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Candidates...Resolutions...Registration info...and more



Clockwise from top: Many AXPOW members gathered in Hawaii for the annual Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Memorial Week Apr. 2-8, 2006. In this picture, they are visiting the JPAC (Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command; Members of the Maumee Valley Chapter are shown with a plaque in memory of WWII ex-POWs from Sandusky County, OH. Shown are Charles Molyet, David Atha, Cmdr. Irwin Welling, Alex Rasi, Max Veitch and Service Officer Glenn Maddy. Albuquerque Chapter #1 dedicated a monument on April 9, 2006 at the beautiful Veterans Memorial Park. Members from to back: Anna Lucero, Cmdr. Matthew Lawrence, Sec'y. Roberta Lawrence, Mary Montoya, Dorothy, Gladys Gillreath, Ralph Nelson, SVC Joe Gideon, Jack Smith, Treas. Marlys Exon, Chaplain Franklin Gillreath; Phoenix AXPOW members donated the funds to purchase 3 new TVs for the Phoenix Veterans Home. Pictured are Roland Opsahl, Roy Clemons, Con O'Neill and AXPOW member and 94 year-old resident Art Franzwa.



national commander



Gerald Harvey

THE COURT CASE, THE FOUNDATION AGAINST AXPOW, HAS BEEN CLOSED.

There will be no trial. This is the result of the Mediation ordered by Judge Kinkeade, the judge assigned to the case.

In the AGREED JUDGMENT, reached by mediation on May 24th and signed by both parties, it was agreed that, effective January 1, 2007, the Foundation will not use "American Ex-prisoners of War" in its name and will return AXPOW's mailing list. Each party will pay its own attorney's fees and costs.

In the mediation, the two parties were in different rooms and the mediator went back and forth from one to the other until agreement was reached. In the mediator's report to the court, the following per-

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WHY were two national officers of AXPOW and Mrs. Smith present and siding with the Foundation, the Plaintiff?

complete by the end of this week.

Arlington does not have public transit, but they do have a Handitran, for disabled and elderly people. Clydie has submitted the paperwork to get into their system. Once processed, she can arrange to have a round-trip to/from work, at a minimal cost. It will go door-to-door, which is great. We are also working to get her van adapted, but there is more time involved in that. We are encouraged and feel the Handitran will be a great service, even if she only uses it temporarily.

On another subject, **FINANCE**. In the first nine months of this fiscal year, we have spent more than we have received. We need to cut spending where possible and increase our income. There are ways to do this.

Some state departments and chapters have taken money out of their treasuries and donated it to our National organization. The Department of Arizona just contributed \$1000. Recently Brooklyn Key Chapter in New York contributed \$2000. The Southern Arizona Chapter sent a letter to all of their members asking those who were able to give some gift that would be sent to the National Organization. They suggested that everyone who was getting 100% disability compensation donate \$100. They collected \$2,450. They challenge other chapters to do the same thing.

In every issue, the Bulletin reports contributions from individuals, chapters, and departments. Some of them are given in memory of, or to honor, someone.

Every gift, large or small, helps us keep our organization alive.

Gerald

national headquarters

Clydie has been home from the hospital since Mid-June, and is doing very well. Her new handicap apartment seems to be perfect for her. Mom stays with her during the week. Debbie and I stayed with her this weekend. She does almost everything for herself, by herself.

The landlord has agreed to adapt the restroom at work to accommodate her wheelchair. That is being done as I write this, and should be

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support. Clydie feels truly blessed.



Note: While Clydie didn't make it to Cape Cod in May, Flat Clydie did. And she had a wonderful time in Bermuda, too!

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We've been getting a number of questions about our "fundraising", possibly because of recent media coverage. TV and newspapers have reported that AXPOW received LESS THAN 1% of money raised using our name.

That statistic applies to the foundation's fundraising company, not ours.

Our vendor is not a "fundraiser". They provide a product and a service. It is direct mail and this is how it works:

In 1983, we began using direct mail to encourage our members to donate to AXPOW. The program is virtually the same now as then, although the number of mailings have increased from 1 (labels) to 4 (labels, calendars, labels and notecards/magnets/postcards, etc.).

The process is as follows: The Ways & Means Chairman contacts our vendor to do a mailing. (We'll use labels as an example.) Our vendor, JH Marketing, gives the price for the labels. The price for postage is set by the US Postal Service. AXPOW provides the vendor with an appeal letter and a reminder letter. The vendor has them printed, along with the labels and they are mailed. Since we have been doing business since 1983, we don't have to pre-pay for the product or postage. When the donations come in, they are deposited into an account in New Hampshire. The account is in the name of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Our National Treasurer and Senior Officers are listed on this account. Once there is enough money donated to pay for the labels and the postage, the vendor sends the invoice and the post office notification showing the number mailed and amount. It is approved and the vendor receives his payment. EVERY DIME AFTER THAT BELONGS TO AXPOW. WE PAY NO PERCENTAGES TO THE VENDOR. We simply pay for the product and the postage for each mailing. The more money you donate, the more money AXPOW receives. We typically make between \$40,000 and \$50,000 on each mailing. And we thank our members for their generosity in supporting the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

"Mr. Veteran" ~1920-2006

We lost a great friend with the death of G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery. Sonny was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1966. Advocacy for veterans, the lodestar of his career, came earlier - from personal experience and conviction in WWII and Korea. During his three decades of service in Congress, he was most proud of the bill named for him, The Montgomery G.I. Bill (HR 1657), which overhauled the original 1947 legislation by extending benefits to thousands of soldiers in the nation's all-volunteer service.

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In July, it is too hot and humid in Washington to be serious, so we will write about what official Washington does when they go "out on the town". There is always something going on. Stretch limos rushing somewhere. What really ties up traffic is a convoy of limousines and SUVs with sirens blaring. If it is a really big affair and the President is attending, motorcycles are thrown into the mix. What is so important that they have to stop traffic to let the convoy pass? The annual Gridiron Dinner, of course.

The "March of the Penguins" has been going on for more than a century. It is an annual banquet sponsored by the Gridiron Club. It is a Saturday night out when a tux won't do. No, black tie is not good enough; it has to be white tie and tails, although Senator George Allen of Virginia wore black cowboy boots with his prescribed "uniform". It used to be "Boys night out". In recent years, the ladies of the press and politics have joined the fun to let their hair down. Speaking of hair, Tim Russert, making his first appearance as a new member, donned a shiny blonde wig for a skit and brought the house down with laughter, while others cracked a few jokes, told some stories without having to pay for it politically.

Politicians try very hard to be funny at the Gridiron. They poke fun at each other and themselves. The President said to Senator Barack Obama, the new shining light of the Democratic Party, "Senator Obama,

I want to do a joke on you, but doing a joke on you is like doing a joke on the Pope. Give me something to work with. Mispronounce something."

Several weeks later, the limos are out again in full force taking politicians, media types and Hollywood personalities to the Washington Hilton to attend the White House Correspondents' Dinner. This too, is a much-coveted invitation where you can see George Clooney and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright chatting during the cocktail hour along with many others in animated conversation.

It is a big party and this year the President stole the show, or should I say the two Presidents stole the show; President Bush and his alter-ego (Steve Bridges seen frequently on the Jay Leno late show) doing a dueling banjos speech. "Cheney shot the only trial attorney that's for me. He's a good man though, he has a good heart. (Pause). Well, he's a good man." He opened up with, "Ladies and gentlemen, I am feeling really good tonight. I survived the White House shake-up". Then he went on complaining about having to dine with liberal media types and decadent Hollywood folk, and demanded, "Why can't I have dinner with the 36 percent who like me?"

Yes, it's summer in Washington and the August recess is just around the corner. Your politicians will soon be home "out on the town", behaving themselves (we hope) to ensure your vote in the next election.

Congressman Filner is Named the Democratic Leader of the House Veterans Affairs Committee

May 24, 2006.

Congressman Bob Filner was named Democratic Leader of the Veterans Affairs Committee by House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi with unanimous consent of the House Democratic Policy and Steering Committee.

Congressman Filner temporarily takes over the position from Congressman Lane Evans of Illinois, whose health prevents him from conducting his duties as Ranking Member.

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Works for You... With You...IS You!

It takes a village to raise a child, so it's said. And it takes a networking team to search out all the POWs and surviving spouses' needs. Like this.

