lawmakers have expressed support for so-called "mandatory" funding of veterans' programs, Dickinson said a combination of problems has kept Congress from approving the idea, leaving veterans' groups to look for other ideas.

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Source: PVHCBR

The “Inki” Project

By Alice A. Booher

This is a story of longevity, love and a remarkable kismet of people, patriotism, history, passion and commitment. Pivotal is Elizabeth (Betty) Peet who, just before Pearl Harbor, left her home in Hawaii to help women and children return from Manila; many were caught and some who became POWs at Santo Tomas. Betty and Navy husband Alexander MacDonald joined the fledgling Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in 1943. Later a war (and White House) correspondent, Betty shipped to Burma and then K'un-ming, China to facilitate OSS “Morale Operations” against the Japanese, crafting some remarkable intelligence schemes including with the help of some American-educated Japanese POWs who wanted to help shorten the war.

Heading that OSS unit was COL Richard (Dick) Heppner, a Wall Street law partner of OSS founder MG William (Wild Bill) Donovan. The night of the Hiroshima bombing, 8 “Mercy Mission” operations were mounted by

Heppner to contact all Pacific Theater (PTO) POW camps, identify prisoners, render medical aid, secure airfields, return Intel, and “get POWs and civilian internees out as soon as humanly possible”. Betty couriered the orders that ended 12 days later with the recorded initial debrief collected personally by COL

prosecute many who had held ETO POWs at Nuremberg Trials; and married Betty, witnesses including “OSS airplane spotter” dog Sammy (My Assam Dragon), later succeeded by beloved canines Sherry and Inki.

In 1957, Betty wrote a special children’s book, *Inki* (later called *Inky: A Seeing Eye Dog*). It is the story of a young Midwest farm boy during the Korean War who cares for his mom and the family farm in the absence of his Army/Air Corps dad who is a POW in Korea. The boy gets the chance for a year to raise a puppy to be a Seeing Eye dog. When his dad is repatriated, the former POW is depressed, virtually blind and having rehab difficulties, and the meaning and purpose of the boy’s raising the guide dog comes full circle.

Betty dedicated *Inki* to Heppner, whose widow she became in 1958 after he returned from an overseas trip as Dep./Asst. Sec/Defense



Heppner from GEN Jonathan Wainwright, highest ranking American POW in the PTO. After VJ Day, Betty worked for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Heppner joined Donovan to

The “Inki” Project, continued



The Fisher House program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military. AXPOW Commander Warren King paid his own tribute in the September 2008 *Bulletin* to the second TN Fisher House being built at the VAMC in Murfreesboro. Some of you already contribute/volunteer at your local Fisher House. Because veterans, military and their families often travel great distances and stay long periods for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation builds and donates “comfort homes,” [similar to civilian Ronald MacDonald Houses] on the grounds of most major military and many VA medical centers. These no-fee homes enable family members to be close to a loved one during the hospitalization for illness or injury, cancer therapy to combat wounds. It helps the patient heal and keeps the family strong together. Each house (some busy sites like San Antonio, Walter Reed AMC and Bethesda NNMC have multiple houses) has family suites, a common kitchen, laundry, living with library and dining room. At least one copy of *Inky* will be housed in a special shadowbox case in each Fisher House library, with a new, signed preface by the author.

for International Security, and suddenly died at Walter Reed AMC at age 49. Betty eventually returned to the new CIA, working in the Far East and US (1958-1973). She married Air Force pilot Fred McIntosh and authored best selling *Sisterhood of Spies* in 1998. Throughout the

decades, Betty, now age 93, totally engaged, charming, and razor-sharp, met, befriended and became friends with many military men and women including POWs from all eras. Her household always had dogs like Charlie Streisand and now CODE (Codey) RED (for the Japanese pre and WWII cryptosystem); cats like Agent Orange and Mouseby the Gray Ghost; and she maintained her support for veterans and The Seeing Eye in Morristown, NJ.



