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Clockwise from top left: 1-3 — Our own Frank Kravetz, of Pittsburgh, PA was inducted into the Southwestern Veterans Center Hall of Fame. Frank has been an active member, former National Director and current National Service Officer. He has devoted himself to former POWs and their spouses for many years. "The recognition means a lot," said Frank. He and his wife, Anne, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in Sept. Congratulations and Best Wishes, Frank! 4 - Tacoma Chapter Commander Jim Wells assisting in ribbon cutting ceremony at the New Veterans Memorial Park in Tacoma, WA. 5 - Tacoma Chapter member ROBERT TROUPE relaxing with a hot dog, cake and coffee (compliments of the U.P. Fire Department) after riding the chapter float in the "Duck Parade" in University Place, WA. 6 - Tacoma Chapter float at the annual "Duck Parade" on June 3. (L to R) Cmdr. JIM WELLS, chapter members Joe Zelazny, Millie Farrow, Charles Kistler and PNC Maurice Sharp. PNC Chuck Towne cut out and painted the silhouette of the soldier kneeling at the gravesite.



national commander



Gerald Harvey

In just a few weeks it will be time for our National Convention. All of the information about the convention is in the July/August Bulletin. You need to study the Candidates who are running for office and the Resolutions on which we will be voting. Discuss them in your chapters and let your delegates know how you want them to vote.

I have been getting many questions about what has happened and what is happening in our national organization. I want to answer some of those questions.

Why did we disassociate AXPOW from the Foundation?

We did not disassociate from the Foundation. Very soon after it was established, the Foundation decided that they did not want to be a supporting organization and applied to the IRS to be a non-private foundation with no ties to AXPOW.

Except for the first four, we have not selected any of their board members; we have not had any part in deciding how they would raise money, how they would use it, or how much and to whom they would give grants.

Very little of the money that the Foundation has raised has been given to support the programs of AXPOW. AXPOW has received only one percent of all the money that they have raised using our name.

Most of the money has gone to the telemarketing company that did the fund raising.

Even as late as July 1st of this year, Charity Navigator studied 37 military and veteran related charities. The American Ex-Prisoner of War Foundation was the third worst based on the large percentage of donations that were used for fund raising. Because they use our name, this is destroying our reputation.

Why did we go to court and hire lawyers?

You need to remember that the Foundation sued AXPOW. We had to answer the suit. To do that we had to hire lawyers to protect ourselves. When our Board of Directors voted to take back our name and our mailing list, if the Foundation had agreed to stop using our name and our mailing list, there would have been no law suit and we wouldn't have had to hire lawyers.

AXPOW hired a lawyer who is an expert in trade mark law. This is the same law firm who handled our original trademark.

Because the suit was filed in a county circuit court in Maryland, we had to have a lawyer in Maryland to work with that court until the case was transferred to a federal court in Dallas, Texas. We had to have a law firm in Dallas to do what had to be done with the court there, working under the direction of our primary lawyer.

How much did the lawyers cost?

In budget year 2004-2005, \$20,000 was paid to lawyers. This budget year 2005-2006, payment to lawyers was \$43,227.48. \$4,193.43 was refunded by the law firm in Maryland. As of July 20th there had been \$3,600 donations to the legal fund, leaving a deficit of \$35,434.05 caused by the court case.

In the first eleven months of this fiscal year, we spent \$49,430.23 more than we took in. Of this amount \$35,434.05 was the deficit due to the court case. \$13,996.18 was what the deficit would have been if we didn't have the court case.

Why were you the only one representing AXPOW at the mediation between AXPOW and the Foundation?

As National Commander it was necessary for me to be there. Our lawyer was there to help with legal matters and to help me understand what the results of every decision would be. I did not ask others to come because I was trying to hold expense to a minimum. I did not think we needed the expense of paying travel and lodging for others to come. I paid my own expense.

The mediation, which was ordered by the judge to whom our case was assigned, was only a fraction of the cost that it would have been if we had to go to trial. When the mediator delivered to the court our signed Agreed Judgment, the agreement was signed by the judge and the case is closed.

If you have other questions, please call me and we will talk about it.

We want to thank all of you who are working so hard to help us raise money to overcome our deficits. We want to thank everyone who has made a donation and all those who will make donations.

We also are grateful for officers and committees who have kept their expenditures to a minimum. We know that you all care about the welfare of AXPOW and want to keep it alive.



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from national headquarters

I have received several telephone calls and emails about how a chapter votes through a department. I will explain the procedure.

If a chapter is unable to send a delegate to the National convention, they may designate how their state department casts their votes. The chapter must send a letter to their state department and send a copy of the letter to the Credentials committee at National Headquarters stating how they wish their votes cast. The chapter must be specific and name the candidates they want to vote for. The Credentials committee will verify that the chapter's votes are cast the way the chapter designated.

It's September already! Down to the last days before the 59th Annual National Convention, being held this year in Nashville, TN. We've already started boxing up materials to ship to the hotel and we expect to be making additions as we get closer.

We hope to see you all in Nashville!

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**Please send all materials to the
editor at the above address.**

For our annual members: It's membership renewal time. Please try to get your dues in early so you don't miss a single issue of the Bulletin.

On a personal note, I want to thank so many of you for your thoughts and prayers, cards and letters. I received such an outpouring of support during my recent hospitalization. I am profoundly moved.

Clydie,
Along with Sally, Marsha & Donna

POW-IS INFORMATION

"Prisoner of War Information System (POW-IS) is no longer in business due to health problems"

Thank you for your support over the years.
Patti Leigh.

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My column for the June issue of the Bulletin evoked many responses that signaled to me that many of you were interested in our camp and compared life there with life in your camps. Ed McKenzie's book, *Boys at War, Men at Peace* is not only a story of former enemy air combatants who meet to remember and reconcile, it describes "in living color" what life was like in Stalag XVII-B.

The American leader of this infamous Stalag, Kenneth Kurtenbach, provides his own accountings, describing events and conditions some of which have been known to only a few. He is quoted on the book jacket, *"Later on when someone asks what it was like, I will simply hand them this book and say 'Read this and you will know'."*

Another incident was an escape attempt in which two men were said to have been "shot to death". Ralph Lavoie was anxious to prove he was indeed still alive, and able to tell the story from his tragic perspective. His description is supplemented by the reports of eyewitnesses as well as by copies of MIS interviews developed for War Crimes Trials. (Ralph lives in New Hampshire and is a long time friend of the author, Ed McKenzie).

Then there is the visit to the Stalag by one of Hitler's top Panzer Generals, who insisted on talking to the top Americans in charge of the 4,250 shot down airmen. This was "Kurt", of course, and he tells of that experience. He also tells of the

Canadian Jew Reuben Rabinowitz, who poses as an American prisoner of war "Sgt. Harry Vozic". The story of his removal from the camp and "return" to England in a prisoner exchange or "repatriation" before he can be discovered is capped by Kurt's description of their meeting in Paris after the war.

Don Bevan, whose Broadway hit play, and later a movie named after the camp, in his comments on the compilation of *Boys at War, Men at Peace* said, "This is a wonderful complete account of the *real* Stalag Seventeen."

Les

This will probably be the last Bulletin before we arrive at the National Convention in Nashville, TN; however I will report on what is current as of Aug. 1, 2006. The House of Representatives has recessed and the Senate will recess in a couple of days. We are still working on our two presumptives, HR 1598 and S1271, which cover Osteoporosis and Diabetes. It doesn't look good as we still don't have many co-sponsors to the bills.

Yes, ALL of us are to blame - maybe we have not pushed the Members of Congress hard enough! If we do not succeed in this Congress, we will have to reintroduce the bills in the next Congress - 2007. Maybe something can be worked out on this Congress when they return for 15 days after Labor Day...we will then be at our National Convention and possibly some PUSH can happen!

Also, we are working on HR 2369, Honor our Fallen Prisoners of War Act, introduced by Rep. Bob Filner (CA), which honors all POWs with a Purple Heart, who died in captivity for any reason, including beatings, freezing, starvation and illness, as well as from wounds. The Bill was passed by the House of Representatives and included in the Defense Authorization Act.

This as good news; however the Senate chose instead to ask for a Presidential study of this issue, and that provision is what is included in the Senate's version of their Bill. When the members return in September, we need to encourage them to act on the House version of the Bill and not delay passage! The two Senators we must contact are: Senator John Warner (VA) and Senator Carl Levin (MI) to accept the House version! Hope to report more on this at Convention.

For everyone planning to attend the Convention, do plan to attend the National Capitol Office/Legislative Program on Oct. 5 from 1:30PM-3PM. At this writing, we have several important guests: Mr. Kevin Secor, Special Assistant to Secretary Jim Nicholson for the Veterans Service Organizations; Mr. Jim Fisher, Sr. Strategic Program, National Museum of the US Army, and possibly two representatives from the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees. Possibly another guest which we can not announce as complete details are still in the making! Do try to make our program Oct. 5th!

See you there...God Bless you
Mary

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON VA IDENTIFICATION CARDS:

If you have not received your new VA ID card as yet:

1) If your card is still the old one with your social security number on it, you will probably have to have a new photo taken as your photo is probably not in the computer system.

If you have been awarded the Purple Heart, bring your DD-214 or discharge showing the Purple Heart award to the Eligibility or Enrollment area of your VA Medical Center or VA Outpatient Clinic. Eligibility or Enrollment can check if your Purple Heart award is in the computer. If it is not in the computer, it can be added at that time and will assure it will be on your new ID card, along with Former POW.

2) If you encounter problems getting your correct VA ID card, contact Bridget Souza at Central VA at (202) 254-0486;\

Unfortunately the Purple Heart award was overlooked to be added in the computer at the time your claim was being processed as your Former POW status is what granted you your compensation. So, you may have to show your discharge or award certificate to get Purple Heart added to your card.

National Service Officer training will again be held on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, starting at 9:00 A.M. Not many changes have occurred during the past year, so this will mainly be a review for those already accredited. Of course, we are always looking for new service officers, especially in the states where there are no American Ex-POW service officers.

There will also be a men's and women's workshop on Friday, Oct. 6th. We will try to answer any questions you may have at this time.

BEWARE!

Check with the VA to be sure they have your current address. Call 1-800-827-1000.

If you are a 100% service-connected veteran, that is if you are 70% plus 30% Individual Unemployability, the VA is sending out Employment Verification Reports (EVRs). Make sure the VA has your current (mailing) address. If they (VA) does send

you this form and you do not return it, you will find out when your check is reduced from 100% to 70% and the amount you receive will drop from \$2,528 to \$1,193 in one month. Again, make sure the VA has your current mailing address, regardless if you have Direct Deposit or not.

Also, some VAs are sending out notification of a Compensation and Pension exam. If you do not make these exams, you may be reduced.

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

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The BIG I-I-I-F-F-F-F All of us AXPOWs can do OUTREACH...IF

IF we are willing to reach out where we are. "We exist to help those who cannot help themselves"...We are the ones who can make that slogan mean something.

In Outreach, calling POWs and widows in states where we don't have AXPOW Service Officers, we invariably turn up a few who need help, like one widow in Vermont who had been denied a widow's benefit, but her husband's death certificate included a POW presumptive as contributing cause of death, so now the DIC claim is in process.