NSO Betty Harlan in Sudan, TX, drives at least 500 miles a month to go 60 miles each way to Lubbock, TX VAMC one day a week to help veterans with their VA claims. Hub of the Plains AXPOW Chapter helps her with some expenses, but with the IRS allowable mileage rate at 44.5 cents a mile, Betty is out a pretty penny, with all her other expenses helping POWs and widows with their VA claims.

There's Irwin Stovroff in Florida, who pays out \$100 a day for someone to stay with his handicapped wife so he can go one day a week to the VAMC to work VA claims for POWs, etc. All AXPOW National Service Officers are volunteers, all because they care.

Betty Harlan watches Internet Website obituary news. Recently she sent me information about the recent death of Mr. S in California, no city mentioned. I found only one with that unusual name in California, called and Mrs. S was on the line. She said her husband had never gone to the VA and died of heart problems and she had no idea about any VA benefits. I called POW Coordinator Dennis Uldricks in the Oakland XCA VARO and told him the situation. He

called her that day. I called him two weeks later, on May 15 to find out what had happened. "I just got her papers back today," said Dennis. On May 17, two days later, came his phone call, "Mrs. S has her widows benefit DIC and service-connected burial allowance!" The VA can't do much better than that. OUTREACH TEAM at work.

From April Bulletin TAPS: Called new widow Mrs. S in Colorado. Man answered the phone; I said I wanted to talk to Mrs. S; he handed her the phone. I told her I wanted to make sure she had her VA widow's benefit. She said feebly that she knew nothing about it. I sensed discomfort in her voice, and suggested I give her my phone number to call later. She said, "I'm sitting on the toilet in this nursing home, and can't take your number." O Boy! (Male nurse had given her the phone!) She gave me her son's phone number I sent him papers, back pronto, in Denver VARO May 9. May 18, I get copy of 5/11/06 VA letter. Now she has DIC and Aid & Attendance, no doubt feeling flush. OUTREACH will find you!

SUCCESS

With much gratitude Linda Perry wrote this about her father in a Texas Panhandle town, and what \$2,800+ a month VA disability benefit will mean to him and his wife. She asked me to mention his hearing loss; he can't hear thunder. Thus the note.

At the age of 86, Everett has decided to shut down the shop. The recycle business he operated out of his garage for the past 20 plus years now displays a closed sign. He has been having a great time selling off equipment he doesn't need anymore, such as the old scales complete with a hook used for hanging and weighing bags of aluminum cans. Neither does he need the trailer he used for hauling the cans to the nearest drop-off located some 90 miles away.

Although ten years ago, he was told he would never walk again, Everett has never given up or given in. With lots of determination and some help

from his wife, not only did he walk, but he also continued working. Despite four hip replacements, a stainless steel shoulder, two wrist surgeries and other physical difficulties, he just pressed on, doing what he felt like needed to be done. He had a family to care for and needed to work to make enough money to get by. Everett's perseverance truly exhibits the remarkable spirit of a WWII veteran, even though he's frustrated with a VA rating of 80% for hearing loss.

Everett was in the Army from Dec. 1941 to Oct. 1945. In Oct. 1944, he was on a mission, which required him to cross enemy lines. He was wounded by a hand grenade and unable to return to his unit. He was taken to Stalag 7A in Moosburg, Germany. He studies the stars at night to get his bearings and planned an escape. After escaping and traveling 200 miles, he was captured by a peg-leg soldier. He later escaped again, but returned after being caught in crossfire.

All these years, Everett's VA disability check was only \$200 a month, just a 20% disability rating. Even with Social Security, the family income was less than \$1100 a month. Now all that has changed. With his new disability rating, he and his wife will more than triple their income. What a difference! He doesn't have to worry about making extra money any more.

In Everett's words, "It's time to do a little more fishin' now. I guess it might be time to retire." His immediate plans include a four-day fishing trip with his grandson. He will also have time to take care of a bigger garden this year and grow more of the tomatoes and onions he loves. There will be lots more domino games with his friends. And people will probably see him a little more often in the evenings, sitting on the porch - smiling.



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Well, as promised the new VA cards with Former Prisoner of War and/or Purple Heart are beginning to arrive in our area of Florida. A number of our chapter members were pleasantly surprised to find their new cards in the mail. They were mailed without them requesting them. So inquire at your V.A. Medical Center or clinic if you do not receive your new card shortly.

I thought I would cover a couple of incidents I received phone calls about this month.

1) A recent widow in Fl. went to a local service officer to have them complete her required VA Form 21-534 to apply for her Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). A service officer asked the widow, "Did your husband have his 100% for ten years?". The widow replied, "No, he only had it Eight years". The service officer then replied, "Oh, then we must check the block on this form, the death was "Service-connected" or you will not be entitled to DIC. The widow said, but I have this pamphlet from the VA "Keeping the Promise" and he says, "Former Prisoners of War who died after Sept. 30, 1999 and were continuously rated totally dis-

abled for a service-connected condition (including individual unemployment) for at least ONE YEAR immediately preceding death are entitled to DIC". The service officer said, "Oh, let me see that".....So, the service officer reads the pamphlet and still checks "Yes" to the question was the death "Service-connected".

The Former POW died of pneumonia, which he was not service-connected for, nor is it a Former Prisoner of War presumptive. So the widow called me and I informed her to change it to "No" he did not die of a service-connected disability. Leaving the "Yes" checked would have resulted in a delay of the processing of her claim, because she could not prove pneumonia was service-connected.

Therefore, now the widow is entitled to her monthly DIC payment of \$1,254 because he had his 100% Eight years, but she is Not entitled to the additional One-time check of \$2,000 for burial. Since he was buried in a National Cemetery, she will only receive a check in the amount of \$450 for burial.

2) I also received an inquiry from a wife who panicked because her husband was taken for an emergency to a local hospital for severe heart problems and it was questionable if he would survive the surgery. She thought since he was not service-connected from the VA for his heart, she would not be eligible for her DIC, even though he had his 100% for more than One Year. I assured her since he had his 100% for more than a year, she was thoroughly covered for DIC and also for the service-connected burial benefit as this was a Former Prisoner of War presumptive. To ease their minds further, since he survived and is doing fine, I suggested that he re-open his claim and get the heart disease service-connected.

So, keep those "Keeping the Promise" VA pamphlets handy in case the service officer assisting you with your forms does not of the special Former POW benefits you are entitled to.

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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.

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<http://www.cdc.gov/>

Aging - Health Information for Older Adults

Health-Related Behaviors

Nearly 40% of deaths in America can be attributed to smoking, physical inactivity, poor diet, or alcohol misuse—behaviors practiced by many people every day for much of their lives. Adopting healthy behaviors such as eating nutritious foods, being physically active, and avoiding tobacco use can prevent or control the devastating effects of many of the nation's leading causes of death regardless of one's age.

Regular physical activity greatly reduces a person's risk from dying of heart disease, and decreases the risk for colon cancer, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Physical activity also helps to control weight; contributes to healthy bones, muscles, and joints; helps to relieve the pain of arthritis; reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression; and can decrease the need for hospitalizations, physician visits, and medications. Finally, physical activity does not need to be strenuous to be beneficial; people of all ages benefit from moderate physical activity. However, people tend to be less active as they age. By age 75, about one in three men and one in two women do not engage in any physical activity.¹

Organizations and agencies who are looking for assistance in planning strategies to help older adults

increase their physical activity can use *The National Blueprint: Increasing Physical Activity Among Adults Age 50 and Older*.

Good nutrition, including a diet that is low in saturated fats and contains five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day (see the *5 A Day for Better Health Program*), is vital in maintaining good health. Improving the diet of older adults could extend the productive life span of Americans and reduce the occurrence of chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke, some types of cancer, diabetes, and osteoporosis. Less than one-third of adults 65 years and older meet the 5 A Day recommendation.²

Tobacco Use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimates that cigarette smoking is responsible for one of every five deaths in the United States, or more than 440,000 deaths each year. Tobacco use increases the risk for diseases of the heart and cancer. Smoking cessation has major and immediate health benefits for men and women of all ages, regardless of whether they have a smoking-related disease.

Chronic Diseases

Chronic Diseases are generally not prevented by vaccines or cured by medication, nor do they just disappear. To a large degree, the major chronic disease killers — heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes — are an extension of what people do, or not do, as they go about their daily lives. Eighty-eight percent of those over 65 years of age have at least one chronic health

condition.³ Health damaging behaviors — particularly tobacco use, lack of physical activity, and poor eating habits — are major contributors to the nation's leading chronic diseases. Clearly, promoting healthy behavior choices, through education and through community policies and practices, is essential to reducing the burden of chronic diseases.

