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The Unbreakable American Spirit ~ Artist Christian Nogués

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Dating back to the 1940s AXPOW has collected and maintained a trove of data, records, artwork, photographs and original documents that tell the story of the capture and internment of Americans prisoners of war, both military and civilian, through every military conflict the US has been involved in. To Donate: <https://www.gofundme.com/2d8rbt7s>.

COVER: National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. It is traditionally observed on the third Friday in September each year. This observance is one of six days throughout the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag. The others are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

A Pentagon ceremony for National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be held Friday, Sept. 16, 2016. This ceremony will feature troops from each of the military services.

INSIDE COVER: Early this spring, a gifted young artist and his family visited the National Cemetery at Riverside, CA. Christian Nogués was inspired by the National POW/MIA memorial to paint this rendition of sculptor Lee Millett Jr.'s breathtaking statue. On July 21st, he presented his painting to Paul Adkins, president of the Riverside National Cemetery support committee. Paul Adkins, president of the Riverside CA Support Committee is on the left and Marty Schlocker, member of the Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW is on the right, showing off Chris Nogués' gift painting, *The Unbreakable American Spirit*.



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It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your Commander for a second term. I accepted the nomination with a very humble heart and I am committed to represent AXPOW to the best of my ability. It is my privilege to serve our nation's veterans in this capacity.

It is appropriate to reflect on what we have accomplished in the past including our political influence in

Washington in getting financial and medical improvements for our deserving veterans. We do remember how it was in getting our disability ratings prior to the AXPOW presumptives approved by Congress back in the 80's. AXPOW has played a part in increased medical programs, facilities, treatments, and compensation. While at the macro level it is rewarding to observe what has been accomplished, it is most rewarding to see those benefits helping the individual veterans and their families. Earned benefits as recognized and put into law by Congress decades ago, not entitlements as some politicians today like to describe them.

Our past is prideful, our present rewarding, but our future is uncertain. It is an important time in AXPOW history with aging and declining numbers of members. Under the leadership of our Chief Executive Officer, David Eberly, we are hoping for the best with efforts to increase revenues but planning for the worst with expenses far

exceeding donations. With a renewed focus on donations, there is a committee dedicated to increasing donations from individuals on an annual basis and a one-time donation from individual's estates as well as corporate donations. On the other hand, a committee is preparing for ways to establish an honorable and lasting legacy honoring those that have faced the enemy twice, both in the battlefield and in the prison camps.

I know we all take pride and treasure the friends we have made through AXPOW and the camaraderie that exists amongst its members. We all play a part in the success of the AXPOW.

In closing, I look forward to the challenges we face, together.

—Remember those that have sacrificed to protect our freedom.—

Charles Susino, Jr.

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It's starting to feel like fall around the country. I hope your area is cooling off. It has been a hot summer!

At our national convention in June, we faced the unwelcome news that without an influx of dollars, we will not be able to maintain our organization as we have been. To that end, we are working on new fundraising strategies. We have started a GoFundMe page to raise funds to help pay for archiving our historical files. We are hoping this will be successful. You can go to <https://www.gofundme.com/2d8rbt7s> to donate.

We are also looking at additional legacies from members who wish to donate to AXPOW. If any members have experience or ideas for raising money, please let us know - we welcome all suggestions! The American Ex-Prisoners of War is the

LAST major organization in the world dedicated to ex-prisoners of war. We need to do everything possible to make sure we can maintain it.

Because of a request put online by Editor Cheryl Cerbone, we have been receiving volunteers wanting to help organize and save our historical data. This is looking very promising and may save us a lot of money.

Annual dues notices are going out this month. Please renew your membership so you don't miss any issues of the magazine.

I am sorry to announce that we have discontinued selling the official vest. The vest maker is unable to get the proper material and the orders have dropped off greatly. If you don't have one and want to show your support for AXPOW, you can order branded merchandise from our vendor in Missouri. His ad runs in every

news from hq



Clydie Morgan
Chief Operating Officer

Bulletin. We also have blazer patches for sale on page 34.

We are slowly phasing out the merchandise. Please call before you order to make sure we still have your items in stock. We still order the brass grave markers and the Challenge Coins.

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Our AXPOW organization has entered a new era—one of *transition*.

Our path will focus on reinforcing the legacy of the Greatest Generation and establishing new educational opportunities in remembrance of those who were taken captive and returned with honor or paid the ultimate sacrifice in enemy prisons.

The vote and June convention announcement of your overwhelming desire to transition toward a *legacy* organization was taken for action by the Board of Directors, and I have established a transition team of men and women who wholeheartedly believe that the history of the organization and the stories of the returnees will live on to reflect the courage of those who served and the patriotism and love of the families.

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The team is working in two areas:

The outreach team has established a GoFundMe page (see Clydie's article on page 5) and is exploring new fundraising strategies. The goal is to generate income to fund the operating expense account to affect the indefinite transition of certain functional areas including The Bulletin (or a newsletter) and the administrative staff to coordinate the digitizing of files and cataloging and preservation of memorabilia.

The second group will focus on the transition to Andersonville and on the melding of the organization with The National POW Museum. Now that the decision has been made, I will go to Andersonville over the weekend of September 15 during The Ride Home celebration to meet with Superintendent Charles Sellers and the chairman of The Friends of Andersonville to explore opportunities. This is not an overnight process—too much is at stake.

The prisoner of war experience is a dynamic addendum to our nation's history and reflects the selfless spirit of those who answered the call from Concord to the mud of Korea, the Red River Valley of Vietnam, the sands of the Middle East, or the hills of Eastern Europe. We must insure that this story is preserved for future generations—not in dusty volumes but in graphic, multimedia forms that reflect the courage and even the suffering of the men and women who were held captive by enemy forces.

The way ahead is today unknown and uncharted, however it offers an opportunity to expand our exposure as we transition to a more legacy-based organization. Together, we must embrace the future.

David

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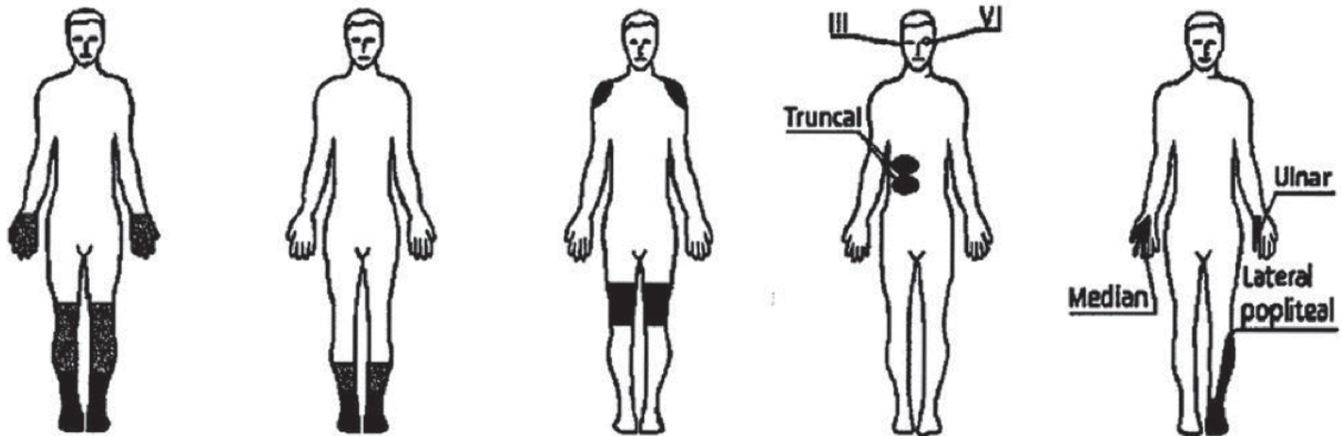
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Sensorimotor Polyneuropathy

Sensorimotor polyneuropathy is a condition that causes a decreased ability to move or feel (sensation) because of nerve damage.

Causes

“Neuropathy” means “disease of nerve.”

The term “peripheral” means that the disease is occurring to nerve tissue outside the brain and spinal cord. This includes injury of nerves to muscles (motor nerves), nerves from the skin (sensory nerves), and/

or nerves to the gut and other internal organs (autonomic nerves).

Peripheral neuropathy is a very broad topic that demands classification for purposes of diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment. An initial distinction may be made between focal and generalized peripheral neuropathies.

A focal neuropathy means only one or, at most, a few nerves are injured. Pain, numbness, and weakness are confined to a single limb or a small region of the trunk or head. Focal neuropathies are typically caused by compression or trauma. Carpal tunnel syndrome, a common syndrome characterized by nighttime numbness and tingling in the hand, is an example of a focal neuropathy. Compression of a major forearm

nerve called the median nerve causes this syndrome.