In 66 calls to Arkansas members shown in our latest national directory, NSO Marion Rippee's dedicated work was very evident, with so many citing her good help in getting them VA benefits. Thus, the few needs were widow whom the VA 10/7/04 heart ruling will get her the DIC benefit; a POW who had 100% (80SC+20IU), but upgrade possible due to emergency bypass heart surgery in recent years, whose wife had been told she was not eligible for ChampVA, claim now in; plus sending ChampVA information to 13 ladies. And then this: Mrs. L in a small Arkansas town told me her husband

would not apply for any VA disability benefit, because he didn't think he should apply for a hand-out. I told her what it could mean to her if she predeceased her, as well as free Medicare supplement if he had 100% rating. She just knew he would not be interested. A sad call. Three weeks later, y phone rings. It's husband, Mr. L. "Wife and I have been talking about the VA benefits you called about. Maybe I need to know more about this". As Little Orphan Annie would exclaim, "Leaping Lizards!". Mr. L made my day. A POW in Germany's Stalag Luft 4, ditched in sea one mission, later shot down, hard parachute landing in tree, 80+ days forced march, below zero, ice, snow, a man who has a hard time complaining, sincere to the core. I've handled many Stalag Luft 4 claims, everyone got 100% DC.

OUTREACH goes on like: NSO Betty Harlan in TX monitors Internet news of POWs and we pursue, to make sure they have VA benefits. Joe Zippilli, Cmdr. Garden State Chapter in NJ calls about friend BC, POW only 2 days, extreme German SS intimidation, so possible valid claim. John Reynolds calls about LS who attends POW support group at Daytona Beach, FL Clinic, listed officially KIA, but was a POW, not officially; seeks proof of correct status. These are examples of caring outreach, we all can be doing it where we are.

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We need to hear more from our AXPOW National Service Officers. Tell us about some of those times when a widow's phone call made your day, with something like, "I got this letter from the VA saying I'm to get \$1,033 a month. I can't believe it! Now I can fix the roof on my house. Thank you so much for your help!"

Recently one like that made my day. Mrs. H in rural Oklahoma called to thank me. When I had called her originally, in an Outreach call using our AXPOW National Directory, she had no idea she might be eligible for a VA widow's benefit, as her former POW husband had never been to the

VA. But her husband had died in 1987 of heart problems, and the Oct. 7, 2004, ruling that made heart and stroke POW presumptive conditions initiated during the POW experience, SERVICE CONNECTED for POWs. And her first widow's benefit check for over \$12,000 - a year retroactive - brought joy and gratitude.

From Salt Lake City, Utah: "Thank you so much for calling and informing me about ChampVA benefit, and for the copy of the POW Medsearch article about it (by NSO Betty Harlan). I know it will come in very beneficial for us. Sincerely, Paul & Edna".

Received 6/15/06: "Dear Mr. C, Charlie and I want to thank you for all your help in getting VA/POW benefits for Mom. This will be a big help in paying for her nursing home expenses. We called for the ChampVA application. Thanks again, Charlie and Sue, IL".

Two widows in Louisiana. Mrs. A: Again thanks for your help in my receiving DIC, widow's benefit. Second widow, Mrs. H, sadly different: Got an email from her, "I read in the Bulletin about widows getting benefits, and after my husband died, I went to the VAMC here in our city, only to be told I wasn't eligible, since MH, a 21-years-plus retiree, had never filed a claim for disability compensation. He had many health problems in his later year." MH should have applied for his POW VA benefits. He would surely have qualified for 100% disability rating, since he was shot down and put in Stalag Luft 4 in WWII, with ensuing 80 day plus march in ice, snow, zero temp, coldest winter there in decades. Now it's too late, and no way for his wife to apply for the \$1000+ widow's benefit. POWs, do what you need to do, before you can't!

A frequent misconception: Many wives/widows have the mistaken idea that ChampVA only pays for prescription medications. Wrong. It pays for everything, not just prescriptions, after Medicare, including doctors, hospitals, your own doctors and hospitals, AND prescription medications.

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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 (approximately 110 pages) may be purchased from National Headquarters. Cost of the updated packet is \$15.00—includes S/H.

Good Nutrition: It's a Way of Life

"I have trouble chewing."

"Food just doesn't taste the same anymore."

"I don't have a car to go shopping."

"It's hard to cook for one person."

"I'm just not that hungry anymore."

Sound familiar? These are some of the common reasons older people stop eating right. And that's a problem because food provides energy and nutrients everyone needs to stay healthy. Nutrients include proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals, and water. As you grow older, you may need less energy from what you eat. But, you still need just as many of the nutrients in food.

What Should I Eat?

Choose many different healthy foods. Pick those that are lower in cholesterol and fat, especially saturated fat (mostly in foods that come from animals) and *trans fatty acids* (found in some processed foods, margarines, and shortenings). Avoid "empty calories" as much as you can. These are foods and drinks with a lot of calories, but not many nutrients—for example, chips, cookies, sodas, and alcohol.

Calories are a way to measure the energy you get from food. If you eat more calories than your body needs, you could gain weight. Most packaged foods have the calorie counts listed on the labels.

The more physically active you are, the more you might be able to eat without gaining weight. Most people should have at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most days of the week. Regular physical activity will help all areas of your life as you grow older.

How Much Should I Eat?

The Dietary Guidelines from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) encourage people to eat a suggested amount from five major food groups every day. If you can't do that, at least try to eat something from each group each day. Lower fat choices are best. Make sure you include vegetables, fruits, and whole-grain foods. Eating the smallest amount suggested will give you about 1,600 calories a day, the largest number has about 2,800 calories.

The Dietary Guidelines suggest:

Grains—5-10 ounces

some choices are: one roll, slice of bread, or small muffin, 1/2 cup of cooked rice or pasta, or about 1 cup (1 oz.) of ready-to-eat cereal

Vegetables—2 to 3 1/2 cups with a variety of colors and types of vegetables

Fruits—1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cups

Milk, yogurt, and cheese—3 cups of milk:

1 cup of yogurt equals one cup of milk,

1 1/2 to 2 ounces of cheese equals one cup of milk,

1 cup of cottage cheese equals 1/2 cup of milk.

Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, and nuts

5 to 7 ounces of lean meat, poultry, or fish,

1/4 cup of cooked beans or tofu, 1 egg, 1/2 ounce of nuts or seeds, or 1 tablespoon of peanut butter—

each can count as one ounce of meat.

Some other tips:

Each day eat only small amounts of fats, oils, and sweets.

When eating foods from the grains group, try to include at least 3 ounces from whole grains.

Sometimes manufacturers put more than one serving in a package or bottle.

Another eating plan suggested by the Dietary Guidelines is called the DASH Eating Plan. DASH stands for Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension. Ask your primary care physician for more information.

Are You Less Interested in Food?

Does your favorite chicken dish taste different? Does Aunt Molly's pea soup suddenly seem to need salt? The flavor of the food is probably the same as always. With age your sense of taste and sense of smell may change. This affects how foods taste. They may seem to have lost flavor.

There are other reasons food may not taste the same. Some medicines can change your sense of taste or make you feel less hungry. Maybe you have slowed down a bit, so your body needs fewer calories. Maybe chewing is difficult because your dentures need to be adjusted or your teeth or gums need to be checked. You might want to pick softer foods to eat.

Do I Need to Drink Water?

Not just water. You need to drink plenty of liquids like water, juice,

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milk, and soup. You have to replace the fluids you lose every day. But check with your doctor if he or she has told you to limit how much you drink.

Don't wait until you feel thirsty to start drinking. With age you may lose some of your sense of thirst. In addition, medicine can sometimes cause you to lose fluids. If you are drinking enough, your urine will be pale yellow. If it is a bright or dark yellow, you need to drink more liquids.

Do you have a urinary control problem? If your answer is yes, don't stop drinking a lot of liquid. But, talk to your doctor for help with your urinary control problem.

What About Fiber?

Dietary fiber is found in foods that come from plants—fruits, vegetables, beans, nuts, seeds, brown rice, and whole grains. It is the part of plant foods that your body cannot digest. Eating more fiber might help you avoid intestinal problems like constipation, diverticulosis, and diverticulitis. It might also lower cholesterol and blood sugar and help you have regular bowel movements.

If you are not used to eating a lot of fiber, add more fiber to your diet *slowly* to avoid stomach problems. The best source of this fiber is food, rather than dietary supplements. When adding fiber, remember:

Eat cooked dry beans, peas, and lentils often.

Leave skins on your fruit and vegetables if possible.

Choose whole fruit over fruit juice. Eat whole-grain breads and cereals. Drink lots of fluids to help the fiber move through your intestines.

Should I Cut Back on Salt?

Salt (sodium chloride) is the most common way people get sodium.

Sodium is naturally present in most foods, and salt is added to many canned and prepared foods. The body uses sodium to keep the blood, muscles, and nerves healthy. Too much is not good, however, and can make your blood pressure go up.

Most people eat a lot more sodium than they need. If you are over age 50, aim for 1500 mg of sodium—about 2/3 of a teaspoon of table salt. That includes all the sodium you get in your food and drink, not just what you add when cooking or eating. If your doctor tells you to use less salt, cut back on salty snacks and processed foods.

Try adding spices, herbs, and lemon juice to add flavor to your food. Make sure your diet is rich in foods containing potassium. That will help counter the effects of salt on your blood pressure. Some foods that have a lot of potassium are leafy green vegetables, fruit from vines like tomatoes, bananas, and root vegetables like potatoes.

What About Fat?

Fat in your diet gives you energy and certain vitamins. But too much fat can be bad for your heart and blood vessels and can lead to heart disease. Fat is also high in calories.

To lower the fat in your diet:

Choose lean cuts of meat, fish, or poultry (with the skin removed).

Trim off any extra fat before cooking.

Use low-fat dairy products and salad dressings.

Use non-stick pots and pans, and cook without added fat.

If you do use fat, use either an unsaturated vegetable oil or a nonfat cooking spray.

Broil, roast, bake, stir-fry, steam, microwave, or boil foods. Avoid frying them.

Season your foods with lemon juice, herbs, or spices, instead of butter.

What about Food Safety?

Because your sense of taste and smell may not work as well as you get older, you may not always be able to tell if foods have gone bad. You might want to date foods in your refrigerator to keep yourself from eating foods that are no longer fresh. If in doubt, throw it out.

Older people should be very careful with certain kinds of foods that need to be well cooked to prevent disease. For example, be sure to fully cook eggs, pork, fish, shellfish, poultry, and hot dogs. You might want to talk to your doctor or a registered dietitian, a specialist trained in nutrition, about foods you should avoid. These might include raw sprouts, some deli meats, and foods that are not *pasteurized* (heated enough to destroy disease-causing organisms), including some milk products.

Confused About What to Eat?

The USDA Dietary Guidelines suggest how much the “average” older person needs to eat. But, how does “average” match your needs? For example, maybe you have high cholesterol and need to keep a close eye on how much fat you eat. Or, possibly you have a food allergy or diabetes. Then you should check with your doctor or a dietitian. They can help you plan meals that will include the healthy foods you need without the foods you should not eat.