Arthritis and related conditions are the leading cause of disability in the United States affecting nearly 43 million Americans. Although cost-effective interventions are available to reduce the burden of arthritis, they are currently underused. Regular, moderate exercise offers a whole host of benefits to people with arthritis by reducing joint pain and stiffness, building strong muscle around the joints, and increasing flexibility and endurance.

Cardiovascular Health is a growing concern for all Americans. Heart disease is the nation's leading cause of death. Three health-related behaviors—tobacco use, lack of physical activity, and poor nutrition—contribute markedly to heart disease. Modifying these behaviors is critical for both preventing and controlling heart disease. Modest changes in one or more of these risk factors among the population could have a profound public health impact.

Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the United States. Cancer is largely controllable through prevention, early de-

medsearch continued...

tection, and treatment. Reducing the nation's cancer burden requires reducing the prevalence of the behavioral and environmental factors that increase cancer risk. It also requires ensuring that cancer screening services and high-quality treatment are available and accessible, particularly to medically underserved populations.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States (lung cancer is #1), accounting for 10% of all cancer deaths. The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with advancing age. Lack of physical activity, low fruit and vegetable intake, a low-fiber diet, obesity, alcohol consumption, and tobacco use may contribute to the risk for colorectal cancer.⁴

Pneumonia is one of the most serious infections in older adults, especially among women and the oldest old. In a study of nursing home acquired pneumonia patients, pneumonia resulted in death among 40% of individuals who required hospitalization.¹⁵

Injuries Among Older Adults

In the United States, one of every three persons aged 65 years and older falls each year. Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of injuries, hospital admissions for trauma, and deaths due to injury. In 1999, about 10,097 seniors died of fall-related injuries.¹⁶ Fractures are the most serious health consequence of falls. Approximately 250,000 hip fractures, the most serious fracture, occur each year among people over age 65. Many of these falls and resulting injuries can be prevented. Strategies to prevent falls among older adults include exercises to improve strength, balance, and flexibility; reviews of medications that may

affect balance; and home modifications that reduce fall hazards such as installing grab bars, improving lighting, and removing items that may cause tripping.

While rates of motor vehicle related death and nonfatal motor vehicle related injuries among older adults vary by state, there are some consistencies. In most states, the fatality rates for men are twice those for women. In all states, motor vehicle-related fatalities are higher among adults 75 years and older, as compared with adults between 65 and 74 years of age. Among older adult drivers, the number of motor vehicle-related fatalities increased 30% and the number of nonfatal injuries increased 21% between 1990 and 1997. However, the number of fatalities and nonfatal injuries among older adult pedestrians declined during these same years (23% and 24%, respectively).

Risk factors for suicide among the elderly differ from those among the young. Older persons have a higher prevalence of depression, a greater use of highly lethal methods and greater social isolation. From 1980-1998, the largest relative increases in suicide rates occurred among those 80-84 years of age. The rate of suicide is higher for elderly white men than for any other age group, including adolescents.¹³

People aged 65 and older are twice as likely to die in a home fire as the population at large. The National Fire Protection Association, with assistance from CDC, has developed a fire and fall injury prevention program directed at older adults called **Remembering When**.

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Trust Makes Grants To Andersonville

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The Andersonville Trust recently made six grants to the park totaling over \$45,000 at their annual meeting in late March. The grants were given to the park in two general areas. First is in the category of park operational support. The first grant was given for \$2,000 to support a joint venture with Georgia Southwestern State University and the park to hold a POW/MIA Recognition Day in September 2006. This event will feature two programs for the general public and students at the University to tell the story of POWs through first person presentations. Another \$5,000 was granted to the park to provide support to the Museum collections program. This funding will be used for artifact preservation, cataloging and production of temporary exhibits. An additional grant for \$5,000 was made to the park to provide interpretive staffing support to information desk staffing

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at the National Prisoner of War Museum.

The second area of support given to the park was for park promotion. The park and museum has experienced a drop in attendance in the last two years. This was explained in detail in an article in the March/April 2006 issue of the Ex-POW Bulletin. The National Park Service prohibits the use of government funds to promote park visitation which makes the receipt of these grants for promotional purposes very beneficial. The first grant made to the park in this area was for \$8,480 to fabricate 12 banner exhibits to place in each of the Georgia State Welcome Centers to promote visitation to the park. Each of the Welcome Centers is located at the interstate entrances to the state. Each of the Welcome Centers greets millions of visitors while providing them directions to attractions. Another grant for \$13,000 is to place a billboard promoting visitation to Andersonville and the National Prisoner of War Museum on Interstate 75 just before the major exit to the park. Interstate 75 is a major artery between the Midwest and Florida and the source of a significant percentage of visitors to the park. Finally a grant of \$12,500 was made to the park to develop a radio message transmitter to accompany the billboard that directs travelers on the interstate to tune into an AM radio frequency to hear a message that promotes visiting the National Prisoner of War Museum and the park. These radio transmitters have become a popular way to reach travelers who tune in for the message on their radio.

The Andersonville Trust was established in 1996 to serve as an endowment fund to support the National Prisoner of War Museum and park projects that cannot be funded by the National Park Service. Trust funds

have been granted to the park to produce a new film for the museum, to purchase land for the park and in support of resource preservation. Seven trustees appointed by the Friends of Andersonville decide how the earnings from the fund are spent and how the fund will be invested. Just last year the Trust achieved its long desired goal of reaching one million dollars in its corpus. Also in 2004 the Trustees made a change in the program's investment strategy that resulted in a doubling of the earnings and in turn a doubling in the amount of grants made to the park and museum. Of the seven Trustees, two are former POWs. The board is also made up of an attorney and several members with extensive experience in money management. The Andersonville Trust will continue to make grants to the park and museum in perpetuity. The park staff makes grant requests to the Trustees each year for projects and support.

Several bequests from former POWs have been made in the last four years to the Andersonville Trust. These gifts from estates have nearly doubled the size of the Andersonville Trust and have lead to major support to the park and museum. The support of former POWs has been crucial to the support of this vital program just as it was in funding the construction of the National Prisoner of War Museum in mid 1990's. Gifts can be made to the Andersonville Trust by sending a tax deductible contribution to The Andersonville Trust, P. O. Box 186, Andersonville, Georgia 31711.



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Old Soldiers Never Die...

To show how far this country has come in 55 years, when General Douglas MacArthur was fired by President Truman for suggesting that the Korean War needed expansion, Congress was, for the most part on MacArthur's side. Truman, like LBJ, was so unpopular he pulled himself out of consideration for a second elected term and General Eisenhower became the first Republican President since the depression started several decades earlier. After having been relieved, he was summoned to a joint session of Congress where he gave one of the most eloquent, oft-quoted speeches of his time.

Following his lamentations at leaving after 52 years of service to his country, General MacArthur's observation that "Old soldiers never die. They just fade away," seemed fitting. I remember a song, "Old Soldiers Never Die" and, living as a dependent in occupied Japan, seeing thousands of Japanese weeping on the street for their conqueror who'd resisted the temptation of humiliating his defeated enemy.

Eleven years after officially being fired by President Truman, Gen. MacArthur was at West Point giving his moving final salute to his beloved Corps of Cadets.

"This does not mean that you are warmongers. On the contrary, the soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. But always in our ears ring

the ominous words of Plato, that wisest of all philosophers: 'Only the dead have seen the end of war'.

"The shadows are lengthening for me. The twilight is here. My days of old have vanished - tone and tints. They have gone glimmering through the dreams of things that were. Their memory is one of wondrous beauty, watered by tears and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday. I listen then, but with thirsty ear, for the witching melody of faint bugles blowing reveille, of far drums beating the long roll.

"In my dreams I hear again the crash of guns, the rattle of musketry, the strange, mournful mutter of the battlefield. But in the evening of my memory I come back to West Point. Always there echoes and re-echoes: Duty, Honor, Country.

"Today marks my final roll call with you. But I want you to know that when I cross the river, my last conscious thoughts will be of the Corps, and the Corps, and the Corps."

Now that eloquence didn't exactly sound like it came from a soldier who had faded away. MacArthur's ability to express himself makes modern day "bumper sticker & sound bite speechifying" seem simplistic and childish. His elegant yet eloquent style could and did move mountains. Those who were present on the deck of the USS Missouri accepting the Japanese surrender will never forget it. Those who'd waded ashore with him when he fulfilled his "I shall return" pledge in the Philippines, will never forget it, No words uttered either by President Truman nor any single member of Congress during 1951 will be remembered as was his "Old soldiers" speech.