Generalized neuropathies present as pain, numbness, tingling, and, sometimes, weakness that affect both sides of the body. The feet and toes are commonly affected early in the course of a generalized neuropathy. Generalized neuropathies are also called polyneuropathies.

Sensorimotor polyneuropathy is a bodywide (systemic) process that damages nerve cells, nerve fibers (axons), and nerve coverings (myelin sheath). Damage to the covering of the nerve cell causes nerve signals

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to slow or stop. Damage to the nerve fiber or entire nerve cell can make the nerve stop working. Some neuropathies develop over years, while others can start and get severe within hours to days.

Nerve damage can be caused by:
Autoimmune (when the body attacks itself) disorders
Conditions that put pressure on nerves
Decreased blood flow to the nerve
Diseases that destroy the glue (connective tissue) that holds cells and tissues together
Swelling (inflammation) of the nerves

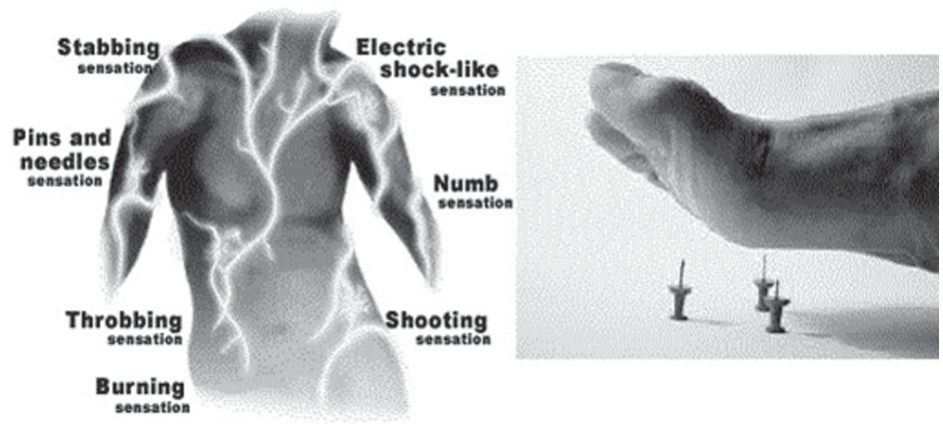
Some diseases lead to polyneuropathy that is mainly sensory or mainly motor. Possible causes of sensorimotor polyneuropathy include:

- Alcoholic neuropathy
- Cancer (called a paraneoplastic neuropathy)
- Chronic inflammatory neuropathy
- Diabetic neuropathy
- Drug-related neuropathy, including chemotherapy
- Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Hereditary neuropathy
- Vitamin deficiency (vitamins B12, B1, and E)

Symptoms

Symptoms may include any of the following:

- Decreased feeling in any area of the body
- Difficulty swallowing or breathing
- Difficulty using the arms or hands
- Difficulty using the legs or feet
- Difficulty walking



Pain, burning, tingling, or abnormal feeling in any area of the body (called neuralgia)
Weakness of the face, arms, or legs, or any area of the body

Symptoms may develop quickly (as in Guillain-Barré syndrome) or slowly over weeks to years. Symptoms usually occur on both sides of the body. Most often, they start at the ends of the toes first.

Exams and Tests

The health care provider will examine you and ask about your symptoms.

An exam may show:

- Decreased feeling (may affect touch, pain, vibration, or position sensation)
- Diminished reflexes (most commonly the ankle)
- Muscle atrophy
- Muscle twitches
- Muscle weakness
- Paralysis

Tests may include:

- Biopsy
- Blood tests
- Electrical test of the muscles (EMG)
- Electrical test of nerve conduction
- X-rays or other imaging tests

Treatment

Goals of treatment include:

- Finding the cause
- Controlling the symptoms
- Promoting a person's self-care

and independence
Depending on the cause, treatment may include:
Changing medicines, if they are causing the problem
Controlling blood sugar level, when the neuropathy is from diabetes
Not drinking alcohol
Taking daily nutritional supplements
Medicines to treat the underlying cause of the polyneuropathy
Promoting Self-Care and Independence
Exercises and retraining to maximize function of the damaged nerves
Job (vocational) therapy
Occupational therapy
Orthopedic treatments
Physical therapy
Wheelchairs, braces, or splints
Control of Symptoms

Safety is important for people with neuropathy. Lack of muscle control and decreased sensation can increase the risk of falls or other injuries.

If you have movement difficulties, these measures can help keep you safe:

- Leave lights on.
- Remove obstacles (such as loose rugs that may slip on the floor).
- Test water temperature before bathing.
- Use railings.
- Wear protective shoes (such as those with closed toes and low

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heels).

Wear shoes that have non-slippery soles.

Other tips include:

Check your feet (or other affected area) daily for bruises, open skin areas, or other injuries, which you may not notice and can become infected. Check the inside of shoes often for grit or rough spots that may injure your feet.

Visit a foot doctor (podiatrist) to assess and reduce the risk of injury to your feet.

Avoid leaning on your elbows, crossing your knees, or being in other positions that put prolonged pressure on certain body areas.

Medicines used to treat this condition:

Over-the-counter drugs and prescription pain relievers to reduce stabbing pain (neuralgia)
Anticonvulsants or anti-depressants
Lotions, creams, or medicated patches

Use pain medicine only when necessary. Keeping your body in the proper position or keeping bed linens off a tender body part may help control pain.

When to Contact a Medical Professional

Call your provider if you have loss of movement or feeling in a part of your body. Early diagnosis and treatment increase the chance of controlling the symptoms.

Alternative Names

Polyneuropathy - sensorimotor

Support Groups

These groups can provide more



information about neuropathy.

Neuropathy Action Foundation:

www.neuropathyaction.org

The Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy:

www.foundationforpn.org/

Neuropathy Support Network:

www.neuropathysupportnetwork.org

Outlook (Prognosis)

In some cases, you can fully recover from peripheral neuropathy if your provider can find the cause and successfully treat it, and if the damage does not affect the entire nerve cell.

The amount of disability varies. Some people have no disability. Others have partial or complete loss of movement, function, or feeling. Nerve pain may be uncomfortable and may last for a long time.

In some cases, sensorimotor polyneuropathy causes severe, life-threatening symptoms.

Possible Complications

Problems that may result include:

Deformity

Injury to feet (caused by bad

shoes or hot water when stepping into the bathtub)

Numbness

Pain

Trouble walking

Weakness

Difficulty breathing or swallowing (in severe cases)

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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. Private Joe Demler and another POW are liberated from XII-A, Limburg.



7. Survivors of Suchon Tunnel Massacre, Korea.



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



9. Nick Mustacchia, 100 days as a POW -- 100 lb. weight loss, Stalag Luft IV.

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The political landscape has been very busy. The Republicans have named their candidate, Donald Trump and the Democrats have put their support behind Hillary Clinton. It is hard to remember two more dissimilar candidates. With most Presidents obtaining two terms for eight years in the White House, it is critical you support the candidate that best represents your beliefs and values.

Prior to the Congressional summer vacation, there have been several actions taken on behalf of veterans. First, the Veterans Compensation COLA Act of 2016 has been passed by both the House and Senate and is awaiting the President's signature. Unlike Social Security benefits, which are automatically increased by statute, Congress must pass a bill each year to ensure that the benefits that disabled veterans and their survivors have earned are increased to keep pace with inflation. The Social Security Administration typically announces COLA changes in October.

Congress also passed S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016, which aims to address the abuse of opioids throughout the country including limiting the use of opioids to treat

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veterans with chronic pain and mental health conditions. Overdoses from heroin, prescription drugs, and opioid pain relievers last year surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of injury-related death in America.

The Senate also passed S. 1555, the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015, which recognizes Filipino veterans for their support of the United States Armed Forces during World War II. It awaits a vote by the House of Representatives.

The Commission on Care was created in 2014 under legislation that established the Veterans Choice program to report on recommending ways to improve the VA health care system. Its final report was issued including 18 recommendations on how VA delivers care to veterans, the governance and workforce of the VA health care system and which veterans are eligible for VA health care. Diverse opinions exist within Congress, the VA, and Veterans service organizations. The expectations were for the Commission to provide Congress with a framework for designing the Veterans Health Administration for the next 20 years.

The Arlington National Advisory committee is studying whether changes could or should be made to eligibility requirements to extend the cemetery's lifespan. Right now, all active-duty deaths are eligible, as well as military retirees, those with qualifying medals, and those with honorable discharges. Based on its current pace, Arlington will run out of space sometime between the years 2050 and 2070, a timeframe

that takes into consideration the 90,000 current available spaces, the 27,000 additional spaces from its millennium project, and the 45,000 to 50,000 spaces to be gained from a southern expansion into where the Navy Annex once stood.