How Can I Make Shopping Easier?

Plan your meals in advance. Check your supply of staples like flour, sugar, rice, and cereal. Make a list of what you need. Keep some canned or frozen foods on hand. These are handy when you do not feel like cooking or cannot go out. Powdered nonfat dry milk, canned evaporated milk, and ultra-pasteurized milk in a carton can be stored easily.

Think about how much of a product you will use. A large size may

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be cheaper per unit, but it is not a bargain if you end up throwing much of it away. Share large packages with a friend. Frozen vegetables sold in bags save money because you can use small amounts while keeping the rest frozen. If a package of meat or fresh produce is too large, ask a store employee to repack-age it in a smaller size.

Learn to read food package labels. There, you will find a list of ingredients. The first one listed is present in the food in the largest amount. The ones that follow are present in smaller and smaller amounts. Look at "Nutrition Facts" for the calories, protein, carbohydrate, fat, sodium, fiber, vitamin, and mineral amounts per serving. The label also suggests a serving size for comparing foods. There may be an expiration or "use by" date on the label or container.

At first, reading labels will add some time to your shopping trip. Soon you will learn which products are best for you.

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Californians at Andersonville

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The state of California did not erect a monument at Andersonville. The Women's Relief Corps did not inscribe "California" on the Eight Small States Monument. No group has placed a commemorative plaque in the front parking lot. But, there were Californians at Andersonville during the Civil War. These Californians were held here like all the others. Some died and are buried here among the 12,920.

California and the west were far from the main theaters of the Civil War. Prior to the Civil War most of the regular United States Army was based in the west to guard the immigrant wagon roads, to assure delivery of the mails, to place the Indian on reservations, and to patrol the international boundaries. As the regular Army was moved east in 1861 and 1862, volunteers had to be recruited in the west to

perform these necessary duties. The state of California supplied the vast majority of these volunteers (est. 16,000), but the territories of New Mexico and Colorado also supplied valuable recruits. These volunteers covered an area from the Pacific Coast to the plains of Colorado and from the Mexican to the Canadian border. (Please note there was also a small Navy fleet patrolling the coast.)

However, 500 Californians did come east to fight during the Civil War, but not under the banner of California. The state of Massachusetts and its Governor John A. Andrew had trouble recruiting enough men to meet the state's quota. California and the national government did not want to pay for Californians to travel all the way to the east coast to fight. Massachusetts offered a bounty to men willing to enroll. A deal was struck that allowed the Massachusetts bounty to be paid to the state of California in order to enroll men there and then pay for their travel to the east coast. There these Californians enrolled in the Second Massachusetts Cavalry.

Five companies, approximately 500 men, were raised in California and then sent east to Massachusetts. Company A was first and arrived January 4, 1863. Companies E, F, and L were next and Company M was last. These four companies arrived in 1863. They traveled by ship down the Pacific Coast, railroad across Panama, and ship through the Caribbean and up the Atlantic seaboard. All five companies arrived at Readville, MA, for initial training. These companies then participated in some of the eastern theaters most famous battles; Gettysburg, Wilderness, Monocacy, and the Shenandoah Valley.

How many of these Californians were at Andersonville will probably never be answered definitively. The ANDE database yields 67 members of the Massachusetts Second Cav-

alry. Two of the names (Loane/Loaue and Cain/Kane) are probably duplicates and can be subtracted. Out of the 65 names 44 are confirmed by a check with the California Rosters. Eighteen of these men died here (41% death rate). Seventeen are buried in named graves and one is buried as an "Unknown." The Rosters lists two (Gozzens and Taylor of Co. M) as died at Andersonville and the ANDE database lists these two as died at Savannah. The other members of the Second Massachusetts Cavalry at Andersonville were probably recruited in the east as replacements for the Californians who died, were wounded, switched to other units, or were promoted.

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Andersonville's Guest/Host Program

The American Ex-Prisoners of War have been volunteering at Andersonville since long before the museum was built. To participate in the program (and spend a week in our guest house!), call or write at the address above. It will enrich both the guests to the park and the hosts who spend time with them.

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One More Roll

Compiled from the Nam-POW Net and personal experience by Paul Galanti

One night during a bombing raid on Hanoi, Lieutenant Commander Jerry Coffee, U.S. Navy, who'd been shot down as pilot of a Navy RA-5C Vigilante reconnaissance aircraft in January 1966, peeked out of his cell window and watched a flight of four "Thuds" (F-105 Thunderchiefs) during their bombing run. As they pulled up, it was obvious lead was badly hit. Trailing smoke, he broke from the formation and Jerry watched the damaged bird until it disappeared from sight. He presumed the worst. As he lay there in his cell reflecting on the image, he composed a toast to the unfortunate pilot and all the others who had gone before him.

On New Year's Eve, 1968, Air Force Captain Tom Storey and Jerry were in the Stardust section of Hoa Lo (pronounced Wa-Low) prison. Jerry whispered the toast under the door to Tom. Tom was enthralled and despite the risk of terrible punishment, insisted Jerry repeat it several more times until he had it committed to memory. He then promised Jerry when the time came and they were again free men, he would

give the toast at the first dining in he attended.

Tom's first assignment following release in 1973 was to the US Air Force Academy. During that same year the Academy hosted the annual Air Force Conference for General Officers and the associated dining in. Tom found himself seated with Generals Curtis Lemay and Jimmy Doolittle (two men of heroic proportions in their own rights). The jovial clinking of glasses accompanied all the traditional speeches and toasts.

Then it was Tom's turn. Remembering his promise so many years ago, he proposed Jerry's "one more roll." When he was finished, there was total silence. To the men in that room, men who spent their careers flying into combat and laying their lives on the line, it was a stunning toast, and one they would never forget...

Now a colonel, Tom Storey stood between the two famous generals, cleared his throat and began, "Please stand and raise your water glasses for a silent toast to our comrades in arms. Tom paused while the officers and cadets stood, looked round the room as all sound stopped and in a loud, clear voice, intoned:

"We toast our hearty comrades
who have fallen from the skies,
And were gently caught by
God's own hands
to be with him on high.

To dwell among the soaring
clouds they have known
so well before,
From victory roll to tail chase,
at heaven's very door.

And as we fly among them there,
we're sure to hear their plea:
'Take care my friend,
watch your six, and
do one more roll for me.'"

A silent toast to all our POWs, Missing in Action, and our comrades.

Author's note: Until Ho Chi Minh died in September 1969, American POWs in Vietnam were often held in tiny cells in solitary confinement. It would have been easy to fall into a routine of self-pity if it hadn't been for the support of other POWs who risked much to communicate with isolated POWs.

The real benefit of this toast - which I use several times a year - is that it emphasizes the antithesis of self-pity, "Get over it! No matter how tough I have it, somebody else always has it worse."

I believe its philosophy is why so many of my Vietnam POW contemporaries get so disgusted with bloviating self-promoters and why, as a group they are so positive. And so supportive and appreciative of positive people.

Such as our National Adjutant, Clydie Morgan, who's had so many terrible things said to her by ill-meaning people yet who overcame her terrible recent adversity with a bright, upbeat "OK, let's go," inspired me just as Jerry Coffee's toast did.

So in keeping with the American Ex-POWs' overcoming some severe adversity wished upon it by those with ulterior motives and with Clydie's personally overcoming her personal and organizational adversity, let's celebrate by doing "one more Victory Roll..."



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U.S. PERSONNEL MISSING FROM THE VIETNAM WAR

The number listed by DoD as missing and unaccounted for since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now 1,802 - 1,377 in Vietnam, 364 in Laos, 54 in Cambodia and 7 in PRC territorial waters. A total of 781 US personnel have been accounted for since 1975; however, the remains of 63 Americans were recovered and identified before the end of the war in areas where the US had access. These US personnel were accounted for without cooperation from the post-war governments of Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia, for a total of 844. Over 90% of the 1,802 still missing, including over 90 US personnel last known alive (LKA), were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnamese wartime control.

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PRESSES VIETNAM ON POW/MIA ISSUE

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld visited Vietnam June 3-6 th and urged his counterpart, Defense Minister Pham Van Tra, and Prime Minister Pham Van Khai to increase their cooperation. According to media reports, the Secretary's focus adhered to the criteria established by President Bush in 2002, reinforced by Secretaries of State Powell and Rice in 2004 and 2005, respectively. He called for unilateral provision of relevant archival records, and again suggested using US Navy technology for underwater recovery operations. The Vietnamese leadership was cited as agreeing to the Secretary's requests to expand cooperation and support for the accounting effort.

MISSING WWII SERVICEMEN AND AIRMAN MISSING FROM VIETNAM ARE IDENTIFIED

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel (DPMO) announced that three servicemen missing in action from World War II have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

The three are 2nd Lt. Robert H. Cameron, Elkhart, Ind.; Cpl. George E. Cunningham, Rich Hill, N.Y., both U.S. Army Air Forces; and Capt. Vladimir M. Sasko, Chicago, Ill., U.S. Army Medical Corps. Cameron is buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. Sasko was buried in December in Chicago, and final arrangements for Cunningham have yet to be confirmed.

On December 10, 1944, a C-47 crewed by Cameron and Cunningham took off from Dobudura, New Guinea on a cargo flight to Hollandia with three passengers aboard, including Capt. Sasko. Forty minutes into the flight the crew radioed a request for weather information. Another pilot in the area replied that the weather was bad, saying he was headed out to sea to avoid it. After that, there was no further contact with the Cameron crew.

In 1979 and 1980, search and recovery teams from the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI) found the site and recovered remains subsequently identified by CILHI scientists as those of 2nd Lt. Stanley D. Campbell, Pioche, Nev.; and

Cpl. Carl A. Drain, hometown unknown.

In Oct. and Nov. 2004 a team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) - CILHI's successor organization - excavated the site in Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea where they recovered human remains and personal effects of the remaining airmen.

JPAC scientists and Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory specialists used mitochondrial DNA as one of the forensic tools to help identify the remains. Laboratory analysis of dental remains also confirmed their identification.

A U.S. Air Force officer missing in action from the Vietnam War has been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Maj. John F. Conlon III, Wilkes-Barre Pa. His funeral is scheduled for Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C., in the fall.

On March 4, 1966 Conlon and another crewmember took off from Qui Nhon Air Field, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam, in their O-1E Bird Dog light observation aircraft. They were on a visual reconnaissance mission to Cheo Reo, an airstrip approximately 60 miles southwest of Qui Nhon. The last radio contact with the crew was with a U.S. Special Forces Camp about 30 minutes after take-off. The crew reported the aircraft's position but made no mention of problems. When the aircraft failed to arrive at Cheo Reo, a search and rescue effort was initiated, but failed to find the aircraft or crew after six days of searching.

Between May of 1993 and August of 2005 teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) conducted six investigations in the Binh Dinh Province. They developed leads which took them to a site which was later scheduled for excavation.

In February of 2006 a joint JPAC-Vietnamese team excavated that site and found aircraft debris, personal effects, human remains and a dog tag that related to Conlon's crew. JPAC scientists used Conlon's dental records to confirm his identity from those remains excavated at the site.