And yet, he really did fade away. All his forcefulness and leadership...all his eloquence and grandiosity faded away to a memory at West Point and in the MacArthur Museum in Norfolk. And the memory is of a life well-lived and admired by most.

Newton's laws of physics state that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. So just as General

MacArthur was able to inspire his generation by his positive eloquence and deed, those who followed weren't as eloquent and were swallowed up by the negativity surrounding the war in Vietnam. The wrong people were allowed to usurp the warrior's "glory" and replace it with psycho-babble and those bad-mouthing their country for *not doing enough to help others*.

Nastiness and pettiness have always been part of the process - i.e., whenever two or more people disagree but, until recently, the military has been mostly exempt from such vulgar displays. When they get sucked into political debates by charlatans who cite the isolated example and the norm, they almost always lose. When there's a decided thrust from a press that sees nothing wrong with manufacturing news to prove their suppositions, the public tends to forget about the news story and about the "perp" and mentally castigate the victim of the hoax.

The American Ex-Prisoners of War is full of old soldiers. And sailors. And Marines. And fliers. For the most part, they're not fading away but continuing to serve helping others who need help. Unfortunately the syndrome that affected our society has slipped into the organization which had to go through a metamorphosis to divorce itself from another entity that caused the organization's name to be smeared. One would hope that the wounds can be healed. And the organization forge forward.

But having seen duplicity at work, we should follow President Reagan's example when dealing with the Communist governments and their promises, "Trust but verify." And AXPOW must vow to keep its focus and concentrate on what benefits its members. And certainly not be distracted by the self-aggrandizing acts of a few whose motives are suspect..

Lest the organization - and its true leaders - fade away to irrelevance.

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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 1,805 - 1,380 in Vietnam, 364 in Laos, 54 in Cambodia and 7 in PRC territorial waters. A total of 778 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 841. Over 90% of the 1,805 still missing, 97 of them 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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RETIRED GENERAL NAMED AS US CHAIRMAN OF US-RUSSIA COMMISSION: On April 25 TH, the White House published an announcement stating that the President intended to nominate General Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAF (Ret) of West Virginia as the US Chairman of the US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs. A command pilot, General Foglesong has flown over 4,400 flight hours in many aircraft from the F-16 to A-10, to T-41 and C-21, having retired February 1st of this year. He most recently served as Commander, US Air Forces in Europe and previously served as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as Vice Chief of Staff, US Air Force.

VIETNAMESE LEADERSHIP CHANGES: Vietnam 's Prime Minister Pham Van Khai is reportedly asking for his named successor, Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, to move into position as soon as possible. Reportedly groomed for years to succeed to this position, Deputy PM Dung has also recently assumed number three ranking in the powerful Politburo. Prime Minister-Designate Dung, 56, very young in terms of senior leaders in Vietnam, was confirmed by the Party Congress that met in May. That is considered a formality in view of the long-established process for such selections. Deputy PM Dung is very familiar with the POW/MIA issue.

JPAC OPERATIONS STILL THREATENED BY LACK OF FUNDING: The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) sent four recovery teams to Laos for the 94th field operations since such cooperation began in 1984. According to JPAC, one case involves a Special Forces reconnaissance team of five who disappeared Jan. 5, 1968, after ground fire showered their UH-1D Helicopter and sent it plummeting to the ground. The 2nd excavation is associated with the loss of an F-4B Phantom that caught fire after being hit by anti-aircraft ar-

tillery Dec. 22, 1967. The crew parachuted from the aircraft roughly 500 feet above the ground, and both are still unaccounted-for. Another team is excavating an incident involving an O-2A Skymaster pilot who didn't return from a combat support mission on Feb. 19, 1971. The 4th team is excavating a Skyraider A-1G aircraft site with one pilot on board at the time it disappeared on Feb. 25, 1967, during a reconnaissance mission.

SP/AR: Archival research plays a key role in POW/MIA accounting. It is primarily an extension of the analytical tools used by DPMO to gain information on the status of America's missing. Information is gathered from classified and unclassified archives and is shared with DPMO analysts. If it is case-specific, the information is placed into case files of the individual service member and passed to the military service casualty offices from which it is passed to family members. When original documents are classified, steps are taken to declassify the material and make it available for public review.

The Special Projects/Archival Research (SP/AR) Directorate of DPMO oversees all archival research efforts for all wars in which the U.S. has participated.

The SP/AR group closely coordinates its efforts with the other DPMO directorates — especially the Research and Analysis (RA) and Joint Commission Support (JCSJ) Directorates — to identify archival facilities to be visited and specific types of information to be collected. Once the information is collected, it is indexed by SP/AR and turned over to the appropriate directorate or to DPMO's Reference and Documents Division. Ultimately, copies are made and sent to the National Archives (NARA) or Library of Congress where the material becomes part of a special collection and is accessible for public research.

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Frank Woodruff Buckles Patriot – Soldier – Friend

In this year of 2006, I am amazed and thrilled that one of my most cherished friends I have today is 105 years old. How fortunate I am to call Frank Woodruff Buckles – friend.

The first time I set eyes on Frank was when he stepped into our shanty in Santo Tomas Prison Camp – year, 1943. He was dark haired, olive of skin with great hair on his chest. He wore a tired looking pair of khaki shorts, apologized for his appearance and held firm in his mouth a beautiful scented tobacco-less pipe. His smile was beguiling and electric.

My father had been friends with Frank before we arrived in Santo Tomas. He had discussed his concerns about the continued weakness of my limbs without therapy throughout the rest of the war. Frank came to the rescue by offering to continue with my therapy a few days a week. He was very knowledgeable and active in the exercise and building of the human body.

Frank came diligently a few days a week. I strengthened under his tutelage and calmed under his quiet strength. He suddenly left me to transfer to the Los Banos camp where they needed single men like Frank to build a new prison for the civilians. I was devastated to lose my friend.

We met again after the war in San Francisco when Frank contacted us in 1946. He was eager to check my progress after my post war surgery on my feet and was pleased with

the results. My father served as best man at his wedding in San Francisco and our whole family attended. Frank and his wife Audrey remained our good friends for many years.

Somewhere along the years contact with the Buckles became dormant – until – two years ago when a gentleman looking for other prisoners from the Philippines, landed on my e-mail. He was Frank's son-in-law looking for people who may have known his father-in-law, still alive and well. BINGO!

Frank and I have stayed in touch for the past two years; writing letters and speaking now and again on the phone. It is an extraordinary experience to know someone who had such a long and adventure-some life.

Frank Woodruff Buckles was born near Bethany in Harrison County, Missouri on Feb 1, 1901. When the United States entered the Great War, Frank went to sign on for duty. Problem was – he was only sixteen and was rejected by the Marines and the Navy. The Army finally took him in and after some vigorous training with the Ambulance Corps and trench retrieval, was shipped to England and France where Frank served out the war. After 2 years with the American Expeditionary Forces, he left for home.

Adventure still had a hold of Frank when he enlisted on steamships to head for ports unknown. He spent several years with the Grace Lines in both cargo and passenger ships on the west coast of South America. In 1940, his decision to accept an assignment to expedite cargo movements for The American President Lines in Manila led him into the Japanese invasion of the Philippines. Frank's three and a half war years were spent in Santo Tomas and Los Banos Prison Camps before being rescued by the 11th Airborne Division on February 23, 1945.

For awhile Frank and his wife Audrey resided in San Francisco. We saw each other often until their decision to move to his family's Gap View Farms near Charles Town, West Virginia.

Today, Frank continues to drive his tractor on his beloved Gap View Farm, circa 1732, where he raises beef cattle on 330 acres. His daughter, Susannah and her husband have moved in with him on the homestead.

Frank is acutely detail oriented with tales of the past. "Sharp as a tack," some say in his neck of the woods. A good steak and wine dinner is still his stronghold, alternating with vegetarian meals. When asked about his advice to young people on education, he merely replies – "Education is a life time endeavor. When we cease to learn – we cease to live." What were the important things in life for Frank? "Keeping active – maintaining independence – having a genuine love of country – and pursuing knowledge of family and world history." Upon his wall is a framed medal of honor – The French Legion of Honor – Presented to Frank Woodruff Buckles in honor of his service in WWII by Jacques Chirac, President of France, on February 19, 1999 at the French Embassy in Washington, DC. The title given to Frank is Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor.