A proposed Senate Bill, Veterans First Act, establishes sweeping reform for mental health services by the VA for the veterans. It passed the VA subcommittee and is awaiting the full vote of the senate, identified as S 2921.

Proposed Bill HR. 799 is calling on the United States Government to resume talks with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea regarding the research, investigation, recovery, and identification of missing and unaccounted members of the United States Armed Forces from the Korean War. This Bill is still in the early stages and would benefit from your support by contacting your Congressman.

-----Remember-----

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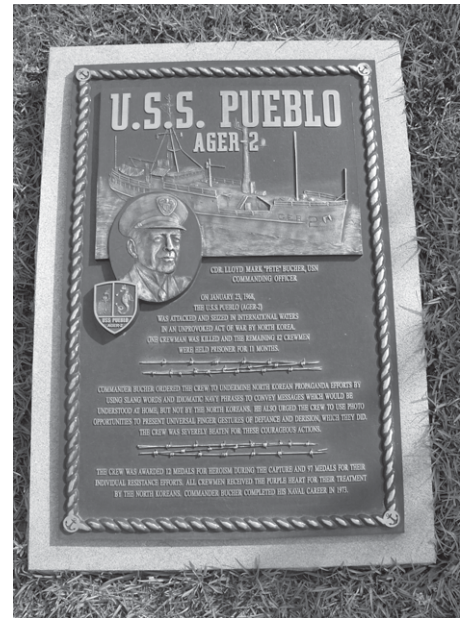
As the end of August 1864 approached, POW George Pennington wrote a short, pointed journal entry. "Very hot, no signs of getting out of here yet." The open field of Camp Sumter military prison, better known as Andersonville, offered Pennington and the other Union prisoners of war no relief from the intense sun and oppressive heat and humidity of summer in southern Georgia. That August saw Camp Sumter at its worst, with 33,000 men crammed in a space built for 10,000 and with the stench of unsanitary conditions noted by communities ten miles away.

Over 150 years later, it is difficult for visitors to imagine the suffering those American soldiers and so many others endured for their country. Late summer visitors to

Andersonville National Historic Site often notice the heat and humidity. Park staffs use such moments as opportunities to help visitors begin to connect with and understand the prisoner of war experience.

As summer turns to fall, park staff continues to work diligently on numerous projects. For our Administrative Division, September is the busiest time of the year as the federal government's fiscal year comes to an end and budgets must be reconciled and accounts closed out. The Resource Management staff is carefully cataloging and working with the park's collections. Maintenance staff has their hands full as summer rains slow project work and speed the growth of grass and other vegetation that must be managed. Interpretation staff gears up for the new school year and upcoming events. All park divisions have annual reports to complete at this time of year. None of these activities takes precedence over our commitment to serve the public, continue burial operations for our fallen military, and preserve the stories of American prisoners of war.

We invite everyone to attend our National POW/MIA Recognition Day activities in September. The Avenue of Flags will be raised in the park in honor of this day. The Convocation will take place September 14th, 11:00 a.m., at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus. The featured speaker for the Convocation will be Dr. Derek Mallett, Assistant Professor of Military History, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Gordon, Georgia. Dr. Mallett will speak about his work at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Honolulu, Hawaii and the ongoing work to identify the unaccounted for from America's past conflicts. On September 16th, 9:00 a.m., a rededication of the USS Pueblo Memorial Plaque will take place in the park in front of the National Prisoner of War Museum. Several members of the USS Pueblo's crew, who were held prisoner for 11 months by North Korea in 1968, are expected to attend, and one crew member will share their story as part of this rededication. We are



honored to continue working with Georgia Southwestern State University and The Ride Home to conduct this annual event.

The "Victory From Within" traveling POW exhibit will be on display at the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus, Georgia until January 31, 2017. We invite anyone visiting the Columbus area to visit the National Civil War Naval Museum and see this powerful exhibit. Park staff will be conducting some much-needed cleaning and inspections of the exhibit, which has been traveling for 3 years now.

Andersonville National Historic Site and other national parks continue to commemorate the 100th birthday of the National Park Service in 2016. The National Park Service Centennial message is a recurring theme incorporated into park events across the nation as we recognize the agency entrusted to care for America's special places and tell America's stories. National Park sites preserve our shared heritage and history, including the legacy of courage and sacrifice embodied by those Americans who have suffered as prisoners of war.

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Setting the Record Straight

An occasional column intended to highlight and correct grievous historical errors being perpetuated about the civilian prisoner experience and war in the Philippines~Sascha Jansen

A friend sent a newspaper article written by a **Diana Russell Cantrel**, who was in Los Banos Civilian Japanese Prison Camp in the Philippines during WWII, and I just thought I would send along this bit of information to shake up your day. Ready?

Cantrel was a special guest for the 196th Regimental Combat Team Reunion in Idaho, where she revealed her made up stories to an audience of veterans, with her article running in their newsletter, *THE FOXHOLE*. This article was about her life in camp with her family, and states in part – ***“I knew life was a desperate enterprise where you pleased or you were punished. The first time I failed to please, they pulled out my fingernails. The second time I was hung on barbed wire for a night and 2 days without water. I was 3 years old.”***

Really? Did you folks get that?

Cantrel takes grievous blind liberties in charging that these Japanese atrocities really did happen to her. Well, now-let’s delve into these claims.

Already suffering from malnutrition, no child of this age can make it through two full days in the hot sun hanging from a barbed wire fence without water. Coupling with the tale of a whole night of the same treatment seems to replenish the writer’s lack of sensibility and mental capacity, leaving an enormous playing field for Russell’s proclivity for blatant lies.

Two main characteristics of the climate in the Philippines are: severe elevated temperatures and severe atmospheric humidity. This poor child would have been dead in a few hours from immediate dehydration with renal failure, and multiple organs shut down.

I am not addressing the results of “tearing out her fingernails.” Why? None of these atrocities happened. Not one child in any civilian prison camp in the Philippines was ever treated thusly. Want proof? Ask anyone of the civilian prisoners from the Los Baños, Santo Tomas, Baguio and Bilibid camps that are alive and well. Most importantly, all the camps kept meticulous records of grave illnesses and hospitalized patients of all ages.

Any questionable maltreatment, torturing and executions by the Japanese were reported and recorded. The wounded prisoners and those who died from shelling and air attacks were treated by medical staff, noted, and became post-liberation camp statistics. Any questions? We will be more than glad to SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

Later on in the article, Diana informs us, *“My mother died at the age of 44 years from the effects of torture.”* Again, we are snowed with grave untruths by a mind that has a need to place itself on center stage in a WWII tragedy, plagiarizing other’s real life horrific events, no matter what the cost.

Shame, Diana Russell Cantrel!

Because so many “statements of truth” and “true facts” have come across my desk on a daily basis regarding our WWII prison history, I decided to do something about it and attempt to set the record straight. Or at least, try to. It boggles my mind and sometimes causes me frustrating moments of shoulder flinching when dealing with these statements.

One of my favorites is – “When General MacArthur came into Santo Tomas standing on the back of a flatbed truck”.....Now, this person was not in Santo Tomas, but her mother was. She emphatically assured me her mother would not make up this story. She saw him on the truck. We went a few rounds on this one.

My response to her was that he came into camp in a Command car, as a flat bed truck was wide open and dangerous to be so exposed for the enemy to see. On his arrival on February 7th, just 4 days after our liberation, as the Manila battle was raging, no one rode around on a flatbed truck, let alone a General of the opposing army. What a target that would have been. We saw General MacArthur arrive and leave in a Command car. There are pictures to prove this. I still have that nagging feeling I did not make any points.

Recently, this query came to my attention. A woman wrote that she heard from the son of her father’s good friend. His father was in the US Military and came in with the liberating troops to Manila. He himself was not assigned to the 1st Cav’s Flying Column, but talked his way into hitchhiking with the lead tank, Battling Basic, to liberate Santo Tomas. He did so because he had a gal friend who was in this particular camp who he wanted to see. Upon crashing through the front gate with this tank, he saw his friend standing with other women teachers by a

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building. His heroic gesture of scooping up these women onto the tank and going out the front gate immediately to freedom became a little too much for me to bear. Talk about flinching and wincing!

Those of us who were in camp, and/or in Manila at the time, know this is not true. We all know the answers. Battling Basic did not turn around to leave camp as soon as it arrived. They did not scoop up anyone. The machine gunner of said tank, John Hencke, became our good friend till his passing three years ago. We got the real story from him through the years. They had to secure the camp and to keep us safe. They had a job to do for the whole camp, not flee the grounds with a bunch of women taking them straight into the arms of a hot war in the city. The ending? I put my spurs on for this one. It pained me to hear this delightful lady keep saying to me, "But, why would he tell such tales?"