With the renewed combat of Persian Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom, the “*Inki* Plan” was hatched, to share the book *Inki/Inky* with children of men and women service personnel and veterans. After nearly two years of negotiating, it was clear that publishing rights were not going to be forthcoming for a reprint, so the “*Inky* Group”, whose members have now expanded to include several of you, started to buy up all the copies of the book they could find on the internet, second hand bookstores and library overstocks. The decision was made to donate these books, initially one book each, to the soon-to-be 50 Fisher Houses.

This fits in with another expanding program. Nationwide, the medical community, civilian and military, DoD or DVA, or civilian facilities, is more widely using highly trained dogs (and a few other animals), for the visually impaired with seeing eye guide dogs like Inky, to newer options working with those with neurological impairments, mobility loss or even mental health concerns.



The "Inki" Project, continued



while a loved one is serving in the military or recovering as a veteran and throughout life, when those experiences become burdensome, and maybe even how he might help to make the wound better. Fisher House Foundation President Dave Coker and Alice Booher promise to keep you updated about Fisher Houses and the *Inky* Project. And if you come upon any old copies of *Inki/Inky*, send them to Cheryl Cerbone or Alice Booher. They will be given

is hard on those who are fighting the war, but it is also hard on their families. And when our service men and women come home, often hurt, sad, confused, scared or angry, it is difficult for both them and their families.



Inki (Inky) is the story of a young boy who is left to run the family farm with his mother when his dad goes with the Army to war. The boy is sad and lonely with his dad away, but for a year, he is lucky to be able to raise a special dog trained to help people who are blind or otherwise disabled.

This book may look a bit shabby because it is well read. We could not reprint the book, so we collected copies from booksellers and library surpluses. Please treat it like an old friend and leave it here at Fisher House for another young person to share. I

wish you and your family all the best,

(S) Elizabeth
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D.C.
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Numerous qualified trained pet programs are gaining momentum for active duty and veteran in-patients and most recently, for those on medical hold. VA is intensifying its own efforts in that regard, e.g., see September 2008 *Bulletin*, for AXPOW Exec. Dir. Les Jackson's column about his own experiences with the VA, referred from his own local VAMC to the 8-weeks course at the VA's Blind Rehab Center in West Haven, CT. Directed there by Jack Jones, who went to a similar west coast VA center, Les describes the VA facility as 4-star, professional and comprehensive, geared to his own personal and professional needs. Some of these and other VA facilities are starting to encourage skilled animal companionship and aides.

With each new military or VAMC Fisher House comes greater potential awareness via *Inky* to the possibilities of such an animal aide and companion. But the *Inky* Project is just getting started. We will keep buying "well loved" copies as available, affixing the new author-signed prefaces, and donating them to Fisher Houses! *Inky* is gentle story, of a kid like other kids; what it is like for a close loved one to be a POW; how even a kid can be strong

slipcase, and included it in the next batch going to a Fisher House for wounded warriors/veterans to share!

The new preface to be affixed in each donation:

Dear Young Reader,
I wrote this book, *Inki: Seeing Eye Dog* (later titled *Inky*), in 1957, soon after the end of the war we called the Korean Conflict. I know it seems like a long time ago. Lots of things have changed. But the men and women then in the military had many experiences in common with your moms and dads who are in the military today. It