Frank surrounds himself with his art collection and reads and speaks several languages, enjoying his library of over one thousand books. His life has been rich and complete, serving his country with honor and dignity. Thank you, my friend, for making this world a better place by your presence.

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Members'

forum



Dear Cheryl,

I have been rated as 100% disabled since 1994. A year and a half ago, I rejoined my family in the Philippines to live here permanently. In Manila, there is a US Veterans Outpatient Clinic. I don't know if they are under funded, but I am not satisfied with their level of treatment. My first visit was in June 2005. I had pain from an eyelid infection. Instead of treating it as an emergency, I had to sit in pain four hours before I could be seen. On a later visit, I found out that hospital care when needed is only available if you have a service connection for the ailment. Rated only with PTSD, I was referred to a psychiatrist who seemed more interested in medicating me than discussing my problems.

On my last visit to the eye doctor, I became suspicious of his motives. He claimed I had to have a cataract removed at once, or I could lose my sight; he arranged for me to see a private surgeon in two days. He said the fee would only be \$1400.00. As if to cover his tracks, he set up the next appointment for 8 months later.

Later, I consulted a different eye specialist. He said there was no immediate hurry to remove the cataract, and besides, he said, I have bacterial infection on the eyelid which would have to be treated first

as no operation can be done with bacteria present. Also he stated that a cataract operation throughout the Philippines is only \$800.00. Because of this, I doubt that the outpatient clinic is using the best medical people available. From now on, I will get any treatment I need from non-VA sources.

I would hope that any disabled veteran coming here to retire would have the resources for private treatment instead of going to the VA clinic.

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Dear Cheryl,

A letter of May 10 from Paul A. Bailey, 1770 SW Beverly Terr. Stuart, FL 34997 is the first and only verification of my experience since my 1994 VA claim. The same day his letter arrived I received a denial from the Board of Veteran's Affair.

Paul's letter made it possible to appeal the decision. With help of the VFW and Congressman Chris Smith I hope the Board of Veteran's will decide in my favor.

Thank you for your part.

Art Potts

Letter to the Editor,

To the General Membership American Ex- Prisoners of War;

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to you but I feel the members of the organization have a right to know what is going on within.

A mediation meeting was held on 24 May 2006 in Dallas, TX between the American Ex-Prisoners of War and the Service Foundation at the direction of a federal judge.

At this meeting Commander Harvey represented AXPOW. His SVC, Robert Fletcher, threw his support behind the foundation along with National Director William Richardson and Helen Smith. It is not my place to go into the details but the end result was the AXPOW organization gets to keep its name, logo and congressional charter; but get no money.

Just what was the original purpose of this foundation? It was set up and money originally funded by the AXPOW and its membership. Its only purpose was to be the fund raising arm of AXPOW. Who gets the money now that was collected by their fundraiser in our name? The Service Foundations fundraiser has raised over 5 million dollars. The AXPOW organization has received about sixty thousand dollars. That works out to about 1 percent return. Any way you look at the figures, it is a pretty poor return on the organization's original investment.

It is my understanding that the Service Foundation will re-organize under a new name come January 2007. What happens in the next coming months?

I was told yesterday by my mother, Ethel Bearisto, 27 May 2006, "WE WON, WE WON. YOU (meaning the organization) GET NO MONEY..." My father, PNC Wm Bearisto, is the Past President of the Service Foundation. He is currently a director on the foundation and was present at the mediation.

So what happens now to the AX-POW Organization? Its' future is in your hands. THE MEMBERSHIP.

I remember several years' back when now PNC Bill Schmidt said it was his desire that if there was one Ex-POW from any war still alive in 2045 that he would be riding in a parade and the EX-POW Flag proudly displayed. That was his vision for the organizations future.

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I feel Commander Gerald Harvey did an excellent job at the mediation. Against many odds, he did his best to save the AXPOW organization for you. He did a good job taking on the Service Foundation and should be commended.

Respectfully yours,
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Dear Editor,

The latest report of the Foundation to the I.R.S. through August 2005 shows an income of \$1,287,324 from their telemarketing firm. 85 cents of every dollar that the telemarketers raised using our good name went back into the pockets of the telemarketing firm. 11 Cents of every dollar the telemarketer raised was used by the Foundation for their expenses, including over \$15,500 for their own travel expenses. 3 cents of every dollar the telemarketers raised went into worthy projects of the Foundation and a penny of every dollar raised went into our Organization's treasury supporting our budget.

Can the Foundation be asked at our Nashville Convention to explain why they are letting a telemarketing firm using our good name get so much money by the use of our good name, and we receive so little?

Sincerely,
P.N.C. Bill Schmidt
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Editor:

I am a little confused about the loyalties of our National Board of Directors and our Historian Emeritus. The two members of our Board of Directors are SVC Fletcher and ND Richardson. Why, during the me-

diation between the Foundation and the AXPOW, were these three individuals sitting on the Foundation side of the mediation? The Service Foundation SUEd US! SVC Fletcher is scheduled to be our incoming National Commander. ND Richardson and Historian Smith also appear to be working with the Foundation, not AXPOW. In my eyes and heart these three individuals have shown where their loyalties lie. And it is NOT with the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

Milton M. Moore
Commander Cochise Chapter
AXPOW

Dear Cheryl:

I recently sent the following letter:

To The Veterans Disability Benefit Commission:

I understand that your Commission is studying whether a veteran should receive VA compensation and Social Security benefits at the same time.

Since I will be unable to attend any of your public hearings, I am forwarding my comments at this time.

VA compensation is awarded to Veterans who served our country and became ill as the result of that service. In the case of my husband and many of his friends, the veterans were prisoners of war. Besides the usual deprivations associated with military service, they endured the fear and intimidation of their captors. The injustices, indignities, uncertainties with which they coped on a daily basis can only be imagined by those who were not with them. For many veterans, those horrific memories still live on in their minds.

Social Security benefits are awarded (1) to people who have worked, paid into the system, and have chosen to retire, or (2) to people who have worked, paid into the system, and have become too ill to work.

To say that, if a person receives one earned benefit he cannot receive the other, is like saying that if you have eaten an apple you can never eat an orange. One has nothing to do with the other, and any attempt by this Commission to link one to the other is a disservice to our veterans and to our hard-working labor force.

During these times of fiscal irresponsibility, the formation of this Commission to study this question seems to be another example of such irresponsibility. There are some real problems in this country that need to be studied. This is not one of them.

Sincerely,
Ann Still
477 81st Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Dear Cheryl:

FYI - may not apply to all other states, but Texas has POW plates. When my husband, Jake Diddle, a German POW died, his POW plate was removed from his truck before it changed owners. I had his PH plate and was proud of it, but Jake had preferred the POW plate. It has been five years since he died, but I wanted to honor his long POW internment. I wrote the Texas Department of Transportation "begging" for a change of plates. Well, to my surprise and delight they have just such a form! By proving that I am the unmarried spouse, and sending the Texas fee of \$3.00, I am in the process of renewing his old plates! Hope this might help other widows in this same situation.

LaRue Diddle
13200 Canyon Trl
Belton, TX 76513

events and information



July 20-23, 2006. Co. "B", 9th A.I.B. 6th Armored Division will hold its 61st Annual Reunion in Staunton, VA. Contact Eugene Brooks, 6064 Lee Jackson Highway, Raphine, VA; 540-377-2408.

July 23-30, 2006, The Korean War Ex-POW Association will hold their 31st Annual Reunion at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville, TN. CONTACT: F. Jack Chapman at (505) 523-2298 or by email : fjchap@aol.com.

July 20-24, 2006. The WWII PT Boats, Bases, Tenders 42nd Annual Reunion will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Spokane, WA. All Hands as well as family and friends are welcome. PO Box 38070, Germantown, TN 38183; 901-755-8440; ptboats@ptboats.org.

July 23-31, 2006. Tiger Chop Chop will be held at the Sheraton Music City Hotel, 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214; 615-885-2200. For more information, contact Shorty Estabrook, 210-267-5243; ts50@satx.rr.com.

Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2006. The 106th Infantry Division Association's 60th Annual Reunion will be held at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriot Hotel. Please call 800-228-9290 for reservations.

August 23-24, 2006. The Dept. of Wisconsin will hold its 30th annual State Convention at Elizabeth Inn, Plover, WI; 800-280-0778. For more information, contact Cmdr. Albert Kath, 608-754-3240.