Write to me if you have any questions on particular points of interest or historical fact or fiction needing clarification. If I do not know the answer, I know people who do. You can bet on it!

Maraming Salamats!
Bahalana!
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Commander, Angus Lorenzen



Sept. 7-11, 2016. The 106th Infantry Division and 104th Infantry Division Reunion. The 70th annual reunion of the 106th Infantry Division will be jointly held with the 104th ID in Arlington, VA. For details, please visit <http://106thinfdivassn.org/events.html#annual> or email Host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org, or call Wayne Dunn at 410-409-1141.

Sept. 15-17, 2016. The Ride Home, for National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Events will be held at Andersonville/Americus, GA. All POWs are honored guests of The Ride Home. Room accommodations, Heroes Dinner and Ground Pounder & Fly-Boy Luncheon is included. For more information, please see pages 22-23 of the March/April issue, EX-POW Bulletin or contact: Jim "Moe" Moyer, The Ride Home, 3818 Litchfield Loop, Lake Wales, FL 33859; Phone: 863-324-7268; moehog@verizon.net. www.theridehome.com

Feb. 1, 2017. BACEPOW Reunion in New Orleans, LA. The WW II Museum in New Orleans was inspired by Stephen E. Ambrose, American historian and biographer, a long-time professor of history at the University of New Orleans and the author of many best selling volumes of American popular history. Mr. Ambrose's life passion was concentrated on the European Theater of WWII before his untimely death in 2002.

Ambrose's works and avid interests and specific works with D-Day veterans, inspired him to found the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans. He initiated fundraising by donating \$500,000 and secured large contributions from the federal government, the State of Louisiana, Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg and many individual smaller donations. In 2003, Congress designated the

museum as "America's National World War II Museum." The Stephen E. Ambrose Memorial Fund continues to support the development of the museum's Center for Study of the American Spirit, its educational programs and oral history and public initiatives.

Some of his memorable works within recent times include the HBO series - the unforgettable *Saving Private Ryan*, also *Band of Brothers - E Company - 101st Airborne and D-Day*, and his book, *Citizen Soldiers*, which became a number one New York Times best seller. His contributions to American history are gifts of the ages.

Located on a six acre campus, in downtown New Orleans, where five soaring pavilions house historical exhibits, multimedia experiences, a period dining theater, an expansive collection of oral histories and artifacts stands tall with the idea of introducing the public of students and scholars to the inside of WW II. The museum, with its treasures, welcomes us to its generation that sacrificed so much to secure our freedom.

Arrival: Wednesday - February 1st
Hotel: Embassy Suites New Orleans

Banquet: February 2nd

All Day Program and Visit at WW II Museum - February 3rd

Departure Dates: Feb 4th or choose your own personal departure date.

Please keep these dates in mind for a memorable 2017 BACEPOW reunion. More information will be forthcoming in the months to come.

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Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future

The 75th Commemoration of the December 7, 1941 Attack on Pearl Harbor

Focus and Theme

Japan's December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and six other military bases on the Hawaiian island of Oahu precipitated America's entry into World War II, a global conflict. Pearl Harbor endures as a symbol of American resilience and resolve, and the annual commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor fosters reflection, remembrance, and understanding.

The 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor is an opportunity to honor the sacrifice and dedication of our "Greatest Generation" both civilian and military, the endured incredible sacrifices on December 7, 1941, the "date which will live in infamy." It would thrust America into World War II, changing Hawaii and America forever and continues to define their place in the world. The events of that date triggered our resolve as a nation, our can-do attitude and resourcefulness and an unmatched commitment to the defense of freedom.

Events - free and open to the public. For more information, go to: <http://pearlharbor75thanniversary.com>

Thursday, December 1

Military Band Performance 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. | Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Lanai

Friday, December 2

Military Band Performance 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. | Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Lanai

USS Arizona Reunion Association Wreath Laying Ceremony 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. | National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl)

Movie on Waikiki Beach (U.S. Air Force Theme) 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. | Waikiki Outdoor Theater

Saturday, December 3

Military Band Performance 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. | Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Lanai

Sunday, December 4

Military Band Performance 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. | Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Lanai

Ford Island Aerological Tower Dedication 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. | Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Hawaii Remembers - Block Party 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Home of the Brave Museum & Brewseum

Movie on Waikiki Beach (U.S. Navy Theme) 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. | Waikiki Outdoor Theater

Monday, December 5

Military Band Performance 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. | Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Lanai

Movie on Waikiki Beach (U.S. Army Theme) 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. | Waikiki Outdoor Theater

Evening with the Keynote Speaker 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Theater

Tuesday, December 6

Military Band Performance 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. | Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Lanai

8th Annual Ewa Field Battlefield Commemoration 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. | Ewa Plain Battlefield

Freedom Bell Opening Ceremony and Bell Ringing 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park

Wednesday, December 7

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration 7:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. | Kilo Pier, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam | Live Stream Available

Attack on Hickam Field Ceremony & Reception 7:50 a.m. | Atterbury Circle, Hickam AFB

Brunch with Veterans 9 a.m. | Officers' Club Lanai, Hickam AFB

Freedom Bell Ringing 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park

75th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Mass Band Performance Noon to 1 p.m. | Battleship Missouri Memorial

USS Oklahoma Memorial Ceremony 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | USS *Oklahoma* Memorial, Ford Island

Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade and Public Ceremony 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | Kalakaua Avenue, Waikiki

Thursday, December 8

Freedom Bell Ringing 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. | USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park

Doris Miller Bust Rededication Ceremony 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Doris Miller Housing

Movie on Waikiki Beach (U.S. Marine Corps Theme) 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. | Waikiki Outdoor Theater

Friday, December 9

Freedom Bell Ringing 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. | USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park

Movie on Waikiki Beach (U.S. Coast Guard Movie Theme) 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. | Waikiki Outdoor Theater

Saturday, December 10

Freedom Bell Ringing 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. | USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park

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Solemn Honor From Gallant Steeds

by Alice A. Booher

Horses have been an integral part of military history for thousands of years, in and out of battle. For the most part, many of these practices have been phased out [although it should be noted that for the first time since WWII and the cessation of the Cavalry, at the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, American soldiers on horses were inserted into the mountains of Northern Afghanistan]. However, one of the most familiar and compelling rituals involving horses endures: their visually haunting participation in a Full Military Honors funeral. The elegant precision, memorable beauty and professional majesty of these horse units deserve further investigation.

Most prominent are the members of the Caisson platoon of the 3d United States Infantry "The Old Guard." Located at Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall (Ft. Myer), The Old Guard is a remarkable volunteer unit (the Army's oldest infantry regiment dating to 1784) which is responsible for military ceremonies at The White House, the Pentagon and at national memorials, maintains the 24/7 vigil at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and serves as mounted escort for funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. [Utilization of the Caisson Platoon is an honor reserved for officers of the U.S. military who are eligible for burial or inurnment]. The horses are saddle-broken when received, but the soldiers are infantrymen, not usually trained horsemen; both undergo rigorous training. A McClellan saddle is used, and both rider and horse must



maintain erect posture and high professional standards. The soldiers learn to prepare and clean the saddle, stall and horse, shine 314 pieces of brass each morning, and maintain unique ceremonial tack and harness. Each horse gets a daily pre-dawn shower: some love it, some merely tolerate it, and some consider it a time to "horse around". The soldier dries, grooms and prepares his horse to be hitched up to the caisson, taking several hours (starting at 0400 hours). The Army has a

designation of Caisson Soldiers with the Additional Skill Identifier D2 - Army Horseman. The unit is relatively self-supporting and even trains soldiers as farriers (skilled combination of a blacksmith and part veterinarian for all those equine hoof problems). Full vet facilities are available close-by. Soldiers enjoy long but apparently fulfilling hours in their weekly alternating stints, taking care of the horses and the equipment, and ceremonial duties. Most horses live at Ft. Myer but some rest during off-weeks at nearby Ft. Belvoir. The platoon is comprised of 4 riding teams, roughly 50 service men and women, and about 60 horses, all observed by a watchful stable-resident black tabby cat called Rihanna.



The 5 black caissons, built in 1918, and used for 75mm cannons, were originally equipped with ammunition chests, spare wheels, and tools. Today these have been removed and replaced with the flat deck on which the casket rests. For cremains, the urn may be placed in an elevated niche at the casket back which is covered by the flag. For casket security, they are currently replacing brass tabs; the paint and other accoutrements are kept immaculate.