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A Dream Come True

Catherine Cotterman Hoskins



There would be “Musick” in the air that November afternoon in 1935, and thousands of people had gathered on the Luneta and surrounding roof gardens overlooking Manila Bay to watch and hear it happen. My family and I were atop the University Club Building keeping an eye on the time and listening for the first sounds. Then, suddenly there was an unfamiliar steady humming of engines as a beautiful, silver bodied, 25-ton aircraft appeared out of a puffy white cloud! The crowd roared with cheers and screams as everyone witnessed the arrival of the very first airplane to bridge the waters of the Pacific Ocean—8000 miles from Alameda, California to Manila, Philippines! The China Clipper of Pan American Airways made history that day, and the Skipper was a man named E.C. Musick.

I was a 14-year-old kid at that magical moment and I remember telling myself that someday I would be onboard a Clipper flying high in the sky. I did not know when or why or how my dream would happen—but it did come to pass.

The year was 1940. I had finished my sophomore year at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. I had traveled there three weeks by ship and five days by train when I left Manila in 1938. My cousin, Chuck Butler, was a year behind me at William and Mary. Our folks decided we should come home for summer vacation and the only way that

could happen would be for us to fly—on Pan American Airways!!

Pan American sent us our flight schedule and we were off. A train ride to Richmond, Virginia, brought us to our first airplane on the journey. Pennsylvania Central Airlines took us to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This plane was a jalopy compared to the other planes that would fly us across the U.S. to San Francisco—an overnight adventure. Chuck and I looked at each other for reassurance—but we loved every minute of our very first flight!

We caught a TWA afternoon ride to Kansas City where we were put aboard a TWA night flight to Los Angeles. In those days TWA could not fly into San Francisco so the last leg of our cross-country was on United Airlines. We landed at Mills Field in San Francisco—there was no International Airport then.

It was the middle of June 1940. The World's Fair was still in progress out on Treasure Island—not far from the Pan American terminal right on the Bay. There was much activity and excitement the afternoon we were scheduled for departure on the Clipper. The Media had gathered to celebrate Pan American's 200th Round Trip to Hong Kong and back. They gathered the five passengers together for an on the air interview broadcast. We were treated almost like royalty. During the radio broadcast, the interviewer asked each passenger who he was, where he was from and why he was on this flight. I was the only female in the group. When it was my turn he added the question, “Will this be your first time in an airplane?” I said, “Not exactly, I just flew across the continent.” Much to my chagrin he responded with, “Well, Miss Cotterman, not many of us can say we just flew across the continent.” He admitted to me later that he meant to embarrass me. Many years passed until I read something about Art Linkletter's career in radio and I had the feeling that he was the young man who put me on the spot that day at Treasure Island. I shall never know. After the interview, I heard a man call my name. When I turned

around a photographer snapped my picture. I asked him what paper would print it and his reply was, “It won't be in print unless your plane goes down over the ocean!” That cool remark took some wind out of my sails, but I recovered.

In 1935, Pan American's contract with the U.S. Government was to fly the U.S. mail. Passengers were not included. Mail was the number one priority—then cargo, followed by passengers in 1936. Weight was the chief concern. Everything and everyone had to be weighed before boarding the Clipper. If there was a question of over weight, passengers faced the possibility of being excluded from that flight.

The time had come to walk down the ramp and climb aboard the Martin M-130 named the Philippine Clipper. First, the Crew made the walk, then the Steward came back and escorted the five passengers into the plane. There was a huge crowd of people watching us and hollering words of farewell and good luck!

We settled into our seats looking around at our home-in-the-sky for five days while Island hopping from Honolulu to Midway to Wake, Guam and Manila—our final destination. All Pan American Clippers were “flying boats” with pontoons for water landings and take-offs—especially required by the founder, Juan Trippe.

It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The engines started up, the people outside were cheering and those of us inside were praying a little, I'm sure. Chuck and I looked at each other, smiled and crossed our fingers. Then the thrill of our adventure began in full as the Clipper taxied out under the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge, turned around, started the take-off skimming along the water—giving us that indescribable feeling of acceleration—and there we were, up in the sky and flying over that beautiful Golden Gate Bridge on our way to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii!!

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Members'

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Editor:

I just received the Bulletin yesterday (July 27) and am incensed the Resolution 06-03 on page six constitutes another attempt to limit or remove civilian ex-internees from certain AXPOW officer positions.

As we all know two civilian mothers of POWs in the Philippines formed the organization in 1942 and a former ex-internee served as a Natl. Commander at one time and did a fine job as well. We unarmed and innocent civilians were held as prisoners of an armed foreign power through no fault of our own, we lost our homes and possessions and almost lost our lives, and we receive few or no government benefits for the most part. I am personally insulted that certain individuals of this organization continue to promote the elimination and removal of civilian ex-internees as officers or members of AXPOW.

All we need is to lose more members by vote in a fast disappearing organization.

This resolution is a lot of BALONEY! Enough of this divisive activity!

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Cheryl:

RE: Resolutions printed in July/
August Bulletin

In my opinion, the authors of Resolutions 06-01 - 06-03, again, wish to put a division among our membership. Why?

RESOLUTION 06-01 Submitted by Tri-Cities Chapter of Washington. I take issues with this resolution on several levels. Evidently, the author did not take time to read the current National C/BLs. Please note, Article VI, Membership, Paragraph G "All members shall be active members and entitled to the privileges of voting and activities of the organization. There shall be no honorary or associate members." This Resolution is in violation of our current Bylaws. I urge you to vote NO on this resolution.

RESOLUTION 06-02 Submitted by East Texas Chapter #1. This Chapter wants to change the bylaws that AXPOW will no longer allow grandchildren, step-grandchildren, lineal descendants, and heirs-at-law to be members. However, the present members will be "grand-fathered" BUT, they will no longer be "...allowed to seek, be elected to, or hold office at any level within the organization, or be appointed to any position of authority or responsibility within the organization." In other words, these younger members will not be allowed to help the Chapters/Departments in any capacity of authority. Again, violation of the above mentioned Article VI. To pass this resolution would be a "slap in the face" to our younger members. I urge you to vote NO.

RESOLUTION 06-03 Submitted by Department of Virginia

The above two resolutions are aimed to eliminate and divide the membership. This resolution is no different. The Department of Vir-

ginia wants, only military former POWs to be eligible to hold the offices of National Junior Vice Commander, National Senior Vice Commander and National Commander.

I take issues with Resolutions 01 - 03 because; I am a former internee. Interned by the Japanese for 38 months in two internment camps in the Philippines. These were the same camps that held the Army and Navy nurses, who are Military former POWs. Please note, both of these resolutions are submitted, solely, to disfranchise the internees and all other members in good standing who are not a former military POW. I urge you to vote NO.

I was told that the Resolutions Committee worked with the authors of these resolutions to make the resolutions workable for the members of the organization but the authors withdrew their support of any changes and submitted the resolutions as they have been printed. Neither the Resolutions Committee nor the Board of Directors have debated the resolutions and offer no recommendations regarding the passage.

Kenneth W. Day was the Commander in 1949-50, one of the signer of the corporation papers. He wrote the following: "Ours is an organization unlike any other in the world. It will always be small, but it can be a tremendous force because of its unique nature. The very idea of a group of former POWs and civilian internees (the difference is slight between them) and next of kin banding together in the interest of justice and good, is almost without precedent."

Words that no longer apply to some of our members of today. SAD!

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members forum

Dear fellow members,

I am relatively new to our organization but have been a member of the 4th Allied POW Wing, the Vietnam POW organization, since its inception. During my AXPOW chapter meetings there has been much discussion about the American EX POW Foundation and it's effectiveness in raising money and providing funds for services for the American Ex Prisoners of War. I became curious as to what the facts were, so I emailed the HQ of the Foundation asking how the money was raised and how much went to the American Ex Prisoners of War. I haven't received a reply as of this writing. I am including the text of my e-mail for reference.

30 May 2006

"Dear Sir

Before I consider making contributions to a foundation I check the efficiency of any charity. Would you please let me know the percentage of contributed funds that are used for other than direct operation of your programs? I would like a copy of your financial statement for 2005. If you could direct me to a site that could shed some light or your ranking with other charities that would also be helpful.

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I then started to investigate the ranking of the Foundation on a site called Charity Navigator at www.charitynavigator.org. On the front page of the site (7 Jun 2006) is an area called "10 charities overpaying their for-profit fundraisers".

This is a list of the worst ten charities for overpaying their for-profit fundraisers.

There is a statement on the bottom of the page stating:

"These 10 charities are not living up to their missions. Each spends more than 50% of its budget paying for-profit fundraising professionals to solicit your hard-earned money. They are ranked by the percentage of their total functional expenses spent on professional fundraising fees. As a result, very little of the charity's spending is directed towards its programs and services."

Number two on that list of worst ten is the American EX-Prisoners of War Foundation, with 89.4% of each dollar going to the for profit fundraiser. That means that 89.4 cents of every contributed dollar goes to the fundraiser and another 6.7 cents of every dollar goes to this foundation's Administrative expenses. The report indicated only 4 cents of every dollar went to program expenses. The latest information I have, indicates the Foundation has \$505,292 in net assets (2005).

I thought the numbers of dollars collected and spent for 2005 would be interesting.

Total raised	\$1,297,108
Program expenses	\$ 48,386
Administrative expenses	\$ 81,510
Fund raising expenses	\$1,092,935
Total expenses	\$1,222,831
Excess	\$ 74,227

The excess amount was the money raised but not used for any designated purpose and I assume placed in an account that brought the Foundation net assets up to \$505,292.

I know as a charitable contributor I wouldn't give any money to any

group with this type of efficiency. Some questions immediately come to mind. Why is the Foundation using the same fundraiser and not another more efficient fundraiser? Why is the Foundation suing the AXPOW organization when the AXPOW organization complains about the Foundation's efficiency and wants to disassociate itself from the poor performance of the Foundation? I think the Foundation needs to answer these questions so the membership understands the reasons for it's decisions. In a dollars and cents analysis, this relationship seems to be one-sided and of very limited benefit to the AXPOW organization. It's our name, but someone else is making money off of it.

I feel embarrassed that my organization and its honorable name are associated with one of the ten worst foundations overpaying for their fundraising efforts. I couldn't in good conscience ask a family member or friend to contribute money with most going to the fundraiser.

Since I completed this research I have read in the July/August Bulletin that two National officers, Sr. Vice Commander Robert Fletcher and National Director William Richardson and Historian Emeritus Helen Smith, were present and seated with the Foundation during the mediation session against the AXPOWs. That brings up the question WHY? Since both these gentlemen are running for office, Mr. Fletcher for National Commander, I have to wonder where their loyalties lie. I think the entire organization needs to know why these two officers were not representing the AXPOWs and representing the Foundation, contrary to their duties and responsibilities. They may have a good answer, but until I hear a very good explanation it seems

members forum

impossible that I or anyone could support these men for office.

Sincerely
David Drummond
1 Crane Ct.
Manalapan, NJ 07726

Dear Editor 7/24/06

The July/August issue of 2006 was excellent and informative. You do a fine job with the Bulletin every issue.

The general membership of the American Ex-Prisoners of War have learned much about the Agreed Judgment of C.A. No. 3:05-CV-222-K. I hope we will be enlightened even further in following issues, answering many questions that beg for answers.