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August 24-27, 2006. The Department of Ohio State Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn/Fremont, Ohio. Contact: "Doc" Unger, 1316 Sloane Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107 or call (216) 521-1889.

August 27-30, 2006. The 1st Gathering of Bataan & Corregidor and Former Prisoners of War of the Far East (including Wake and Midway Islands) will be held this year in Pigeon Forge, TN. Family, friends and guests are welcome. For reservations: Smoky Shadows, 1-800-362-1188. For information, call Wayne Carringer, 828-479-6205.

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. 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.

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

looking for



I am looking for information about a brief article I read some time ago, which I think was sourced from the POW Bulletin. I've checked my file copies and find no mention of it. The story I recall was that shortly before Pearl Harbor, the **Philippines base requested 20,000 empty barrels**. As a result of a clerical error, they **received 20,000 full barrels of fuel**. The only convenient place to store this unwanted material was on Bataan. Without it, the generators which powered radar units and other essential defense equipment would have been inoperative long before its May surrender. I would appreciate any information about the source, or credibility of the incident. Francis Gaudet, 834 East 10th St., Douglas, AZ 85607; (520) 364-3129.

looking for continued...

I am interested in contacting any former POW that was medically treated at Obermassfeld, Thuringia, Germany Orthopedic Hospital. It was nine miles south of the city of Meiningen. Robert E. Johnson, 16169 North 158 Avenue, Surprise, Arizona 85374; 623-546-3410; Robersabel@aol.com.

Two former prisoners of war from the Cleveland area have told me about a soldier at Stalag 7A who gathered Catholic POWs daily to pray the rosary. Neither of my contacts can remember the man's name, only that he was an "older" (30's?) prisoner. I am a freelance writer and would like to contact this soldier or his family. Can you or your readers help identify him? Sincerely, (Mrs.) Jerri Donohue, 9295 Highland Drive, Brecksville, OH 44141; jerridonohue@aol.com

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; jeturongian@verizon.net.

Hello. My name is Diane Kessler. I am an associate member of the 70th ID (Trailblazer Association). I frequently help members and family members find lost buddies or other information related to their military service. A past-President of the Association approached me at a recent meeting, asking for help in determining if fellow POWs whom he had buried in a church cemetery during the winter of 1945 (while assigned to Stalag IV-B) had ever been given proper burials. This was

a tough request because he did not know the names of the soldiers whom he had buried. Just this morning I came across a German document which contained the roster of POW's buried in the Pirna Cemetery on Dippoldiswalder Str in Pirna, Germany. Pirna is on the Elbe just upstream from Dresden (SE of Dresden) in the area of Bad Schandau. There were two American names on the list of 22 POW's who were buried in this church cemetery.

One was **Sprouse, John** who reportedly died on 24 Mar 45. I checked the POW data base at the National Archives and found that he was a member of the 422nd Inf. Regiment and was reported missing on 16 Dec 44. The National Archives classifies his death as DOW. He is not listed as MIA. But I cannot find where he is buried (either overseas or stateside). I was hoping to find some evidence that indeed his body had been retrieved later by Graves Registration.

On the German list, the other American POW, **Francis Gladek** of 299th Combat Engineer Battalion, has a note by his name that he was exhumed in 1948. There is no such note for Sprouse's name. Gladek is buried at Neupre, Belgium.

It appears that these prisoners were at the work camp Lilienstein Lager which belonged to Stalag 4-B. Thank you for your help. Diane Kessler; Egrzejka@aol.com.

Looking for help!! My name is Hans Wijers, I'm from The Netherlands. I'm doing research on WWII, ETO and Pacific battles, fighting in Normandy, The Battle of the Bulge, and also trying to find veterans who saw action during the early parts of the Pacific war. I'm looking for **WWII veterans, Air Force and Army** from both mentioned WWII Theatres who can help me with the following. I'm looking for those who became a Prisoner of War during combat, or in the case of Air Force, were forced to jump or after a crash-landing. Can you

remember that moment what happened, and how you did you get caught by the enemy, and how did that go in the first couple of hours (interrogation, questioning, did you have to give away your personal belongings, but also for those on the Islands in the Pacific, maybe overrun by enemy troops, in what way, etc. (Bataan, Corregidor, etc). My address: Hans. J. Wijers, Zegerijstraat 27, NL-6971 ZN BRUMMEN, The Netherlands. e-mail: wijers@planet.nl.

I am looking for information from anyone who may have known me during my internment as a POW in Germany during World War II. I was a pilot with the rank of 1st Lt. in the 56th Squadron of the Army Air Corp. flying the P-47. My plane was downed by anti-aircraft fire and I crashed in Germany. I was taken to a POW camp and remained there for six months or so. Due to my injuries and the passing of time, I do not recall many details of my internment, nor do I have a scrap of evidence to prove I was a POW. However, I know I smelled sea air not too far away from the camp and I assume since I was an officer I was placed in an officer's camp. One incident I was always teased about was the fact that I shot down a German locomotive. I am including this fact should any one out there remember the story. Six or seven of us were exchanged for German prisoners and I was sent back to England. At that time of my release I was 5' 6', weighed 87 pounds with brown hair. Thank you for publishing my request for information from anyone who may remember me. Sincerely, **Lawrence L Sinclair**, 123 Old Carriage Road, Ponce Inlet, Fl., 32127-6909.

News Briefs

The Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits

Washington, DC 20420
May 2, 2006

Mr. Les Jackson
Executive Director
American Ex-Prisoners of War
1722 Eye Street NW, Room 1118
Washington, DC 20401

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for 2006 directed the Department of Veterans Affairs to reach out to all veterans who live in states where the average amount of VA disability compensation paid was less than \$7,300. Six states meet the provisions of the Act for special outreach because of below-average disability payments: Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey and Ohio. VA will shortly begin the special outreach to veterans in these states, as required under the Appropriations Act.

In early May, VA will mail a letter and flyer to all veterans in these six states who are currently receiving VA disability compensation. Copies are enclosed for your information. The flyer titled "Special Notice to Veterans Receiving Disability Compensation" advises vet-

erans how to submit a claim for increased benefits if they believe their service-connected conditions have worsened or they have an additional disability not previously claimed. Information is also provided on what is required if a veteran believes an error was made in an earlier decision and wants VA to review that earlier decision.

Additionally, we are working to promulgate information for all veterans who are not currently receiving VA benefits through a public information campaign in the news media. This media outreach should also begin in May. We plan to advertise in select major newspapers, as well as send targeted press releases to news bureaus throughout these states. VA has developed a second flyer, "Special Notice for Veterans - Establishing Eligibility for VA Disability Benefits", which provides more general information on VA compensation benefits and specifies how a veteran can contact VA to receive help in applying for benefits. A copy of this second flyer is also enclosed. We plan to disseminate this second flyer to all VA facilities, State and County Veterans Affairs Offices, Veterans Service Organizations, and Congressional Offices throughout these six states for use in assisting veterans who inquire about disability benefits as a result of the public outreach campaign through the news media. We are also making information available to veterans at a special Internet site, www.vba.va.gov/SpecialOutreach.

Both flyers advise veterans of the availability of veterans service organizations (VSOs) to assist them in applying for benefits. We believe it is very likely that VSOs with representatives in these states will receive a significant increase in requests for assistance as a result of this special outreach effort. We appreciate your continued support as we work toward our shared goal of ensuring all veterans receive the

benefits they have earned in service to our nation.

The directors of each of the six regional offices in these states will contact their local VSO representatives to fully inform them about this effort and provide them with copies of the materials developed to support this outreach initiative. Each VSO will also receive a supply of the flyer, "Special Notice for Veterans - Establishing Eligibility for VA Disability Benefits", to make available at all their offices and meeting places.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns related to this special outreach program. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important initiative.

Sincerely yours,
Daniel L. Cooper
Acting Under Secretary for Benefits

Volunteer Extraordinaire!



Our own Katherine (Kay) Arnold was the proud recipient of TWO prestigious awards recently.

She received The President's Call to Service Award and the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service Award in recognition and appreciation of her 47 years and more than 40,000 hours of service "as a faithful, devoted and compassionate friend".

Congratulations, Kay!

news briefs cont...

Help our Military Families

Bob Levine from Chapter 1 in New Jersey writes:

I would like to bring to your attention something our members in Chapter 1 are doing for the military families in our far-flung bases around the world. We got involved collecting and sending manufacturers' coupons to bases overseas. The local school are involved and the kids feel, suddenly, connected to the troops. Worth a try in your area?