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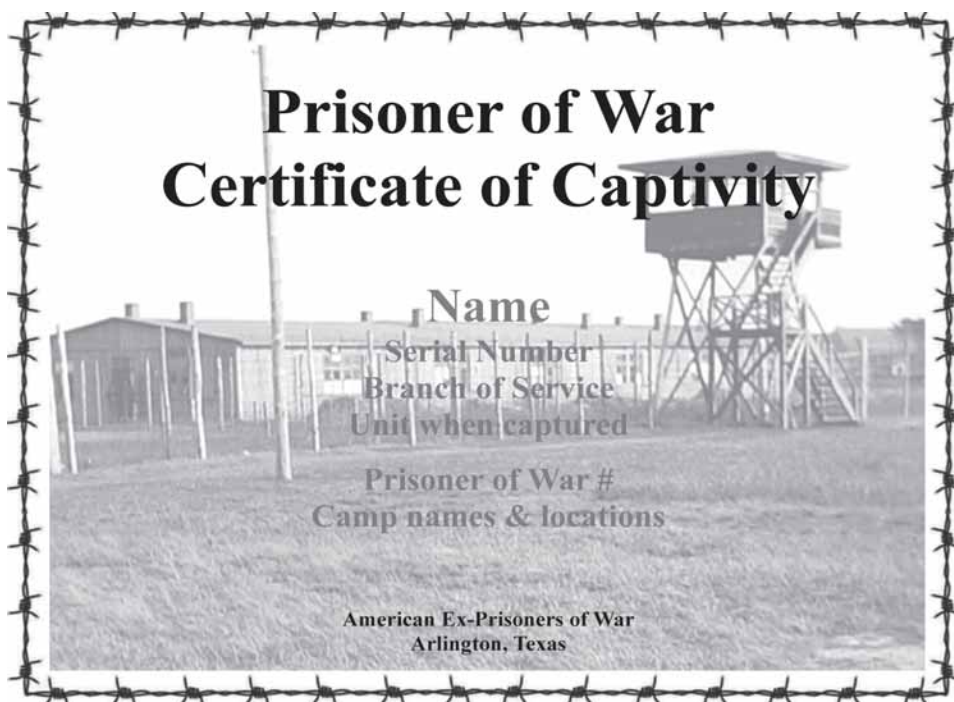
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BALDASANO, Benjamin, 88, of San Jose, CA passed away July 26, 2008. He was a decorated WWII veteran and former POW. Survivors include his wife, Rose, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 1 stepdaughter, many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

BLACK, Dave, member of the Greater Atlanta Chapter, AXPOW died April 12, 2008. Dave served in the ETO with the USAF, 384th BG, 546th BS. He was a POW in Lufts 3 and 7A.

BOYER, John, of Georgia, passed away March 16, 2008. During WWII, he served with the 44th Engineer Combat Team. He was captured and held in Stalags 4A and 4B until liberation. He was a member of the Greater Atlanta Chapter, AXPOW.

BRENNAN, ANN V., of El Paso, TX died July 1, 2008. She was 91. During WWII, while her late husband Henry (Pacific POW) was being held in the Philippines, Ann worked at Biggs Air Field. She issued Clark Gable his flying clothes. Both she and Henry were life members of AXPOW. Ann leaves one sister, two nephews and two nieces.

CAVALLI, Edmond R., of Florida died June 18, 2008. Ed was shot down on his 15th mission while serving with the 15th AF, 460th BG, flying "The Boxcar" out of Italy. He was held in Luft IV, then marched across Germany. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

DERRINGTON, Robert E., of Centennial, Colorado, and Sun City, Arizona, died August 8, 2008. A B-29 bomber pilot, Bob was shot down over

Rangoon, Burma, in December 1944, and was a POW until May 1945. He was a member of the Mile High Chapter and the Agua Fria Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Joan, 4 sons, 1 grandson and 3 great-grandchildren.

DODSWORTH, Peggy, long time beloved member of the Tacoma Chapter, AXPOW passed away August 8, 2008 at the age of 83. She was preceded in death by her husband Bueford. Peggy is survived by 2 sons, 3 grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

DORSEY, John C., of Oklahoma City, OK passed away June 25, 2008. During WWII, he was captured in North Africa while serving with the Army. He was held for 27 months in various camps in Tunisia, Sicily and Germany. John leaves his wife of 57 years, Lorene, 1 son, 7 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

DOWLING, Eric "Digger", 92, of Bristol, England died July 21, 2008. He played a key role in the 1944 escape from Stalag Luft III (The Great Escape). His expertise in digging tunnels earned him his nickname; he also made maps and forged travel documents. Dowling's son, Peter said that Donald Pleasance as "The Forger" most closely resembled his father. In addition to his son, he is survived by one daughter.