Why did National Commander Gerald Harvey stand alone with lawyer Ted Lee? Where there no National Officers that would give him strength with their presence, and possibly some advice?

How do we explain two National Officers of our organization sitting at the table for the plaintiff?

Wasn't Bill Bearisto years ago our National Commander? His son's letter in this issue in Members' forum was an eye opener. Furthermore Helen Smith is a question as far as loyalty.

It is my hope that at the National Convention Jim Clark will become National Commander and that Paul Galanti will be the National Director - East Central.

It would be great to read a statement from Robert Fletcher and William Richardson, Jr. as to why they sided with The Foundation.

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It would have been nice to have received some of the millions of dollars The Foundation got, using our name, but now it is over.

So be it. Let's Move On.

John E. Legg
45 Anthony Wayne Drive
Wayne, PA 19087-1425

Dear Members,

I have been asked to run for National Director of the South Central Region and I will do so.

I support the American Ex-POW organization of which you and I are a part. I support the list of candidates on the 2006 Decision sheet which has gone out to chapters and departments. They have demonstrated that they too support the existing POW organization and intend to serve you 100%. I believe this slate of candidates will work together in harmony...which is something that needs to be done.

The POW organization will survive in our lifetime and beyond though its expenditures have been great lately. We will plan to assure that. Monetary gifts and contributions will continue to be received by the organization to ensure our existence and cause. Along with our Budget & Finance Committee and National Headquarters, I will be committed to see that income and expenditures are accountable.

Particularly at this time, your contribution and my contribution, be it small or large, to the American Ex-Prisoners of War for their work on our behalf is appropriate and appreciated.

We have much to be thankful for. We have lived so long and have worked and raised families and still have opportunities to share and participate in life. Admittedly, it is not easy at time for each of us. Still we have had the unique experience

of having been a prisoner of war. Who would want to be put through that experience?

Herb Sheaner,
Commander, Dallas Metroplex Chapter
PO Box 140535
Dallas, TX 75214

Dear Cheryl,

Reports from National indicate that our organization is operating at a deficit. And based on that, has appealed for donations. I believe that such an appeal should be accompanied by a plan to balance our budget.

There have been proposals in the past to reduce the number of issues of the Bulletin. Every veterans organization that I have any access to issues their magazines quarterly. I enjoy reading our Bulletin, but there comes a time to "bite the bullet".

I have been told, by someone who should know, that if we were to reduce ours to every other month (6), we would save enough to put our budget in the black with some funds left over. There are other economies that could be made as well and should be explored.

Sincerely,
Norm Fellman
Garden State Chapter 1
344 Airport Road
Bedminster, NJ 07921

GREMLINS AT WORK!

Correction: In the Members' Forum in July/Aug. under **Information for Widows**, incorrect form numbers were used in the last paragraph. The correct forms are VA Form 21-530 and VA Form 21-534 as Betty Harlan had it in her first column. If you want to print out these forms, please go to: www.va.gov/vaforms/

events and information



Sept. 5-10, 2006. The Third Infantry Division Society and attached units will hold their 87th reunion in Nashville, TN at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel; 1-800-325-3535. For reunion information, contact: John Shirley, 925-447-2256; jbshirley@comcast.net or Linda Irvine, 360-663-2521; info@theReunionBrat.com.

Sept 7-9, 2006. North China Marine POW reunion will be held at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in San Diego. Contact John Powers 715-253-2629 for details.

Sept. 13-15, 2006. The Dept. of New Jersey Annual Convention will be held at Holiday Inn, Atlantic City, NJ. For information, contact: Cmdr. Frank R. Koehler, 732-244-4629.

Sept. 13-16, 2006. 35th Infantry Division Reunion will be held at the Ramada Inn, Topeka, KS. For details, contact: Col. Bob Dalton 785-267-3295; www.35thinfdivassoc.com.

Sept. 14-16, 2006. 2006 POW/MIA Symposium. Return with Honor. Andersonville National Historic Site, location of the National POW Museum and Georgia Southwestern State University are partnering in the first ever OW/MIA Symposium. There will be a moderated forum on Sept. 14th at 7PM at the Student Success Center on the campus of GSW. The event will be moderated by Dr. Glenn Robins, Associate Professor of History at GSW. The panel participants will include Captain Bill Robinson, USAF (Ret), Col. Quin Herlik, US Army (Ret), Mrs. Anne Purcell (wife of former POW Ben Purcell) and Ms. Joy

Purcell (daughter of former POW Ben Purcell).

On Sept. 15, 2006, there will be a presentation by Col. Ben Purcell, US Army (Ret) at 11AM. This event will be held in the Student Success Center on the campus of GSW. The panel participants will be escorted from Andersonville National Historic Site by Rolling Thunder. Members of Rolling Thunder will be available after the presentation to educate visitors and students about their mission. Both events are open to the public.

Also as a part of the day's events, a new exhibit, "Who is a POW?" will be opened at 2PM at the National Prisoner of War Museum.

Rolling Thunder will be conducting a Memorial Service at Andersonville National Cemetery on Sept. 16th at 10PM. The public is invited.

The symposium is being funded by the Andersonville Trust, which is an endowment fund operated by the Friends of Andersonville to support the park and the National Prisoner of War Museum.

Sept. 14-16, 2006. The Department of North Carolina will hold its Annual State Convention at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux, 1707 Owen Dr., Fayetteville, NC. For information, contact Claire Richardson at 910-867-0359; nights and weekends, call 910-864-7318. For hotel reservations, call 910-323-0111 and ask for POW reservations.

Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2006. The 45th Infantry Division Thunderbirds will hold their annual reunion. Please contact: Raul Trevino, 2145 NE Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111; 210-681-9134.

Sept. 20-23, 2006. 80th Infantry Division's 87th Annual Reunion will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Columbus, GA. Reservations

call, 706-660-1000. Chairman Robert H. Burrows, Box 453, Broomfield, CO 80038; 303-439-2198.

Sept. 26-Oct. 1, 2006. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention will be held in Boston, MA. The official website for the CMOH Society 2006 Convention: www.mohboston2006.org. The following information is a public event fact sheet for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Convention. The schedule and venues are subject to change.

Wednesday: September 27, 2006, 1000 hrs - 1400 hrs. This outdoor public event will be held at the State House, and will feature Governor Mitt Romney, Senate President Robert Travaglini, and House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi welcoming the Congressional Medal of Honor Society to Massachusetts. Wednesday evening the recipients will be attending the Red Sox - Tampa Bay ball game as honored guests of the Red Sox.

Saturday, September 30, 2006, 0900 hrs. The recipients will be honored by dignitaries, and a guided tour of the Old Ironsides will be offered to them. Tentative plans for additional pier side ceremonies are being explored.

Saturday, September 30, 2006, 1800 hrs. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society Patriot Award Dinner at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center is a black-tie, mess dress event, open to the public. The Dinner is the climax of the convention that highlights the bravery, courage, and heroism of serving in the line of duty to preserve and protect American freedom, values, and rights

Oct. 3-8, 2006. The 59th National Convention of AXPOW. See the Ex-POW Bulletin for more details.

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looking for



NOTICE: Please include mail addresses and phone numbers. We will not print requests in the future with only an email address.

I'm hoping to contact someone who may remember my father. He was PFC John D. Turongian, Machine Gunner with the 422nd Regiment. He was captured at the Battle of the Bulge and was in Stalag IXB in Bad Orb Germany. He died in 1969, and all I have is his Bronze Star and a letter from a fellow named Rosenberg. Any help you can provide will be appreciated. Thanks. John M. Turongian, 229 Proctor Ave, Ogdensburg, NY 13669; jeturongian@verizon.net.

My name is Cecil Freeman I am retired Military and have a hobby of collecting EXPIRED military license plates from each state. I need plates from TEN states to complete my collection — EX POW or Former POW plates from DELAWARE, HAWAII, MARYLAND, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, PENNSYLVANIA, RHODE ISLAND, VERMONT, WEST VIRGINIA. When the collection is completed I will be glad to send you pictures of the complete set. I take these and other sets of my collection and display them at different Veteran functions and Schools. Thanks. Cecil Freeman, P O Box 928, Bynum, Alabama 36253; Home 256 831 6426; Cell 256 225 3250.

According to the NARA Prisoners of War File, my uncle, Stanley W. Morse, serial #42120055, was captured on Dec. 20, 1944 at the Battle of the Bulge. He was sent to Stalag XIIA and then sent to Stalag IXB where he was eventually liberated.

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I know that he was a Private in the Infantry, but do not know what unit. I am piecing together the story of his time in the camps for his daughter. Stanley never talked about the camps with anyone. Any information you can provide on Stanley or camps would be appreciated. Frederick J. Morse, 337 Bull Mill Rd., Chester, NY 10918.

I have been looking for information on Gilbert Murray who died in Stalag 9B Bad Orb, Germany on March 22, 1945 of Starvation and a Blot Clot. I am looking for anyone who might have known him in camp. He was captured Jan. 12, 1945 in the Bulge. He was a medic attached to D/507th PIR. If anyone could help me with this, it would be greatly appreciated. Brian Siddall, PO Box 3897, Ithaca, NY 14852; brian@airborneinnormandy.com.

I was the co-pilot on the famous B-17 "Jack the Ripper" when we were shot down Feb. 22, 1944. During my internment, my Pilot Class Ring for 1943 was taken. I would now like to buy a replacement. If anyone has a ring they would be willing to part with, or know where I might purchase one, please contact: Norman D. Stuckey, 4777 Upper Valley Pike, Dayton, OH 45424; 937-878-5116.

Hello. I am interested in hearing from "Kriegies". My main interest is collecting the signatures and stories of airman. I have over 2,000 of them, so I would be pleased if I could add to my collection. If anyone is willing to write me and send either assigned photo or card with the squadron # and camps, I would be over the moon. If anyone would be willing to tell me about his stay, possible escape activities and if he met any Czechs in the camp, that would be nice. Thank you. Vit Formanek, Za Skolkou 620, 533 41 Lazne Bohdanec, ICO 608 80 546, DIC CZ6301132046.

I am doing genealogical research on the Snapp family and am particularly interested in getting in touch

with anyone who had known Vera Floda Snapp, and/or Edwin Miles Hull while they were internees at Santo Tomas, Manila. Vera married Hull in 1946 and I am assuming they met while fellow internees. I understand he was later transferred to Los Banos. Vera's official I.D. # while at Santo Tomas was, I believe, 3744, and she was assigned Room #7. She is listed as a teacher. Was interned in 1943. I am particularly interested if anyone knew of her activities prior to internment, when she went to the Philippines, what she did there, etc. Any help or advice much appreciated. She was deceased October 13, 1971. Glenn R. Schultz, 316 Fox Run Circle, Hot Springs, AR 71901; kgs4444@cablelynx.com; 501-623-2257.

I personally need a good clean, sharp copy of the 106th Infantry Division photo album that was taken at Camp Atterbury. Remember? - the one where they lined us up on bleachers, Regiment by Regiment - Company by Company - and published a "Division Photo Album." My personal copy met with a disaster and I need a good clean copy for "Editor's Reference" and an occasional photo copy. Let me know if you have a good copy that you will send me. I will pay for shipping and any reasonable price that you ask. Thank you. John Kline, Editor, The CUB, 11 Harold Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337-2786; 952-890-3155; Email: jpk@mm.com.