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The two on-duty teams at any given time consist of seven horses, six of whom pull the caisson. Horses, matched gray (or "white") or black (or dark brown), used to be purchased or bred by the Army, but now come through donations (e.g., 7 elegant Spanish Riding Stable Lipizzaners were given to the Army in 1981 by Temple Smith, Jr. of IL). Each team has one Section Horse; two Lead Horses (second most experienced); Two Swing Horses (least experienced, in the middle); and Two Wheel Horses (most experienced, nearest the caisson, acting as brakes, (e.g., **Lee** and **Grant** tried to stop a runaway caisson and were injured some years ago). All seven are saddled, but only the three on the left side and the Section Horse (which is the guide horse) are ridden. In war, the three without mounts would have held supplies, feed or were intended as replacements. The horses may mischievously roll their eyes or nip at one another while being prepared, but once hooked up and work starts, they are categorically all business.

One of the oldest and most evocative of military traditions in a full honor funeral is that of the riderless, caparisoned ("cap" or ornamented horse). It is said that this dates back to the time of Genghis Khan, the saddle being empty and the rider's boots reversed in the stirrups, signifying that the service member would never ride again (the ancient ceremony also involved sacrificing the horse for burial alongside the deceased warrior). The riderless horse is now authorized for Army and Marines burials for those of the rank of COL and above. A service member escort carries the deceased's colors with the unit.

Riderless horses participated in the funerals of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, according to various histories and *The Washington Post* in February 2016. Other sources note that Lincoln was the first to have a caparisoned

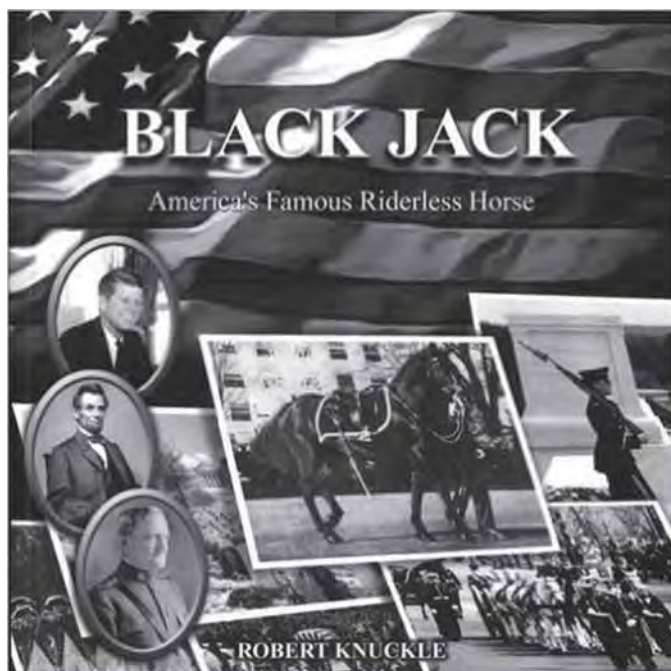
horse, although Tobias Lear, Washington's personal secretary recorded that Washington's horse was part of his funeral. Similarly, Zachary Taylor's personal horse, *Old Whitey*, was in his funeral procession.

Perhaps the best known equine member of the Caisson Platoon of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) was the coal black Morgan-American Quarterhorse Cross named for GEN John J. (**Black Jack**) Pershing. Foaled in KS, January 19, 1947, he was said to be "sleek, beautiful, fiery and sometimes hard to manage". He arrived as a 6-year old at Ft. Myer from the Ft. Reno, OK cavalry remount station. He was the last of the Quartermaster-issue horses branded with the U.S. Army brand on his left shoulder and his Army serial number 2V56 on the left side of his neck. Black Jack served in more than a thousand funerals (mostly at Arlington), but is perhaps best known as the compelling rider-less horse at state funerals, [John F. Kennedy (1963); Herbert Hoover (1964); Lyndon B. Johnson (1973); and General Douglas MacArthur (1964)]. [The horse unit and caisson were also used for Washington portions of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt



funeral in 1945, and the Dwight David Eisenhower funeral in March 1969]. For the mourning assassination-stunned nation watching it on TV, Black Jack and his remarkable spirit would symbolize the aura of the Kennedy funeral. According to an article by a *Pentagram* reporter, on the day of that funeral, his handler (who had been with him in 70 funerals), said he was particularly unruly and nearly uncontrollable. Spooked by a loud noise as a caisson wheel snagged on a large steel grate as they passed the Treasury Department, the horse also stepped on the handler's foot at St. Matthews Cathedral, and remained agitated throughout the procession. One of his greatest admirers was Jacqueline Kennedy, who asked the Secretary of the Army if she could purchase him when he retired. Her request was acknowledged; she

later received his caparison, which included his saddle, bridle, saddle blanket, sword, boots and spurs. However, when not working, the horse was known in the barn as a "ham", putting on a show when a child or camera was present. Thousands swarmed to his fan club and even baked him his favorite butter pecan birthday cakes, fed him sugar cubes and generally fussed



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over him to his delight. Richard Nixon sent him a birthday card. Retiring in 1973, his health deteriorated; after his death in February 1976, 400 people attended the funeral, his remains carried on the caisson he had led so many times. He was buried with Full Military Honors on Summerall Field near the flagpole, a parade site usually reserved for senior retirements, with a special horseshoe configuration of shrubs and a bas-relief headstone. Several books were written about him including Robert Knuckle's *Black Jack: Americans Famous Riderless Horse* (2002).

The riderless horse tapped for Ronald Reagan's funeral in June 2004 was **Sergeant York**, a black 15-hands Standardbred gelding with bright eyes and a roached mane (making him look a bit like Opie Taylor on The Andy Griffith Show, apologies to Ron Howard). He started out life with the insipid name of *Allaboard Jules* who "tried hard"



but had had a rather lackluster career until 1996 (in 3 years, won 5 of 23 starts) at Freehold Raceway in NJ. Donated to the Army in 1997, he had an undeniably engaging personality, but at the first, he was said to be "more Gomer Pyle than George Patton". Since he was in a stable with other horses with historically relevant names such as the two brothers Grant and Lee, who had already made themselves

known for excellence, the Old Guard soldiers gave Jules a much more suitable name (for the WWI hero Sgt Alvin C. York). The skinny new arrival needed to bulk up a bit. In describing his stable behavior, it was said that whenever there were visitors, he would stick his head into the aisle and shake it in circles to get attention for a pat. His initial goofiness morphed into a more enduring gentle charm, although he (like many of his stablemates), continued to mug for the cameras. He came to love his new home where he was decidedly the "king", even in retirement; and developed into a master of all responsibilities from pulling marriage carriages to pageants and parades, and was never distracted. He became more and more professional in demeanor and accepted all responsibilities with grace and class. [See <http://www.equisearch.com>].

Of more recent horses, **Freedom** is a 12 year old cream-colored Quarterhorse gelding at 15.2 hands, acquired in 2010 as a therapeutic riding horse at the Ft. Belvoir Training Facility. He had to be retired from caisson duty when he was diagnosed with uveal cysts of his eye; put up for adoption, he is now living with

Sears in King George County, VA, where he will be used for casual trail riding.

Kennedy is a 15-year old black Standardbred gelding at 14.3 hands. Purchased after retiring from racing and groomed to be a caisson horse, he impressed all who encountered him with his profession-



alism and elegance as the riderless horse. However, in time, Kennedy developed the habit of kicking soldiers as well as the occasional cart tire, so he was retired from service and put up for adoption. An article in *The Washington Post* on July 12, 2016, noted that he had just been adopted by a former caisson soldier, Carroll Urzendowski, at Ft. Polk, LA., whose family includes his wife, 3 and 4 year old kids, and an 85 acre ranch in TX. Urzendowski described Kennedy as "interesting"; "let's say he will take advantage of his handler if the handler allows him to"...it's like raising a child. He intends to stop the hoof pawing business by getting Kennedy to trust him again and giving him something else to think about.

Quincy is an 11 year old black Quarterhorse gelding. He briefly worked in the caisson group, and is known for being approachable and loving with visitors, particularly children. In the funeral processions, Quincy usually walked at the front or in the middle position. Articles featuring Quincy note that he seems to know when someone is praising him, to which he responds by nodding, a gesture that is similar

to what he gives when they play music in the barn. His stall was next to Kennedy's. Quincy developed sore feet (diagnosed as navicular disease, requiring a special therapeutic shoe



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and medications), was retired and made available for adoption. The *Post's* July piece noted that Quincy had just been adopted by Sean Sutton and Kristen Whittaker, a veteran and his wife with a 7 and a 10 year old at Whit Acres Farm in MA. Quincy's new digs include automatic fly spraying in summer, heated barn in winter, a padded stall and 7 other permanent horse residents and 5 or more boarders receiving veterinary care.