DUCKWORTH, Earl "Buddy", of Macon, Missouri, died Aug 6, 2008. "Buddy" fought in North Africa and Europe, including the Anzio Invasion, serving with F Co, 15th Inf, 3rd Div. He was held in Stalags 12A and 2B. A member of the Central Missouri Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Doris.

FELIZARDO, Paz passed away July 20, 2008 at the age of 87. She was born in the Philippines and married to Carlos Felizardo who is now de-

ceased. She is survived by 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Paz was a member of the Tacoma Chapter, AXPOW.

FitzPATRICK, John Joseph, age 82, of East Lyme, CT died Aug 5, 2008. John served with the 78th Inf. Div. He was a POW at Stalags 3A and 12A. He was a former member of the Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Ina, 1 brother and 1 sister.

FRONEK, Joseph J., of Temple, TX passed away July 28, 2008. He served in the Air Force during WWII, was captured in the Philippines and held until liberation 3 ½ years later. He leaves his wife, Celestine, 2 daughters, 1 son, 1 granddaughter and 1 brother.

GASSMAN, George P., Jr., of Newport News, VA died April 7, 2004 at the age of 82. During WWII, he served with the 8th AF; he was shot down over Germany and held for 6 months. Survivors include one daughter and one son.

GIANCARLO, Angelo A., Jr. of Trenton, NJ passed away August 2008. Angelo served in the Army—88th Infantry - during WWII. He was captured at St. Vith and spent 7 ½ months in VIIA. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rose, 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 1 brother, 1 sister and a large and loving extended family.

GODFREY, John "Jack", 87, of Reynoldsburg, OH died July 12, 2008. He was captured while serving with the 485th BG flying out of Italy. He was imprisoned at Luft IV, then marched across Germany. Godfrey was an active member of Chapter #1, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 64 years, Irene, 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

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GRIFFITH, Hubert, of Plainview, Texas, died August 1, 2008. Prior to moving to Plainview, Hubert lived in El Paso and Fort Worth. He has been active in the chapters of the cities he lived in. Hubert was one of the "Lost Battalion Boys", held in Burma, Java, Thailand and Indo-China. An AXPOW life member since 1979, Hubert served for many years as the Department of Texas Chaplain. He is survived by his wife, Martha Jo.

HADFIELD, Charles A., age 90, of Bristol, CT died Aug. 7, 2008. He was shot down while serving with the 8th AF, 390th BG, 571st BS; hidden by the Dutch underground for six months, then finally captured by the Germany in Antwerp and held at Lufts 3 and 7. He was a life member of CT Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves one son, one daughter, three sisters and their families.

HARDY, Edmon, of Lubbock, Texas, died recently. "Ed" served with 9th Div, 47th Inf, and was held in Stalags 7A and 3B. An AXPOW life member since 1985, he was a member of the Hub of the Plains Chapter. His wife, Phyllis, predeceased him.

HENDERSON, Ruby C. of Batesville, MS passed away at the age of 87 on August 7, 2008. She was a member of AXPOW and the North Mississippi Chapter AXPOW. She was a loving wife, mother and homemaker. She was active in church work and loved to travel. Her greatest pride was her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ruby was the last surviving member of a family of 2 sisters and 4 brothers. She leaves her loving husband, William (POW in Lufts IV and VI), 1 son, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HIRCHERT, Eunice passed away at her home in Lakewood, Washington on July 11, 2008. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Harold in 2003. Eunice leaves be-

hind 3 daughters, 3 sons, 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was a faithful member of the Tacoma Chapter for many years as well as a life member of AXPOW.