Information

Now available for anyone interested. 20 pictures of Stalag Luft IV taken in May, 1944. Black and white/8 ½ x 11. Also 13 aerial pictures of Stalag Luft IV taken in 1944. Color/8 ½ x 11. 1 picture of the monument at Stalag Luft IV, taken in 1993. Color/8 ½ x 11. For further information, please contact Joseph P. O'Donnell, 20 O'Rourke Dr., Robbinsville, NJ 08691; 609-585-1346; jpodpow1414@aol.com.

Your Stories



For Grandpa Weldon

By Samantha Lane
Submitted by
Grandmother A. Frances Lane
Biglerville, PA

Grandpa,
It is hard for me to put this in words because I don't know that there are words to tell you how much you mean to me.

First and foremost, my gratitude to you and granny is never ending. I owe you my life, my future, everything I have I owe to you both. If Dad, Josh and I had not had you there for us, we would not be the people we are; we would not have what we have today. You sacrificed much more than we will ever know and you did it to ensure the most normal life in a horrible situation. You instilled in me a love for knowledge and showed me how it can empower you. The days we spent doing algebra are precious and priceless moments to me. That is one thing I shared with you unique to anyone else. Without a doubt, you are the most honorable man of integrity I know. I am proud and honored to call you my grandfather. I hope I can be half as wise as you one day and instill some of the values in my children that you have taught me.

I am lucky to have a husband that shares the same qualities. Sometimes I wonder if I was attracted to him because he reminds me of you.

I wanted you to know how much I love you and how grateful I am to have you in my life.

Love always, Samantha

As I Give to the World, So the World Will Give to Me

By Bill Singular
Box 232
Lyndon, KS 66451

Flying as a bombardier on a B17 with the 8th AF out of England, our plane was shot down over Osnabruck Sept. 16, 1944.

After a period of confinement in a Catholic hospital, waist gunner Leroy Marucco and I were transferred by rail to an interrogation camp in Bavaria. We were accompanied by one guard, a Wehrmacht corporal named Schmidt.

During a train change in Frankfurt, the alarm went off signaling an air raid by American B17 bombers. Although it seemed that these planes were just flying over enroute to their target, all people in the station hurried to an underground air raid shelter nearby. German civilians were angry and protested our being let in. Most of them suffered Allied bomb damage and loss of family or injury. They had a right to be belligerent. They shook their fists at us, cursed and threatened bodily harm. They were shouting Nein, Nein, Nein (no admittance). Corporal Schmidt was patient and in time, according to the Geneva Conventions, we were allowed into the underground shelter.

In late January, after interrogation, we were taken to Stalag Luft III, Sagan, Germany.

Behind their backs, we referred to the guards as ferrets or goons. Some were easy going and we got along well. Some were arrogant and mean. Corporal Schmidt was one of the good ones. He would bring us small items from time to time - seasonings and hard to get food items. He was rewarded with American cigarettes, a highly re-

garded barter item throughout Europe.

Our stay at the Hitler Hilton (Stalag Luft III) was shortened Jan. 29, 1945. We marched toward Nurenberg at midnight in a snowstorm. Very foolish, but just another of Hitler's inhuman choices.

The third day into this march, Corporal Schmidt became ill, and with no treatment he developed pneumonia. None of his German comrades helped him. Some of us took turns carrying his pack and tried to make things easier for him. He appreciated this and we got him through until we got to a hospital where he was treated. We never saw him again, but we will never forget him.

Always, when I think of these experiences, one thought predominates: As I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

Bittersweet Memories

of WWII
Bill Singular

Not all war stories have a happy ending. A B-17 crew, called Hell's Angels, was bombing and took a direct hit. They radioed their home base for an emergency landing. Two engines were left and the hydraulic system was gone. The pilot could not get the wheels down. The ball turret gunner was trapped in the plastic bubble that hung beneath the belly of the plane. Surviving crew members reported the gunner remained calm. They talked to him; he knew what was coming. He understood the B-17 would slam on its belly with no chance for him to escape.

We all need courage to face what lies ahead. What better example than this?

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Veterans Choice

A Civil War-era policy that prevents veterans from hiring attorneys moved one step closer to being removed in August when the U.S. Senate unanimously approved S. 2694, the "Veterans' Choice of Representation and Benefits Enhancement Act of 2006." If adopted by the House, the legislation will overturn a policy that denies veterans the right to hire attorneys to help them seek benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Under current law, a veteran has to exhaust the VA process - which may take years - before hiring an attorney.

The legislation was approved by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs in July.

VA Data Privacy Breach

The House VA committee conducted seven hearings on information security, which led to the crafting of legislation to help ensure veterans the peace of mind that their personal data is secure. The bill, H.R.5835 approved by a voice of the Committee, would:

- 1) Bolster data security at the VA by centralizing the VA's information technology operation.
- 2) Establish a new undersecretary of information services with Cabinet status who would serve as the

department's chief information officer along with three deputies for security, operations and management, and policy and planning.

- 3) Require the VA to immediately report security breaches to Congress, federal authorities and the veterans whose personally sensitive information is affected.

- 4) Require credit-monitoring services for victims, and investigations after any breaches to determine risks of identity theft. That information could be anything from a birth date or home address, to a Social Security number or financial data.

- 5) Call for a study into using personal identification numbers instead of Social Security numbers at the VA.

- 6) Require the VA secretary to hire an outside agency to conduct a risk analysis after security breaches to determine costs or potential information misuse.

- 7) Create a scholarship program for students earning doctorates in computer science. The scholarships could not exceed \$50,000 per person, per year. The VA secretary also could award tuition reimbursement up to \$82,500 over five years to doctoral graduates working in the VA's IT department.

Members of the House Energy and Commerce and Financial Services committees currently are working to combine separate pieces of legislation aiming to protect personal financial data. It is currently unknown whether the VA bill also would be part of that package. Chairman Steve Buyer (R-IN) also wants to alter the Federal Information Security Management Act to define the responsibilities of an agency secretary and under-secretary on notification of security breaches.

VA Deputy Secretary Gordon Mansfield said that because officials at the FBI and the VA inspector general's office are now highly confident files were not compro-

mised as a result of the early May incident, some pieces of legislation that had been proposed are no longer needed. Also, VA believes that individual credit monitoring will no longer be necessary. VA still plans to hire a company to perform data breach analysis to provide additional assurances that no data has been misused. Data breach analysis looks across multiple industries to detect patterns of misuse related to a specific data loss.

CRSC/CRDP

Back pay is owed to roughly 20,000 recipients of Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and 78,000 recipients of Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP). Total back pay owed is said to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Underpayment occurred as DoD and VA officials implemented a complex series of laws, starting in 2003, to end for many retirees the ban on concurrent receipt of both military retirement and VA disability compensation. Within the next few weeks, Defense officials hope to resolve final details with the VA on how their underpayments will be calculated, how processing costs will be shared between departments, how retirees will be notified and when most of these retirees can expect to be paid. Most of the payments have to be calculated manually, rather than by computer, so it could take six months for retirees to be fully compensated.

Those eligible for back pay have combat-related injuries and illnesses, or service-connected disabilities that the VA rates as at least 50% disabling. All of them also had military careers of lasting 20 years or longer. The delay in fully compensating these retirees can be blamed in part on the twisted path Congress chose for bringing some disabled military retirees relief from the century-old ban on current receipt. The ban requires that retirees who receive tax-free VA

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disability compensation accept a matching reduction in taxable retired pay. The dollar-for-dollar offset remains in effect today for retirees with non-combat disabilities of 40% or less. Also left out of recent law changes are veterans (i.e. Chapter 61 vets) forced by their disabilities to retire short of 20-year careers. A total of 222,000 military retirees, however, have seen their incomes climb as a result of CRSC, CRDP or both. Almost half of them, whether they know it or not, are owed more, in some cases thousands of dollars.

CRSC took effect June 1, 2003. Early payments were limited to active duty retirees who applied and were found to have combat-related disabilities of at least 60%, or disabilities of at least 10% for which they received the Purple Heart. Eligibility was expanded on Jan. 1, 2004 to retirees having any combat-related disability including reserve retirees. CRDP, which took effect Jan. 1, 2004, is payable to 20-year retirees with disabilities rated at least 50% but not tied to combat. CRDP payments are being phased in and will end the retired pay offset for seriously disabled by retirees by 2014.

Long-Term Care

Long-term care (LTC) insurance provides daily living assistance, such as bathing, dressing and eating, to injured, ill or aging people who cannot care for themselves due to chronic-health conditions. It may also assist people who need supervision due to a severe cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's disease. FLTCIP (Federal LTC Insurance Program) meets these needs and offers eligible individuals an option when purchasing LTC. Eligible individuals can apply at any time, and once enrolled, coverage can't be canceled due to age or a change in health.

Those eligible include: active and retired military members; active members of the selected Reserve; retired "grey" reservists even if they are not receiving retirement pay; those people receiving compensation from the Department of Labor; the current spouse of an eligible person; adult children, parents, parents-in-law and stepparents of living eligible people; surviving spouses receiving a survivor annuity, federal employees and annuitants; and separated federal employees with title to a deferred annuity.

The FLTCIP is sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and offers group premiums and comprehensive benefits. There are two types of plans available, and enrollees may select from pre-packaged options or customize a plan to meet their needs.

Medicare Premiums on the Rise

Medicare premiums will increase at least 11% in 2007 and are expected to far out-strip Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA). According to the most recent Social Security Trustee report, benefits will only rise by about 2.3% in 2007. In addition, for the first time next year, Medicare Part B premiums will be determined by income. Seniors with incomes below \$80,000 will pay about \$98.20 for their monthly Part B premium, an increase of \$9.70 per month. But seniors with incomes over \$80,000 will pay much higher "income related" or "means tested" premiums. Few details are yet available on how the government will determine and collect the means tested premiums. The law requires that the Social Security Administration use information from tax returns. The higher Medicare premiums are effectively a cut in benefits. Premiums are already escalating at double-digit rates. Since 2001 monthly premiums have increased

from \$50 to \$88.50. Once means testing starts, it is possible that Congress may try to expand it. Income levels could be lowered to affect more seniors, or Congress could impose income relating for deductibles and other Medicare costs. The Medicare Part B Premium Fairness Act, introduced by Rep. Nita Lowey (NY), would repeal means testing.

COLA 2007

In mid-July, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the June 2006 monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is used to calculate the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for military retired pay, VA disability compensation, survivor annuities, and Social Security. The CPI continued its upward trend, rising 0.2% in June - for a total of 3.1% growth so far this fiscal year. A 0.9% decrease in energy costs contributed to a smaller increase this month. Last year, the CPI had risen 3.2% through the month of June and ended up the year at 4.1%. With inflation running only slightly behind last year's pace so far, it would seem likely that this year will end about the same. end this year in the same ballpark.

Flag Legislation

The House passed a measure (H.R.42) sponsored by Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) that would prohibit condominium associations, cooperative associations and residential real estate management associations from making rules against displaying the American Flag. On July 17, 2006, the Senate followed suit and passed the measure by a voice vote. The legislation is now on its way to the president and he is expected to sign it.