Here's a letter we received from Japan:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!
On behalf of the entire Sagamihara Commissary Staff, I would like to extend to you the warmest of THANK YOU for your support of our most valued National Treasure, The Men and Women of the American Armed Forces.

The time spent cutting coupons and mailing them here to the Sagamihara Commissary is priceless. We look forward to the mail every day to see your letters and all the wonderful coupons you have provided. At the entrance to the commissary, we have a coupon center staffed with all the coupons you have sent. Our store personnel bag your coupons and the Baggers provide them to the customers as they leave the commissary. The coupons are also hung on the shelves here for additional access.

Please keep the coupons coming, you are making a difference for the troops and their families serving here in Japan!

Efren M. Metrillo, Store Director
Sagamihara Commissary

Information for Widows

By Betty Harlan, NSO

This is written partly in reply to letter I read in June 2006 Ex-POW Bulletin regarding carrying a list of medicines with you when you go somewhere, and partly as a result of advice given by Ginger Raney, Former Prisoner of War Coordinator at Waco VA Regional office, to the Texas State Convention held May 18-20 at Odessa, TX. I had been asked by Commander Barker to speak about DIC for widows, and in the course of my research for this, I came across a situation that I wanted to also tell the veterans who were there.

Some of the widows had been having trouble getting the correct cause of death stated on their husband's death certificate in order to get the \$2000.00 payment on the funeral. A correct death certificate also would be the way that a widow of an ex-prisoner of war who died without being 100% service connected at time of death to be eligible for DIC. If the death certificate showed a presumptive such as heart or stroke, then even if the POW had no service connection at all, she would be eligible to file for DIC on the grounds that it was a service-connected death. In such an event, the form that the funeral parlor files (VA Form 21-530) for refund from the VA for the funeral, should have question #11 "Are you claiming that the cause of death was due to service?" checked "Yes" in order for the widow to get the \$2000.00.

She also said that the wife should always file VA Form 21-530 with VA Form 21-534 even if the funeral home sent one in also. Then the VA Regional Office where the claim is filed would make the decision as to whether the death was a service connected death or not, and not leave it up to the funeral home to make the decision.

So I suggested to the audience that they should go to their VA Medical facility, Eligibility Clerk, and ask for a printout (at Lubbock they call this a "HINC", DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT STANDS FOR,) which lists the claim number, social security number, place where records are located, disabilities and the amount that it is service connected for, and if the veteran was a POW, who has the power of attorney for that veteran, and other information. Then take a copy of that HINC to their primary care doctor and put it in their file, give one to the funeral director that will have charge of the arrangements (if known), and keep one with their wife's VA Form 21-534 which has been filled out in advance while the husband can help with finding the proof documents needed for the widow to file for DIC.

I then asked Ginger Raney if this was a good idea and she said that it would be and added "The veteran should put one of these printouts in his billfold and carry it with him when he travels. If he gets sick the VA medical facility or hospital where he goes for treatment would immediately know more about his health conditions and might even be able to start treatment sooner."

This printout could be attached to the list of medications and the veteran would have most of his important information ready, or if he was unable to communicate for some reason, then whoever was with him could give to the doctor in charge at that time.

Commander Barker then asked me to send a copy of VA Form 23-530 and VA Form 23-534 to each chapter in Texas so that they would be able to make copies of them and distribute them to the membership, which I did.



59th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Oct. 3-8, 2006
Nashville, TN
"Music City USA"
Convention Registration



Registrant's Name _____ Nickname _____

Spouse's Name (if attending) _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Special Needs (Wheel chair, oxygen, etc.) _____

Unit When Captured _____ Theatre _____ Camps _____

REGISTRATION (per person) until September 3 ~ \$65.00 after Sept. 3 - \$70 no refund after Sept. 7

Payable to: 2006 Convention Fund

Mail to: Ruth Gronbeck-Klump

2817 Lera Jones Drive

Antioch, TN 37013

Saturday Night Banquet Choice:

Chicken Wellington _____

Slow Roasted Prime Rib _____

Choose One

American Ex-Prisoners of War
59th National Convention
October 3-8, 2006
AGENDA

Tues. Oct. 3

National Service Officer Training
Tours

Wed. Oct. 4

National Board of Directors Meeting

Thurs. Oct. 5

Opening Ceremonies
National Legislation Program
Medsearch Seminar
Commander's Reception

Fri. Oct. 6

Men and Women's Workshops
Education Seminar
Ladies/PNCs Luncheons
National Convention Call to Order
Reunion Night

Sat. Oct. 7

Continuation of General Assembly
Banquet & Installation of Officers

Sun. Oct. 8

National Board of Directors Meeting

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Total Registration: \$ _____

Ladies Luncheon, Friday Oct. 6

Cost: \$21.00 _____

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

We're planning a number of tours and other activities. Right now, we're still making plans, but more information will be in the Bulletin as plans are finalized.

The PNC Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 6th.

Reunion Night will be Friday, Oct. 6th.

For further details, check at the AXPOW Registration Desk at the hotel once you check in.

59th National Convention
October 3-8, 2006
HOST HOTEL ~ Millennium Maxwell House Nashville
2025 MetroCenter Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37228-1505
tel: 615 259 4343 fax: 615 313 1327 reservation: 866 866 8086
email: maxwell@mhrmail.com

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Number of Beds in Room 1 2 Smoking Non-Smoking
Circle One: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover Diners Club
Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____
Special Needs _____

ROOM RATES: \$79 PER NIGHT~Ask for AXPOW Convention Rate

Please make your reservations prior to Sept. 3, 2006.

Check in time is 3:00PM ~ Check-out time is 12:00 Noon

complimentary parking, airport shuttle,

as well as complimentary shuttle within a 5 mile radius of the hotel

Traveling I-40 (West) through downtown Nashville to exit #208 which is 65 North. Take 65 North,
exit #85, MetroCenter Boulevard. Turn left, and at the second stoplight turn left again.

CORRECTION: THE HOTEL DOES NOT OFFER A COMPLIMENTARY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



American Ex-Prisoners of War Candidate for National Office 2006



Candidate for office of:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Member Chapter:

Military Service Organization (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or civilian):

Date and Place of Capture:

Places of Internment:

Date and Place of Liberation:

Biography (Please attach, including picture):

To be eligible to run for a national office, a candidate must have been a member for the 3 previous years.

Submit To:
Jim Clark, Chairman
214 Oakdale
Bastrop, LA 71220
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jaclark@bayou.com

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AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR
2006 NATIONAL CONVENTION
DELEGATE VALIDATION FORM
OCTOBER 3 – 8, 2006
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Please validate the following members as delegates to the 2006 National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, October 3 – 8, 2006. (Delegates-at-Large use this form.)



Chapter/Department Name (Please print) _____

Head Delegate: (Please print name and address.) _____

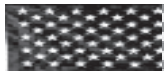
Other Delegates and Alternates: Please print names and addresses. (Use a separate sheet for additional names.)

Validated lists will be returned to the Head Delegates.

If you are a chapter voting with your state department, **do not** return this form.

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

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CREDENTIALS
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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76010-5396



Decision 2006 Nominees for National Office

For National Commander Jim Clark

Jim has been a workhorse at both the local and national levels of AXPOW for the past 25 years. He completed 10 years as National Director and two full terms as Jr. Vice Commander, serving the members of his region. Jim has also held positions on most National committees - including Budget and Finance. Locally, he organized the NE LA Chapter and was Commander for almost 10 years. He is also the current Dept. of Louisiana Commander - a post he's held since 1987. Jim sat on the first Advisory Board, working for and getting the NE LA Veterans Home built for Louisiana's veterans. In addition to AXPOW, he is a life member of MOPH, VFW and DAV.

Jim served in the Air Force as a P47 Thunderbolt pilot. He was captured in St. Lo and held in Stalag Luft III, XIIID and VIIA.

Jim and his wife, Jerri, live in Bastrop, LA.



For National Commander Robert Fletcher



Fletch joined the Army in 1950. He was sent to Japan in June; then his unit, Company C of the 24th Inf. Reg., 25th Div. was sent to Korea on July 12. He and the surviving members of his Company were forced to surrender on Nov. 27th. He was held in Pyuckdong until his release on Aug. 7, 1953.

About 11 years ago, he was appointed to the Advisory Board for Ex-POWs, which pushes strongly for legislation supporting former prisoners of war. During this time, he became active in his chapter, Michigan Wolverine #1, serving as Chapter Commander. Fletch was appointed National Director for the Mid-Central Region in 2001; he is completing his year as NSVC. He serves on several committees in VISN 11, and has participated in two VA training films.