In the long list of larger-than-life Arlington military horses, **Klinger** is unique. A black Percheron Morgan Cross Breed with a white star on his forehead, Klinger weighs 1,400 pounds and stands 16 hands high. He was born on a farm in Lamar, IA and worked there until he was 3 years old when he was donated to the Caisson Platoon (March 2003). In 2010, Betsy Beard [who lost her only son Army Specialist Bradley S. Beard in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004] of the nonprofit Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) lovingly wrote a fictionalized version of his story, *Klinger: A Story of Honor and Hope* (ISBN #978-0-578-05431-5, published by TAPS with the help of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation), citing his history and noting the extraordinary bond that had developed between this special horse and the children and mentors of the TAPS Good Grief Camp who had

begun to visit the stables at Ft. Myer during the annual TAPS seminar. (The book is suitable for both children and adults, is beautifully illustrated by Shelley Johannes, and may be purchased on the secondary market). In describing the award winning small book, Deborah Mullen, wife of former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff ADM Mike Mullen (who gave a copy of the book to England's Queen Elizabeth II), said: "*Klinger* is a beautiful touching story, and written so simply, yet managing to capture the sadness, the pride, the honor – and more. Every American should read this book." Klinger, one of the largest of the horses, was also one of the most gentle and soon became a favorite. Klinger has served as the Wheel Horse closest to the caisson and as the Section Horse, leading the others through the cemetery. Inducted in 2012 to the Equus Foundation Horse Stars Hall of Fame, Klinger has become a celebrity around Washington, having participated in more than 5,000 burial ceremonies, led Presidential Inaugural Parades, and has been the repeated guest of honor at the Washington International Horse Show Kids Day which established the Klinger Award in 2012. The sometimes mischievous Klinger (many will remember the favorite actor Jamie Farr's Corporal Maxwell Q. Klinger, of M*A*S*H) is an easy-going giant who loves visitors and sometimes lets soldiers sit on him when he is lying down. Klinger patiently worked with the wounded warriors undergoing Equine Assisted Psychotherapy Program at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.



It is worth mentioning that Arlington National Cemetery is not the only facility that reveres and well uses their equine soldiers...one perfect recent collateral example was the horse who drew the caisson at the September 2015 Andersonville POW Museum and Cemetery burial ceremony for 13,000 POWs. The earnest hard working white horse, named **Traveler**, was purchased in Georgia from the Amish in Ohio who had trained him. According to Charles Barr, Cemetery Administrator in correspondence with Florida's Jim "Moe" Moyer of The Ride Home, Traveler



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worked the funeral in association with the Hall County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard team, pulling



the caisson on which rested the pine casket containing child-made individual 13,000 stars.

When an Army caisson horse is retired from caisson duty, and if no other equestrian military units need his services, he may go on the literally greener pastures, as part of the adoption process. The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, in association with the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment's Caisson Horse Adoption program ensure that the horses are all placed for free in good homes and are well cared for in retirement from military service.

This is not an insubstantial commitment for the adopter. The program publishes horses ready for retirement to a Website, identifies potential adopters, and selects the best candidate. The specifics of the Caisson Horse Adoption Program is governed by October

14, 2014, *The Old Guard Regimental Policy Letter #17 - Caisson Horse Adoption*. Details are found at [Caisson Horse Adoption Application](#) at:



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usarmy.jbmhh.mdw.mbx.tog-pao@mail.mil. In the most recent cases of Kennedy and Quincy, the press became involved, thousands of individuals posted messages, and 25 families applied for each

horse showing a willingness to accept quite a responsibility. A vigorous vetting process is undertaken including site visits after review of the extensive questionnaire responses.

These huge, valiant proficient four-legged soldiers are known as consummate professionals when at work; they hold heads high, remain unperturbed (by flapping flags, cannons and sundry frights), are calm and motionless for hours and diligently perfect the routine of 8 funerals a day. They must be unexcitable but alert, and have steady nerves. They are bright, clever, occasionally moody, beautiful and often funny, and tend to be playful or mischievous when bored...well rounded soldiers who honor others with their expert precision and presence. The bonds between these horses, each other and their human associates are extraordinary. There is much written about the noble horse, but two adages seem

appropriate in this context: An old Yiddish proverb states: "The wagon rests in winter; the sleigh in summer; the horse never"; and an old Arabian proverb similarly notes: "The wind of heaven is that which blows between a horse's ears".

My Experience as an Intern at Andersonville National Historic Site

By Andrew Astley



Over the last two months it has been my honor to work as an intern with the Interpretation program at Andersonville National Historic Site.

In December of 2015, I was chosen as one of Gettysburg College's Pohanka interns for the coming year. This internship places students from Gettysburg College at a number of different national parks along the length of the east coast from Lexington, Massachusetts to Andersonville, Georgia. My two top choices had been Andersonville and Appomattox Court House. Both of these sites I chose for the same reason. I wanted the opportunity and challenge of interpreting sites that are still so active in memory today. Both of these sites, although for different reasons, I felt would be the opportunity I was looking for and Andersonville has certainly proved to be exactly that.

I believe that the past is only dead to those who ignore it and my time here at Andersonville has only reaffirmed that belief. The National Prisoner of War Museum, the Civil War prison site, and the National Cemetery all have very powerful stories that touch visitors in unique and often very personal ways.

Andersonville National Historic Site means numerous things to many people, whether it is a place of remembrance for a loved one who is buried here, a place of mourning, or

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a place of learning about prisoners of war and events that happened here. Further these meanings are not static. Whether it is a visitor's first time in the park or they are returning with friends or relatives, people are constantly creating new meanings of this place for themselves. To be in a position where I play a role in the interpretation of this meaning for people by providing information and provoking thought has been an incredibly fulfilling privilege. The Andersonville site is an incredible place and I often find it difficult to put into words. My time here has meant much to me and I know I will go forward encouraging many to visit after feeling for myself this place's importance.

Scorpion In Your Tent

A man was conducting an All Service member briefing one day, and he posed the question: "What would you do if you found a scorpion in your tent?"

A Sailor said, "I'd step on it."

A Soldier said, "I'd hit it with my boot."

A Marine said, "I'd catch it, break the stinger off, and eat it."

An Airman said, "I'd call room service and find out why there's a tent in my room."

News Briefs

Nearly 50% decline in Veteran Homelessness

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) announced the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States has been cut nearly in half since 2010. The data revealed a 17-percent decrease in veteran homelessness between January 2015 and January 2016—quadruple the previous year's annual decline—and a 47-percent decrease since 2010.

Project ARCH Transition

As the Project ARCH pilot program came to an end last month, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald announced that Veterans enrolled in the program will be able to continue receiving care closer to home. Taking advantage of options available under the Veterans Choice Program, such as the "unusual or excessive burden provision" and Provider Agreements, Veterans receiving care under Project ARCH will continue care without interruption when the pilot program ended August 7.

"There is nothing more important to us than serving the Veterans who served our country," said Secretary McDonald. "My commitment to those Veterans under Project ARCH is that we will do everything within our control to make sure they maintain continuity of care in their communities with the providers they know."

Project ARCH operated in Maine,

Virginia, Kansas, Montana and Arizona. In anticipation of the program's end, Project ARCH providers were contacted and invited to continue to provide health care to Veterans under the Veterans Choice Program.

HR 4910

H.R. 4910 has been introduced into the House of Representatives by Congressman Leonard Lance of New Jersey that would direct the POW/MIA flag to be flown beneath the U.S. Flag every day the U.S. Flag is flown over the U.S. Capitol and the White House. Current law requires the POW/MIA flag to be displayed only on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day.

The bill was introduced into the House Judiciary Committee and was then referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil/Justice.

POW/MIA Recoveries

"Keeping the Promise", "Fulfill their Trust" and "No one left behind" are several of many mottos that refer to the efforts of the Department of Defense to recover those who became missing while serving our nation. The number of Americans who remain missing from conflicts in this century are: World War II (73,515) Korean War (7,841), Cold War (126), Vietnam War (1,627), 1991 Gulf War (5), and Libya (1). Over 600 Defense Department men and women — both military and civilian — work in organizations around the world as part of DoD's personnel recovery and personnel accounting communities. They are all dedicated to the single mission of finding and bringing our missing personnel home.