59th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
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As we approach the 2006 National POW Convention, it is with great apprehensive. It has been very quiet between us ol' POWs and the foun-

dation. Things are supposed to be settled. We get to keep our name and they get to keep the money raised using our name. It is my prayer that we all look to the true and living God for his type of guidance. Where we are to show love and be concerned about each other and do what is right in His kingdom. I understand that there is a positive movement to place on the ballot at the National Convention, candidates who are willing to go all out to get things back in order. As life member 766 and dedicated to AXPOW for 30 years as your National Chaplain, I feel that I have the right to sound off when things get off track and might end up destroying all that so many have worked hard for. If you do not get a lift of the "good guys" between now and convention time, please ask for one when you get there. Please allow the Lord to be with us as we enjoy the comradeship that we have always enjoyed with God's hand and guidance upon us.

Let us pray: Dear Lord, our God and Redeemer, for Your love and guidance of all that exists, we thank You. May we turn to You for understanding when things get confusing. Help us to do the right things that will help our unique organization and please You. Please Lord, we pray that You will increase our faith, our hope and our love for You and each other. We know we fall short of Your glory, but may Your will anyway be done in all things great and small. Forgive us our faults and misunderstandings as we face each day of this life. Bless the sick and afflicted...those standing in harm's way...and remember those still listed as POW/MIAs. To You may glory and honor be placed before Your holy throne, O Lord God Almighty. AMEN.

Thought for the month: The true and living God may not always give us answers we would like. But He always gives us His love.



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Correction: In the June, 2006 TAPS, the chapter affiliation for 3 members was incorrect. James P. O'Brien, Robert Wagner and Theodore Supri were all members of the Wisconsin Indianhead Chapter.

ALBRIGHT, Doris L., 75, of Bluffton, OH died Dec. 29, 2005. She is survived by her husband Dale, one son, one daughter, sisters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Doris and her husband were members of the Northwest Central Ohio Chapter #7.

BIEBER, ROBERT WARREN, 83, passed away June 19, 2006. He served with the 8th Air Force 2nd Air Division 93rd BG in Hardwick, England. On January 17, 1945, Bieb was captured and spent time in several POW camps. He endured a Forced March from Nuremberg to Moosberg and was held in Stalag Luft VIIA until liberation. He was Chairman of the National Education Committee for the AXPOW Organization. He is survived by his wife Sherrie, three children and six grandchildren.

BILLEY, Michael R., of Elkhart, IN died June 23, 2006 at the age of 85. During WWII, he served with the 8th AF, 452nd BG on the "Johnny Reb". Billey was shot down, captured and held in Luft IV. His wife, Laura, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren survive him.

BITTE, Robert, of Elk Grove Village, IL passed away June 19, 2006. He was captured while serving in the Army during WWII. Mr. Bitte was a member of the Fox River Valley Chapter of the AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Evelyn, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 1 brother.

BLAKENEY, Donna, age 80, life member of AXPOW, passed away April 4, 2005. She was the beloved wife of 58 years of Lewis R, POW in Luft 1. In addition to her husband, she leaves two daughters, grandchildren and numerous lifelong Air Force friends.

BONIFIELD, Jack Franklin, 83, of Delhi, OK died March 17, 2006. He served in the Air Force during WWII as a member of the 456th BG, 774th BS.

Flying out of Italy, he was shot down and captured. Jack spent a year as a POW in Luft 1, Barth. Survivors include his wife, Iva Claudine, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 7 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

BRUTZA, Charles J., of McLean, VA passed away May 29, 2006. He was a member of the Bill Rolan Memorial Chapter, AXPOW. He was severely wounded at the time of capture by the German Army. He is survived by his wife, Frances, one son, two daughters, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two sisters.

BURGER, Pauline L. of Lakeside, CA passed away July 20, 2006 at the age of 89. Pauline was the beloved wife of Frank, who is the Commander of the San Diego Chapter #1, AXPOW.

CAMPBELL, Ollie Howard, of Henderson, KY died March 17, 2006, one day before his 89th birthday. He was shot down over Italy and spent 13 months as a POW - mostly in Stalag Luft III. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sara, two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

CARSON, Edward Carlisle, 79, of Greensboro, NC died Jan. 4, 2005. He was a member of the Greater Greensboro Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 1 step-daughter and 6 grandchildren.

COLLIER, Leonard, of Atherton, CA passed away June 28, 2006. Len was a Civilian Internee for 3 ½ years during WWII; a member of BACEPOW Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Alice, 1 brother, 3 daughters, 1 son and 4 grandchildren.

COHEN, Morris, 86, of Harrisburg, PA died June 30, 2006. Morris was captured while serving with the Army during WWII and held until liberation. He was a member of the PA Capital City Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include one daughter, two sons, one brother and two grandchildren.

CULLEN, James J., 83, passed away April 8, 2006 in Thousand Oaks, CA.

During WWII, he served with the 8th AF, 91stBG, 323rd BS. He was shot down over Germany and held in Stalags Luft III and VIIA. He is survived by his devoted companion, Shirley Cobb, 1 son, 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

CURRY, Lois, of Chelsea, Oklahoma, died May 13, 2006. A member of the Old Fort Smith Chapter, she was the widow of Bill, a POW in Stalags 4B and 12A.

CZAPLICKI, John, 91, of Terryville, CT passed away May 16, 2006. He served with the 45th Inf. Div., 157th Reg., Co. K. He was captured outside Reipertswiller, France. He is survived by one daughter, one son, four grandchildren, and several brothers and sisters.

DEKLE, Marcus Reid Dekle, of Macon, GA died Aug. 3, 2006. Joining the Army Air Corps, he was the navigator on a B-24 Liberator bomber where he successfully completed 24 combat missions over Italy, Austria and Greece. On November 2, 1943, his plane was shot down over Austria. He was captured by the Germans and was a prisoner of war for 18 months. He leaves his wife, Nettie Mae, 3 daughters, 2 sons and 4 sisters. He was a member of AXPOW.

D'ERRICO, Nicholas F., Jr., 81, of North Haven, CT died June 7, 2006. He was captured at Cassino while serving with the 36th Inf. Div., 142nd Reg., Co. C. He was a POW in Stalags 2B and 7A. A life member of Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW, Nick is survived by one son, one grandson and one sister.

DOBBS, Byron A. "Barney", 86, of Riverside, CA died on February 14, 2006. He volunteered for service in Korea. He flew 11 night missions in a B-26 Intruder and was shot down. He became a POW of the North Koreans. After 19 months, he was released in the last POW repatriation on September

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ber 5, 1953. He is survived by 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

DUSEK, Melvin William, of Victoria, TX passed away June 24, 2006. He was 83. He was captured while serving with the 99th Div., 394th Reg., K Co. during the Battle of the Bulge. Melvin leaves his beloved wife of 59 years, Mary Jane, one daughter, two grandchildren and one sister.

ESTEP, Horace W., (Bill) of Hampton, VA died July 28, 2006. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Div., 320th Glider Field Artillery during WWII. He was captured and held until April, 1945. Bill was a member of the James L. Hale Memorial Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by one daughter, three sons and eight grandchildren.

FLOOK, Clifford Geoffrey, of Burlingame, CA died July 14, 2006. He was a Civilian Internee during WWII, along with his late wife, Stella. Cliff was an active member of BACEPOW Chapter, AXPOW. He will be missed.

FOLSOM, Lee, of Bossier City, LA passed away June 6, 2006. He was captured while serving with the Air Force during WWII. He is survived by his loving wife, Dee and five sisters. He is missed by his family and his POW family in the Ark-LA-Tex Chapter, AXPOW.

FRANCO, Jesus died July 17, 2006, at Vallejo, California. Jesus had an amazing life, far from ordinary - from being the nephew of Generalissimo Franco, to receiving military training in various places on the globe, to serving in several wars. In WWII, he twice escaped from the Japanese and he became a guerrilla. He was one of those who met the 1st Cavalry Division at Lingayen, and guided them to Manila.

GATLIN, Albert Weldon, of Waco, TX passed away June 12, 2006. He served as an Engineer/Gunner on B-17s; was held in Lufts VI and IV. He is survived

by his wife of 60 years, 2 sons and 5 grandchildren.

GREGA, Alex James, 82, of Corbin, KY died July 13, 2006. He was captured in France while serving with the 79th Inf. Div., 315th Reg., Co. B. Alex was an active member of the Daniel Boone Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Ailene, 1 sister, 8 children, 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

GRIFFIN, Jean, of Buffalo, NY, died January 7, 2006. A member of the Western New York Chapter, she is survived by her husband, Donald, who was a POW in Germany.

GUTTERSEN, Laird, 80, passed away June 13, 2006 in Tucson, AZ. His F-4 Phantom was shot down over North Vietnam in 1968. He spent 5 years as a POW. After release, he became an advocate for veterans and the families of those still missing.

GUZMAN, Gloria, of Denver, Colorado, died in July, 2000. A member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, she was the loving wife of Anthony Guzman, a POW in Stalag 4B and 13A.

HAACK, Clarence, 88, of Gladbrook, IA died April 30, 2006. He served in Co. K, 168th Inf., 34th Div., making the invasion of Africa and the Tunisian front. He was captured by Rommel's Motorized Forces and spent 27 months as a POW. He was a member of the Mid-Iowa Chapter, AXPOW. Clarence and his wife, June, celebrated their 58th anniversary on April 2.

HACKER, Eleanora, 92, of Cabazon, CA passed away July 5, 2006. She was a member of the Fox River Chapter, IL. She leaves two daughters, four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

HAMMER, Edward J., of Irvine, CA died May 14, 2006 at the age of 89. He was serving with the 381st BG, 532nd BS during WWII; was shot down and held in Luft 1, Barth. His beloved wife, Margaret, predeceased him; he leaves four sons, one daughter, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

HAWKINS, Harold, 82, active member of the Omaha Chapter #1, AXPOW, died June 18, 2006. He was captured while serving with the 106th Div., 423rd Inf., Co D. and held in Stalags IVB and

VIIIA. Harold is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lorraine, 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.

HAYES, Blaine C., 84, of Longmont, CO passed away April 14, 2006. He was a former prisoner of war. Survivors include his beloved wife, Alyce.

HOBERT, Donovan A., of Dewey, AZ passed away June 11, 2006. He was injured when captured; held in prison hospitals, then transferred to Nurnberg Prison, finally marched to VIIA. His wife of 55 years, Evelyn, survives him; he also leaves 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

INTOCCIA, Victor P., active member of the Brooklyn Key Chapter, AXPOW, died Feb. 23, 2006 at the age of 85. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF, 100th BG during WWII. He leaves two sons, one daughter, four grandsons and one great-grandson.