IDLETT, George Douglas, 89, of Herndon, VA passed away June 19, 2008. He was captured while serving with the 20th Purs. Sq. during WWII. He was a Bataan Death March Survivor (held at O'Donnell, Cabanatuan and Niigata 5B in Japan). Doug was past commander of the Bill Rolan Memorial Chapter of Northern Virginia. Survivors include his wife, Geraldine.

JOHNS, Robert Lee, 90, of Churchville, VA died May 13, 2008. He enlisted in the Army in 1940; was captured on Bataan and held in the Philippines, Formosa and Japan for 3 ½ years until liberation. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Jane, 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

KAPPELE, Louise M., 82, of Wadsworth, OH died July 1, 2008. Louise was an active member of the Medina Chapter, AXPOW where she served as Adjutant. She worked as an LPN in various nursing homes until her illness. She will be deeply missed by her husband, Jim (VC of the chapter), 2 sons, 2 daughters, 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

KING, Frank V., Sr., 91, of Marlborough, MA passed away Aug. 2, 2008. Frank served in the Army during WWII; he was captured in Germany and held for 19 months in various camps. He leaves 2 sons, 1 brother, 3 grandchildren and their families.

KING, Thelma, 84, member of the Hutchison-Poplowski Chapter, AXPOW (FL), died July 30, 2008. She and her late husband, Julius, were tireless workers in the chapter and will be greatly missed. She leaves four sons, six grandchildren, nine great-

grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

LANKFORD, Paul, of Maryville, TN passed away August 22, 2008. During WWII, Paul served his country in the Pacific. He was captured at the Fall of Bataan in the Philippines, survived the Bataan Death March, held in O'Donnell and Cabanatuan, then transported to Mukden, Manchuria where he slaved in the mines until liberation. Paul was past commander of the Smoky Mountain Chapter and the Dept. of TN, AXPOW. Survivors include his beloved wife, Edna, two daughters and one son.

LAUSHANCE, JAMES A., 93, passed away July 1, 2008 in Newport, NH. He was a life member of Vermont Chapter #1, AXPOW. He served with the US Army, military police platoon. He was captured at the Battle of the Bulge and imprisoned at Stalag 9B in Bad Orb, Germany. Jim's wife and daughter predeceased him. He leaves two sons and several grandchildren.

LAWLOR, John J. of San Antonio, Texas, died Aug. 2, 2008. "Jack" served as a B-17 Tailgunner out of England, and was held in Stalag Luft 4. A member of the San Antonio Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth.

McMANUS, Kevin, 65, an Air Force pilot shot down over North Vietnam who spent nearly six years as a prisoner of war, died July 31, 2008 at his home in Oakton, VA. McManus was shot down northeast of Hanoi on June 14, 1967. He and his co-pilot, Edward J. Mechenbier, parachuted to earth and were immediately captured, bound and marched as war criminals through villages leading to a Hanoi prison complex. They remained in captivity for five years and eight months. Both were released in February 1973. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Mary

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Jane, 6 children, 1 sister and 2 brothers.

MELVIN, John Douglas died May 25, 2008 in Albion, ID. He was 87. During WWII, he served in the 8th AF, flying B-24s over Germany. He was shot down, captured and sent to Luft IV until liberation. He was a member of the Tacoma Chapter, AXPOW. John's two children predeceased him; he leaves his beloved wife of 62 years, Margi.

MOLINARI, Frank, of Malden, MA passed away Aug. 3, 2008. Frank was a long-time, active member of MA Chapter 1, AXPOW. He was the devoted husband of Eleanor, beloved father of 3 daughters and 4 sons, grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of 3. He is also survived by 2 sisters, 1 brother and a large extended family.

MOORE, Carl E., 84, of Overbrook, KS passed away June 28, 2008. He was captured while serving in the AAF during WWII; he was shot down over Yugoslavia, captured and held in Lufts 6 and 4. Carl is survived by his wife, Marcell, 2 daughters, 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.

PISTILLI, Cathy, wife of Al, member of the East Central Florida Chapter, AXPOW, passed away recently. Cathy and Al were from Rochester, NY; they resided in Florida during the winter.