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Conflict and Theater of Operation

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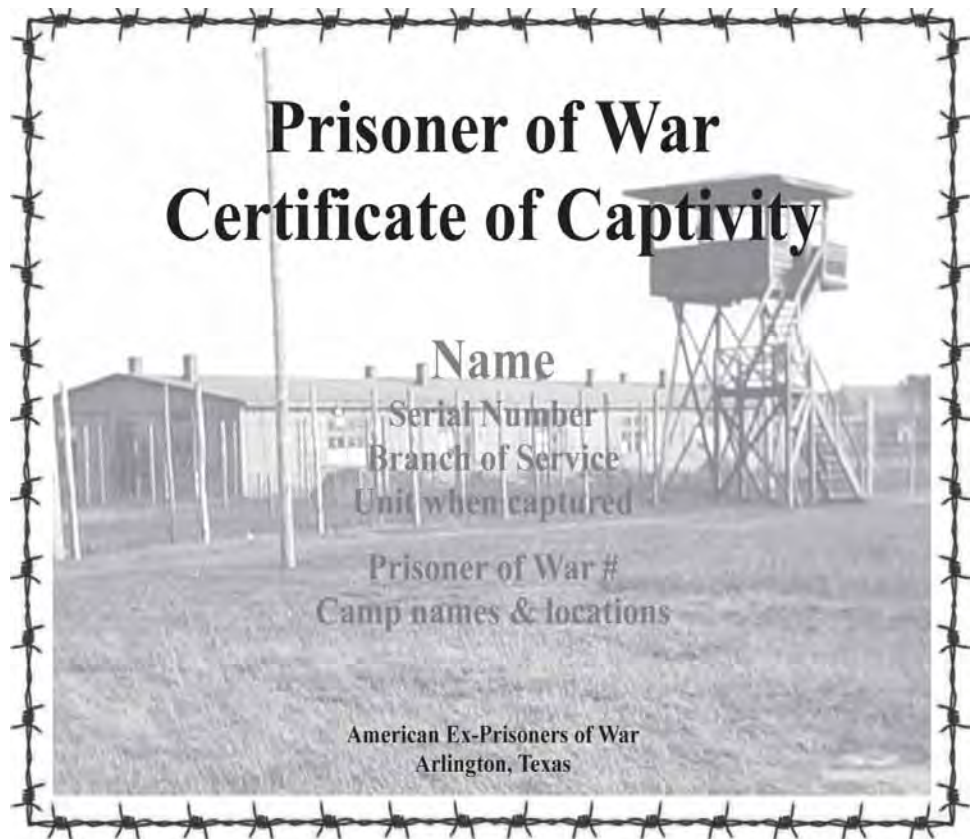
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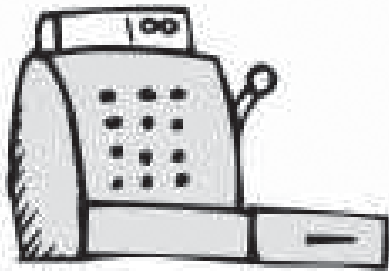
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A Salute to All Ex-
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And ended up in pens,
like cattle.
You kept your faith
through it all
You would return to
your loved ones and call.

The day you arrived in
the states
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loved-one's date.
It made it all worthwhile
We will be together for
another mile.
Through it all, it was
God's will
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by Ellen M. Blocker,
Magnolia Chapter,
AXPOW

The Meaningful Gift

A number of years ago, one of our
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PNC WARREN GARLAND KING, Sr. of Nashville, TN passed away May 30, 2016. He was born September 6, 1925, in Ararat, Virginia. He joined the U.S. Army November 8th, 1943 and served in the Fourth Division, 22nd Infantry, Company B Medical Division. Warren was captured December 5, 1944, in the Hurtgen Forest by the Germans. Where he was a prisoner of war in Stalag 6T, Stalag 6G, Stalag 12A, Stalag 4B where he ate sawdust to stay alive. He escaped the Germans and was held by the Russians from whom he escaped and came back across the Elbe River. He was 19 at the time and did not know how to swim. A strong veterans advocate, Warren was instrumental in having U.S 70 designated as The Ex-P.O.W. Highway Blue Star Highway. Warren served as the National Commander AXPOW 2007-2008 and was the long-serving Chapter Commander of the Alvin C. York Chapter in Tennessee. In addition to the American Ex-Prisoners of War, he was a life member of VFW, American Legion, Military order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, 4th Infantry Division WWII and Honorary member of Rolling Thunder Motorcycle club. He loved to write poetry and songs. Warren leaves his beloved Tennessee Sweetheart, Mary, his wife of 67 years, two sons: Warren Garland

King Jr (Donna) and James Gaither King; two grandsons Warren Garland King III (Tiffany) and Derrick Tyler King (Nikki); three sisters Lena Connolly, Mildred Cox and Arlene Chitwood; two great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. He will be missed by family and the friends that he grew to love and cherish.

ALDHIZER, Roxanne, 61, member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, died June 4, 2016. She is survived by Bill, her husband of over 30 years; two brothers, one sister and two nephews.

BROOKS, Howard Eugene, 96, of Mt. Laurel, NJ passed away April 12, 2016. He served on the USS Houston CA 30 in WWII. His ship was sunk by the Japanese and he was captured and held for 3 ½ years in several POW camps. His loving wife of 49 years, Silvia, 2 sons, 3 granddaughters, 1 sister, nieces, nephews, cousins and their families survive him.

COSIO, Amada Quirante, of Tacoma, WA died May 12, 2016. She was born in the Philippines in 1921. In 1947, she married Miguel, a Philippine Scout and they settled in Salinas, CA to raise her family. Amy is survived by 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and many loving relatives and friends.

COZBY, Warren Reynolds Sr., of China Spring, TX passed away June 14, 2016. During WWII, he served with the 482nd BG; his plane was shot down over France, he was captured and held in Luft 1, Barth. Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Lilian, seven children, twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren and their families.

CROSBY, Nancy, 79, of San Diego, CA died May 24, 2016. She and her husband, Tom (civilian POW, held in Santo Tomas) were active members of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW.

CRUMMEY, John James, of Deerfield, NH died May 26, 2016. He was 92. John enlisted in Army Air Corps in October 1942. He was a flight engineer and turret gunner based in Cerignola, Italy. He was shot down and captured on May 6, 1944, on a bombing mission in a B-24 Liberator over Romania (Polesti Oil Fields). He was held in Bulgaria. John leaves 6 children, grandchildren and their families.

DeMARIA, Vito, 92, of San Diego, CA died July 5, 2016. During WWII, he served in the Army, 1st Infantry. He was in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland before being captured. He was held until liberation. Vito was a member of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW.

DeVORE, Quentine Pershing, 97, of Grand Junction, CO passed away June 2, 2016. QP served in the Philippines as an armament specialist on B-17 bombers. He was captured by the Japanese, endured the Bataan Death March and more than 3 years of captivity. His wife, Dorothy Ann, predeceased him; he is survived by 3 sons and their families.

DONIA, Frank Charles, of Richmond Heights, OH passed away Nov. 13, 2015. He was captured while serving with the Army Air Corps during WWII; he was held in Lufts 1 and 4 until liberation. Frank's wife of 64 years, Vincetta (Dolores) survives him; he also leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and their families.

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EVERETT, John E., of San Antonio, TX died May 18, 2016. He was 91. In 1943, he was assigned to the 713th BS, flying out of England. His B-24 was shot down over Germany and he was captured and held until liberation. John is survived by his wife of 71 years, Dorothy; 1 daughter, 1 son, 2 grandchildren, 1 sister and their families.

HOWLAND, Sally, beloved wife of ex-POW William, passed away May 19, 2016. Sally and Bill were members of the Fox River Valley Chapter, AXPOW; Bill was commander of the chapter. In addition to her husband, Sally leaves 1 daughter. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

HUEBNER, Mildred A., of Wooster, OH died July 3, 2016. She was 92. Millie and her late husband, Bill were active members of AXPOW...both at the chapter and national levels. It was always a pleasure to see them at national conventions and watching them dance was joyful. Surviving are 1 son, 3 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter and 1 brother.

HURD, Mabel F., 95, died July 12, 2016. She was the widow of Robert Dale Hurd, who served in the ETO, 8th AF. She is survived by 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She was a kind and gentle soul and will be missed. She was a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.

JENKINS, Ernest R. Jr., 98, passed away April 18, 2016, in Charleston, SC. He joined the Army Air Corps, and was assigned to the 15th AF, 99th BG, 347th BS. After flying 21 successful missions, he was captured and held for 16 months at Stalag Luft 1 in Barth, Germany. He is survived by

1 son, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. **JENKINS, Sarah F.**, 91, passed away on October 25, 2010. She was the beloved wife of Ernest R. Jenkins Jr; they were married for 70 years. Both were life members of the Low Country Chapter, AXPOW.

JOHNSON, Kenneth, member of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW, died Jan. 22, 2016. He was 91. During WWII, he served with the 9th Division, USA. He was captured and held in Stalag 12A until liberation.

KADLEC, Georgia "Diane", of Valley Stream, NY passed away May 30, 2016. She was born in Illinois, then her family moved to Czechoslovakia. After the Nazi occupation and annexation, she and her mother were arrested and imprisoned. In 1949 she married Sidney Kadlec, who died in 1990. They emigrated to the US where they raised their family of 1 daughter, 1 son and 2 granddaughters.