KARNOPP, Clarence, of Rolla, ND passed away Feb. 18, 2006. He was assigned to the 15th AF, 342nd BS, 97th BG on a B-17G. His plane was shot down and he was captured and held in Luft III, then marched to Stalag 7A. Clarence leaves his wife, Deloris, 2 sons, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

KELLOGG, Clarence Stanley, 86, of San Diego, CA died June 3, 2006. He served in the Army during WWII and was captured in the Philippines. Clarence was a member of AXPOW and ADBC. He leaves his wife, Stella, 1 daughter, 1 son, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

KITCHENS, John, of Columbus, MS passed away June 13, 2006. He was 82. During WWII, he served as an aerial gunner. He was shot down over Berlin and held in a POW camp. He was a member of the Northeast MS Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include two sons, three grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

KLINGENBERGER, Jane, 81, of Ada, OH passed away May 2, 2006. She and her late husband, James, were members of the Northwest Central Ohio Chapter #7. She is survived by two sons, three daughters, one sister, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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KNOWLES, Jesse, of Lake Charles, LA, died April 23, 2006. A survivor of the Bataan Death March, Knowles was held in several camps by the Japanese for over three years. The majority of his imprisonment was spent in Mukden, Manchuria, until his liberation August 15, 1945. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helen.

KNUDTSON, Harold R., 84, of Mt. Horeb, WI died May 20, 2006. He served with Co. K, 137th Reg., 35th Inf. Div during WWII. He was captured at the Battle of the Bulge and held in Stalags XB and XIIA. Harold is survived by his wife, Gladys, 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 sister.

LEE, E. Vincent, age 83, of Wilmington, DE died May 26, 2006. He served with the 15th AF, 485th BG, based in Venosa, Italy. He was held in Luft IV then marched until liberation by the Canadians. He was a member of the Delaware Chapter 1, AXPOW. His wife, Josephine, predeceased him; he leaves 3 daughters, 1 sister, 1 brother and 8 grandchildren.

LEHMAN, Ruth Halloway, of Greeley, CO passed away June 10, 2006. Ruth's late husband, Bill, served with the 317th Inf., Co. O. They were both active members of the Northeast Colorado Chapter, AXPOW. She leaves one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and one sister.

McGOVERN, John J., of Sylvania, OH died April 8, 2006 at age 82. John served in WWII with the 42nd Rainbow Div., Co. B, 232nd Inf. He was a former POW. John is survived by Rosemary, his wife of 52 years, 4 daughters, 1 son and 11 grandchildren.

McMillan, Samuel Jr., age 84, of Bloomfield, CT died March 11, 2006. He was captured in China while serving with the 14th AF, 51st FG, 26th FS. He was a POW of the Japanese for 8 months. His wife, Elizabeth, predeceased him; he leaves 1 son, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

McSheffrey, John J., of Robbinsville, NJ passed away April 22, 2006. During WWII, he was serving with the 141st Inf., 36th Div. when he was captured

Dec. 10, 1944. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ursula, 3 daughters, 1 son, 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters and many nieces, cousins and nephews.

McWATERS, Marcus, of Stapleton, Alabama, passed away July 20, 2006. A member of the Mobile Chapter, he served with the 96 BG 339 BS, and was a POW in Luft 1.

MEIER, Robert R., of Brookfield, WI died March 27, 2006. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF during WWII. He was held in Luft 1, Barth. Bob is survived by his devoted wife, Pearl, 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

MOLL, Dorothy, of Gibsonburg, OH passed away July 3, 2006. Dorothy was the widow of Walter, who died in 1993. They were members of the Maumee Valley Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by one son, two daughters and grandchildren.

MORGANTINE, August, of W. St. Paul, MN passed away Jan 4, 2006. He was 87. During WWII, he served in the Army and was a prisoner in both Italy and Germany for 28 months. He was a member of Minnesota and National, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Gert, 1 daughter, 1 brother and 4 grandchildren.

NEWCOMB, Evelyn L., 88, of Rogers, MN died July 5, 2006. Evelyn and her husband, ex-POW Kenneth, were longtime members of Central Minnesota Chapter, AXPOW. Evelyn is also survived by 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

PAGE, Virginia Belle, died June 10, 2006 in Tacoma, WA at the age of 83. Virginia's husband, Past National Commander Harold Page, preceded her in death in 1996. She is survived by two sons, one daughter and six grandchildren. Virginia was a lifetime member of the national organization of the American Ex-Prisoners of War and a long time member of the Tacoma Chapter. Until her illness, she was a devoted and loyal chapter member participating in all chapter activities. She was the chapter Adjutant for many years, as well as the State Department Adjutant. On the National level, Virginia served for many years as chairman of the International Coordinator Cmte. For those

who knew her well, Virginia was known for her kind and gentle manner and loved by all. She will be deeply missed by many people all over the nation who had the privilege of knowing her.

PARKER, Howard J., of Cedar Rapids, IA died July 4, 2006. Howard served with the Rainbow Division during WWII. He was captured and held at Stalag XIII C. He leaves his wife of 56 years, Catherine, 3 daughters, 1 son and 6 grandchildren.

PENNE, Harold G., of Lisle, IL passed away March 24, 2006. He served with Co. A, 232nd Reg., 42nd Inf. and was held in Stalag XIB after capture. He leaves his wife, Florence, 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

PRINCE, Phyllis of Niles, OH passed away May 26, 2006 at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband, ex-POW Lawrence, 4 children, 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and her dog, Gigi. Phyllis and Larry were active members of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, AXPOW.

RAPP, Margaret C., 87, of Longview, WA, died June 23, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1942. Floyd survived the "Hell Ship" boat ride to Japan in '43. He succumbed to cancer in '95. Marge was a faithful member of the Ft Vancouver AXPOW Chapter in Vancouver, WA. She is survived by three sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

REEP, Lawrence Richard, of Greensboro, NC died June 28, 2006 at the age of 83. He was captured while serving with the Air Force in WWII. He was a member of the Greater Greensboro Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Elaine, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

RICHARDSON, James W., 85, of Davis, CA passed away July 23, 2006. Jim served with Battery I, 59th CA. He was captured in the Philippines, survived the Bataan Death March and was held in Cabanatuan #3 and #5, Camp

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#17, Omuta, Japan. He is survived by two sons and two grandsons. He was a member of the Evergreen Chapter, AXPOW.

SENECHAL, Rita A., 83, wife of the late Albert J. "Red", died July 7, 2006. She was active in both MA and NH Chapters, AXPOW. She leaves 4 sons, 5 daughters, 22 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

SIEGFRIED, Eugene C., of Rohnert Park, CA died June 3, 2006. He was 85. He was captured while serving with the 35th Inf. Div. during WWII. Eugene was a member of AXPOW. He is survived by one daughter, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

SMITH, Helen, of Warner Robins, GA died June 25, 2006. She was the widow of Joseph, who had been a prisoner of the Germans during WWII. Helen is survived by her son, Jerry, 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

SMITH, O.A. "Bill" Jr., of Susquehanna Township, PA passed away July 16, 2006. During WWII, he served in the Army. He was captured in the Philippines, survived the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of captivity. Surviving are his wife of more than 60 years, Elsie, 1 daughter, 1 son, 2 grandchildren and numerous extended family.

STRONG, Jean, active member of the Kitsap Chapter (WA), AXPOW, died July 7, 2006. She was 86. She leaves her husband of 63 years, George, two children and three grandchildren.

SUDDUTH, Robert C., of Tucson, AZ passed away April 25, 2006. He was 84. He was captured while serving with the Air Force, 398th BG; he was held in Luft IV, A Compound. He is survived by Marge, his wife of 59 years, and one son.

SUMMERS, Jesse Alvin, of El Paso, TX died June 10, 2006. He was captured in Italy while serving in the Air Force

during WWII. He was held in Stalag 7A. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Joyce, 3 daughters, 1 sister and 2 brothers, 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

SWIFT, Robert F., age 81, of Hampton, NH died June 1, 2006. He served with the 8th AF, 96th BG, 337-339th BS. He was a POW in Stalag 2B. He was a life member of the Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Patricia, 1 son, 3 daughters, 1 brother, 7 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

SZVETITZ, Joseph J. Jr. of Easton, PA, a member of AXPOW, died May 9, 2006 two weeks before his 86th birthday. He was a member of the 20th Combat Engineers, which later became the 1340th Combat Engineers. He participated in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and D-Day and was captured 11/1944 in the Battle of the Huertgen Forest. He is survived by one daughter, one son, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

TEDESCO, Charles M., of Livingston, NJ passed away at the age of 83. An AAC veteran in WWII, he served with the 8th AF. He was captured and held in Lufts VI and IV, then Stalags XI and XIII. He was active with the NJ Chapter #1 and was a life member of AXPOW. Surviving are his wife, Rose, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 1 sister and 2 grandchildren.

TROUTMAN, Nancy K., 78, of Parkersburg, WV died June 23, 2006. She was a life member of AXPOW and member of the Barbed Wire Mountaineers Chapter. She leaves her husband of 56 years, Frank, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 1 nephew.

VALIGURA, William J., 82, of Temple, Texas, passed away June 21, 2006. He was 82. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF, 452nd BG, 31st BS during WWII. He was a POW in Poland, East Prussia and Germany for more than 13 months. He leaves his loving wife, one daughter, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

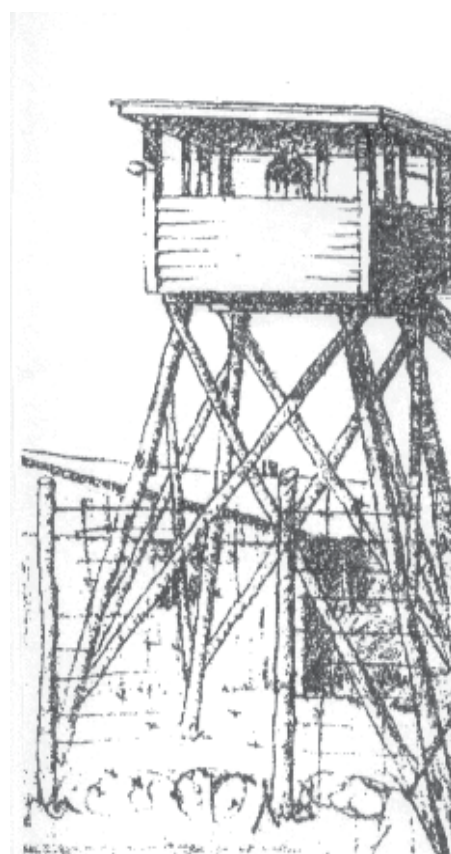
VORPHAL, Robert M., 80 of Chicago, IL died May 11, 2006. During WWII, he served with the 45th Div., 157th Reg., Co. K. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held prisoner in 12A and 11B. He was a member of Greater

Chicago Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include 3 sisters.

WALL, Raymond Edward, 87, member of the PA Capital City Chapter, AXPOW, passed away June 5, 2006. Raymond was serving with the Navy when he was captured in the Philippines during WWII. He endured 3 ½ years of captivity. He leaves three daughters, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

WILLIAMS, Earl M., 88, of Charlotte died Wednesday, July 12, 2006. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a survivor of the Bataan Death March; a prisoner of war for three years; a member of the 27th Bomb Group; and a member of the Metrolina Chapter of Prisoners of War. Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Dorothy, 4 sons, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

WOOD, Paul, of Tupelo, MS passed away May 30, 2006. He was 84. He was captured in Luxenburg during WWII. Both Paul and his wife, Jessie, were members of the Northeast MS Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, one son, three granddaughters, one niece and three nephews.



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