PLANCK, Robert L. passed away July 11, 2008. He was 86 and lived in Waynesville, OH his entire life. During WWII, he was flying P-51s out of England; he was shot down over Germany and held for 12 ½ months in POW camps. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Vivian, 1 brother and lots of nieces and nephews.

RAY, Howard T., member of the Greater Atlanta Chapter, AXPOW

died July 19, 2007. Howard served in the ETO with the 15th AF, 461st BG. He was a POW in Luft 1, Barth.

SHAFER, Pauline, of the Coastal Plains Chapter in N. C. died in June.

TABORA, Benigno G., of Leominster, MA passed away Feb. 18, 2008. Ben was born in the Philippines in 1915; he joined the US Army when he was 21 and served as a Scout. He was captured on Bataan, survived the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years imprisonment in Philippine and Japanese POW camps. He is survived by his wife, Mae, 4 children and 2 stepdaughters.

TURNER, Charles, W. passed away on July 28, 2008 in Charlotte Hall, Maryland. He was formerly of Clinton, Maryland. Charlie was the Flight Engineer and Top Turret Gunner on Crew No. 75 in the 390th BG, 570th BS, 8th AF based in Framlingham, England. He was shot down near Hanover, Germany, flying his 21st Mission and was captured near the town of Bergen, Germany.

VARGO, Steve, of Hubbard, Ohio, died July 19, 2008. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and imprisoned 4 ½ months in Stalags XIIIIC and VIIA. He is survived by his wife, Mary; 3 sons, 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He was a member of Mahoning Valley Chapter.

VIRAY, Rodolfo passed away on June 12, 2008, in his native country, the Philippines, at the age of 85. He was a WWII POW/survivor of the Bataan Death March and was also a veteran of the Korean War. Rodolfo is survived by his wife of 64 years, Milagros, 6 children, 9 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Rodolfo was a long time member of the Tacoma Chapter and a life member of AXPOW.

WILLEY, Carleton, of Hampden, ME, died May 18, 2008. He served in the army and was taken prisoner of war 12/19/44 in Bastogne, Belgium. A member of the Edgar L Poss Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eleanor.

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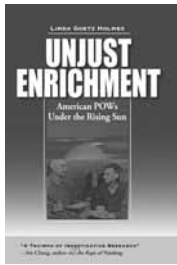
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God is nigh.
Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
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thou go,
When the day,
And the night
Need thee so?
All is well.
Speedeth all
To their
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Fades
the light; And afar

Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright,
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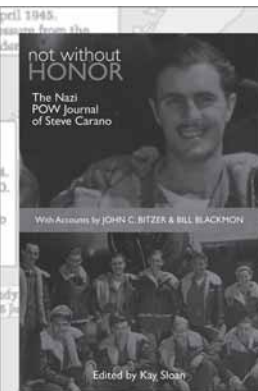
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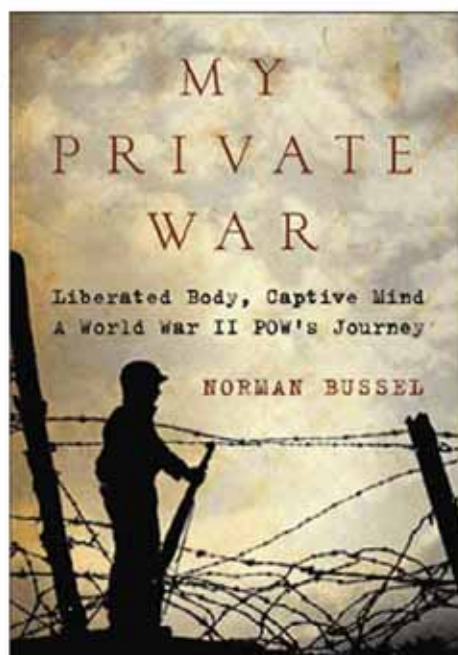
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