MAYO, Hallet, of Goldsboro, NC died May 17, 2016. He was captured while serving with the 10th Reg., 5th Div.; he was held in Stalags 12A and 2B. Hallet was a member of the Coastal Plains Chapter, AXPOW. His wife, Linda, predeceased him; he is survived by 2 daughters.

MULLINS, Grover C., 95, of Windsor, MO passed away April 8, 2016. During WWII, Grover was stationed at Molesworth AFB England in 1943. The B-17 in which he was flying was shot down; after parachuting out, he was captured and held at Stalag 17B. In April of 1945 he was freed by elements of Patton's Third Army. He was a Past Commander of the State Fair Chapter, AXPOW.

PAFENBACH, William M. Jr., of Boynton Beach, FL passed away May 25, 2016. He was captured while serving as an Army Medic during WWII; he was held in 12A and 7A until liberation. Bill and his loving wife of 62 years, Betty, were life

members of AXPOW. In addition to his wife, he leaves 3 children, 3 grandchildren, 1 brother, numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

QUINCI, Jerry Barney, of Floral Park, NY died Feb. 24, 2016. He was 104 years old. During WWII, he served with the 28th Div., 110th Inf. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge, marched across Germany and liberated April 15, 1945. Jerry was a very special member of the Brooklyn "Key" Chapter. Survivors include a grand-nephew, Sandy.

REGAN, Edward J., of Centereach, NY, died Feb. 7, 2016. He was 90 years old. Ed was captured while serving with the 87th Golden Acorn Division and held in Germany until liberation. He leaves his beloved wife of 46 years, Marylou. Both were members of AXPOW.

REILY, James D., of San Diego, CA, passed away July 5, 2016 at the age of 92. He served as a bombardier with the 15th AF, 723rd BG during WWII; he was shot down, captured and held in Stalag Luft III, 7A and 13. James was a member of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW.

RILEY, Walter H., of Farmers Branch, TX died July 3, 2016 at the age of 83. A long-time member of the Dallas Chapter, and a life member of AXPOW. Walter served in the Navy during the Korean War; however, it was as a child during WWII that he and his family were interned by the Japanese at Santo Tomas in the Philippines. His wife of 53 years, Margaret, died in 2011; he leaves behind 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

RUSSELL (nee ROSENBERG), Alvin M., of Suffern, NY died March 5, 2016 at the age of 92. During WWII, he was stationed in England serving with the 8th AF, 82nd FS, 78th FG. He was shot down over Czechoslovakia and held at Stalag 18C until liberation. Survivors include his loving wife of almost 65 years, Janet, 1

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son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

SCHAEFER, Thomas E. 85, of Scottsdale and Peoria, AZ passed away May 31, 2016. He was a military attaché at the U. S. Embassy in Tehran and was the ranking military officer among 52 Americans held hostage in Iran for 444 days before being released on January 20, 1981. Tom spent 150 days in solitary confinement. He was an active member of the Agua Fria Chapter of Sun City, Arizona. Tom is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anita, two sons, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

SEIDEL, Irene, 96, of Raymond, IA died July 11, 2016. She was the wife of Verne, who served in the 168th Inf. And was captured at Faid Pass, North Africa. Irene’s family also includes 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

SHILLITO, Barry, 95, of San Diego, CA died Jan 24, 2016. During WWII, he served with the 8th AF, 445th BG, 703rd BS. He was shot down, captured and held in Luft 1, Barth until liberation. Barry was a member of San Diego Chapter, AXPOW.

SHOCKLEY, James Arley, of Salisbury, MD passed away Oct. 26, 2015. He was 90. Serving with the 90th Div. in WWII as part of the 3rd

Bn of the 359th Inf. Reg., he landed on Utah Beach in the Battle of Normandy at noon. He fought across France, then moved into Germany where he was captured. As a POW, he was marched across Germany until liberation. He was a member of Maryland East Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his loving wife of 67 years, Kitty, 2 daughter, 1 sister and their families.

ZABOROSKI, Leona, of Houston, TX died Nov. 6, 2015 at the age of 94. She as a life member of AXPOW, sister of RC Dehart, who died in a POW camp in July, 1944. Her husband, Louis, predeceased her; she leaves her son Robert, 1 grandson, 2 great-grandchildren, 4 siblings and numerous nieces and nephews.

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ND Benny Rayborn

“Mark Time! March!”

If you were ever in the military or a high school marching band I am sure you heard the words, “Mark Time! March!”

The phrase means march in the place you are standing with out moving. Your feet are raised and lowered. You have paused movement but you are expecting an order such as “Forward, March!” The phrase has come to mean movement without progress.

Our actions are meaningless. We are waiting. However, waiting for God means that we are expecting God to act. We are eagerly waiting, another word to use is “Hope”.. We are hoping for the best.

Life is full of waiting: Our Ex-POWs waited for their day of liberation. We wait at doctors’ offices, lines at the grocery check out, our spouses to get ready for some event and many other places but the best person to wait for is God.

While waiting for God, David in Psalm 25:3 relates that he is waiting for the wicked to be made ashamed, for the wrong that they had done very much as you and I would today if some one treats us wrongly..

In Psalm 25:4-5 David writes, “Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

(V5) Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.”

In verse 4 he asks for Divine knowledge because he knew he was teachable.

In verse 5 he seeks (“wait all the day”) Divine guidance and salvation. Our Ex-POWs will probably immediately think liberation from the prison camps while you and I today will think assurance of being Heaven bound and guidance for living in uncertain times.

My prayer for each of you is O Lord, Creator and Preserver of the universe and our soul, grant to us guidance and kindness thorough out our lives.

In Your Son’s Name. Amen.



Benny

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Name Badge Order Form

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Actual size of badge is size of a credit card

PLEASE PRINT:



Name _____

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

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

Ship to: _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

AXPOW Challenge Coin



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AXPOW Logo on front/Five services on reverse

\$10.00ea

Official AXPOW Cap (specify size)	40.00	Special Prayer Cards (pkg of 25)	6.00
Vinyl Cap Bag	3.00	AXPOW By-Laws	5.00
Necktie w/logo (regular only)	30.00	12x18 AXPOW Graveside Flag	10.00
U.S. Flag Bolo Tie	20.00	Aluminum License Plate	5.00
Mini POW Medal Bolo Tie	30.00	3" Vinyl Decal	1.00
Barbed Wire Pin	3.00	3" Inside Decal	1.00
Brooch pin	5.00	8" Vinyl Decal	6.00
EX-POW pin (goldtone)	5.00	12" Vinyl Decal	10.00
Logo pin	5.00	AXPOW Prayer Book	2.00
POW Stamp pin	3.00	Ladies Prayer Book	1.00
Past Chapter Commander pin	5.00	POW DVD – ETO or Pacific	11.00
Past Department Commander pin	5.00	"Speak Out" Education Packet	8.00
Magnetic Ribbons	5.00		
Challenge Coins	10.00		
Eagle pin w/Barbed Wire (silver)	8.00	CLOTH STRIPES (specify which title)	3.00
Vest Chainguard	8.00	Life Member · Chapter Commander · Chaplain · Historian · Past	
4" Blazer Patch	4.00	Chapter Commander · Chapter Adj/Treas · Chapter Adjutant · Chapter	
2" Medallion (for plaque)	6.00	Treasurer · Dept Commander · Past Dept Commander	
Canvas Totebag w/4" logo	15.00	Dep't Treasurer · Dep't Adjutant · Sr. Vice Commander · Jr. Vice	
AXPOW Notecards (pkg of 25)	6.00	Commander · Service Officer · Legislative Officer · Past Chapter Officer	
		· Past Department Officer	

QUANTITY	ITEM	SIZE / COLOR	PRICE

For orders up to 4.00, add \$3.00; For orders 4.01 to 7.99, add \$4.00; For orders 8.00 to 25.00, add \$8.00, For orders 25.01 to 49.99, add \$13.00; For orders 50.00 to 99.99, add \$15.00
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Total: \$

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My name is Luis Rivera and I am a Veteran/ Employee/ Volunteer , at the Brockton VA Hospital. This summer, I volunteered to take care of the POW-MIA Monument , which was donated by the SouthEast Chapter, AXPOW in 1995. I tilled, planted and mulched some flowers, added two benches, touched up the paint on the flag poles, replaced the flags with new ones and added a water source. I am attaching some Before and After pictures. It is a nice coincidence that the benches match the base of the memorial. I was able to accomplish this task thanks to the help from the Grounds crew , the Engineers, the Painters, the VA Police and the Volunteers dept., for their assistance in acquiring the materials and their advice as to making this happen. Special Shout-Out to Father Francis, from the Chapel, who happened to be walking by when I started the planting and Blessed the flowers. I hope you all like the outcome .





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