Fletch and his wife, Carol, live in Ann Arbor, MI.

For Senior Vice Commander Charlie Hill

Charlie is a life member of AXPOW, VFW and MOPH. He has spent 4 years as a National Director and 1 term as Junior Vice Commander, Eastern Zone. On the local level, he has held Chapter and State offices.



Charlie served in the Air Force during WWII and Korea. His plane was shot down over Korea in Nov. 1952. He was captured by Koreans and turned over to the Chinese who held him in solitary confinement. Repatriation came at the end of "Big Switch" in Sept. 1953.

Along with wife, Merilee, Charlie is a National Service Officer for AXPOW. They have been working together on state outreach efforts which have been fruitful. They continue to support former POWs and their families in their negotiations with the Veterans Administration.

Charlie and Merilee live in Columbia, South Carolina.

For Senior Vice Commander Richard Mannors



In the more than 18 years since Rich became active in AXPOW, he has held many positions -- on local, state department and National levels. Rich served as National Director -- Northeast Region -- for four years; he spent 3 years as your Jr. Vice Commander. Rich also served on a number of committees at the National level, including Chairman of the Grievance and Investigation Committee and member of the By-laws & Resolutions and Budget & Finance Committees.

He served as Sr. Vice Commander of the Dept. of New Jersey for 8 years (again holding that position currently); State Dept. Commander for 2 years. He also held the post of Sr. Vice Commander of Garden State Chapter #3 for 7 years. Rich is a Charter Member of the Management Assistance Committee and Charter Member of Stakeholders-VISN #3.

During WWII, Rich served in the Army. He was captured in 1944 and held in Stalag XIII-C and XIII-D until his escape on April 13, 1945. He finally reached US Army lines on April 22.

Rich and Angie live in Clark, New Jersey.

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For Jr. Vice Commander ~ Eastern Zone Warren King, Sr.

Warren is currently serving his second term as National Director for the East Central Region. He has been a member of AXPOW since 1990. He has been actively involved in Tennessee AXPOW organizations as Alvin C. York Chapter Commander since its formation and TN State Commander for one year. Warren was instrumental in having US Highway #70 across Tennessee designated as "Ex-Prisoner of War Highway" and also in getting EX-POW Highway across North Carolina to the Atlantic Ocean. He helped establish a hospitality room at the local VAMC. As a member of Rolling Thunder, he was involved in getting the POW-MIA Flag to fly at Tennessee rest areas on appropriate days.

During WWII, Warren was a member of the 4th Inf. Div. Utah Beach Army replacement, Combat Medical. He was captured on Dec. 3, 1944 and held in 3 POW camps until liberation by the Russians near Berlin.

Warren and his wife, Mary, live in Nashville, TN.



For Jr. Vice Commander ~ Central Zone Kenny Hanson

Serving with the Army, Kenny was captured at Heartbreak Ridge, Korea on March 1, 1952. He spent the next year and a half at Camp #2 Annex before liberation at Panmunjom.

Kenny has been a life member of AXPOW since 1988. He served as Dept. JVC, SVC and State Commander; and has served as State Treasurer for 6 years. He is an AXPOW VAVS Representative at the Minneapolis, MN VAMC and has been an active National Director, North Central Region for eight years. He also serves as Convention Chairman.

Kenny and Jan live in Bloomington, Minnesota.



For Jr. Vice Commander ~ Eastern Zone Charles Susino

Charlie is currently serving the membership as National Director for the Northeast Region. Working tirelessly for his fellow POWs, Charlie has been commander of his local chapter. He has been State Dept. Commander for 7 years. He has served on the Lyons VAMC as a stakeholder since



1999 and received the "Golden Eagles" award for service to them. He is an active volunteer at the VAMC. He speaks to schoolchildren - educating them on the POW experience. Charlie is also a National Service Officer - working to ensure his fellow POWs and their Widows receive the benefits they so richly deserve. As he puts it, "I won't be bested".

On Veterans Day, you can see Charlie carrying the colors for a XPOW at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC - a job he's performed admirably since 1997.

In addition to AXPOW, Charlie is a strong advocate and member of MOPH.

Charlie and his wife, Lillian live in Metuchen.

For Jr. Vice Commander ~ Western Zone William Manda

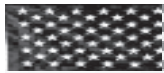
Bill has been actively involved with AXPOW for more than 20 years - serving the membership on both the local and national levels. He has held the posts of Chapter Commander and State Department Commander for Arizona. Along with ND Kling, Bill has



been working hard on the Ways & Means Committee to find the funds to keep us prospering in the future. He is also a tireless advocate for POWs and their widows - his work as a National Service Officer helps ensure they receive the benefits they are due.

He served with the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was sent to Italy after combat crew training. While on his 10th mission over Vienna, he was shot down and captured. Bill walked from Newenberg to Moosberg, where he was liberated by Gen. Patton.

Bill and his wife, Pat, live in Tucson, AZ.



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For Jr. Vice Commander ~ Western Zone Frank Burger

Frank was a National Director for AX-POW in the mid-1990s. He was Commander of the San Diego Chapter and SVC for the Dept. of CA. He participates weekly in POW support group meetings and many local veterans affairs. He was named San Diego County Veteran of the Year in 2001. He has also been a NSO for many years.



During WWII, Frank was assigned to the 451st BG, 425th BS, 15th AF. He was captured over Hungary and held in Luft IV and Luft I.

Frank and his wife live in Lakeside, CA.

For National Director ~ East Central Paul E. Galanti

Paul Galanti was a prisoner of war for nearly seven years in North Vietnam's infamous Hanoi Hilton complex. He maintains a positive attitude despite having been deprived of "what should have been some of the best years of my life." "Not so," says Paul, "the best years are here, now!"



In 2002, Paul was appointed as the Director of National Services Officers for AXPOW and currently is a service officer and sits on the legislative committee. In 2003, he was appointed by Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony J. Principi to serve on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Former POWs for the second time. Paul was named to serve on the Board of Virginia's Department of Veterans' Services by Gov. Mark Warner. In 2006, he was honored with induction in the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame.

Paul and Phyllis live in Richmond, VA.

For National Director ~ East Central William J. Richardson, Jr.

Bill was a Master Sgt. with the 1st Cav. Div. in Korea and was captured at Unsan. He was a POW for 34 months in Valley Camp, Camp 5, 3, Unknown & 4. He continued in the service after liberation, serving with the 82nd Airborne Div. in Laos and Vietnam.

He has been Commander of the Greater Fayetteville Chapter #1 for 6 years...Commander of the Dept. of North Carolina, NSO and VAVS Representative. He is completing his first term on the Board of Directors.

Bill and his wife, Claire, live in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

For National Director ~ Northeast Franklin Koehler

During WWII, Frank was serving with the 106th Inf. Division, Company D, 424th Inf. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. He was held in Stalag XIIA, Limburg, Germany, then marched, and finally liberated from Wetzlar.



Frank has been serving as Chapter Commander of the Ocean County Chapter since 2001. He is a member of the Board of Directors - Dept. of New Jersey. In 2005, he chaired the committee to host the NJ State Convention in Atlantic City.

Frank lives in Toms River, New Jersey

For National Director ~ East Central Ruth Gronbeck-Klumpp



Ruth has been a life member of AXPOW since 1984. She is the past Chapter Commander for Mid-Tennessee Chapter. She is also State Adjutant/Treasurer for the Dept. of Tennessee. On the National level, she has been actively involved with various committees within AXPOW.

"I believe that part of our mission is to assist our ex-POWs and their widows in efforts to obtain their deserved disability and DIC benefits."

Ruth is the surviving spouse of POW Romer M. Gronbeck, and the surviving spouse of PNC John W. Klumpp. She has 10 adult children.

For National Director ~ Southeast Edward DeMent



Ed served as FL Dept. Treasurer, JVC, SVC and Commander. He currently serves on AXPOW's Education Committee, plus he is involved with Andersonville National Historic Site. He also has spent 22 years as a VAVS representative at James Haley Hospital in Tampa. He is completing his first term on the Board of Directors.

Ed enlisted in the Air Force in 1942. He served with the 456th BG out of Italy. He was shot down over Yugoslavia and held in Luft 3 (center compound) and 7A.

Ed lives in Tampa, Florida.

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For National Director ~ Southeast

William Jeffers

Bill joined AXPOW in the mid-1980s. He was first a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter (now Bill Rolen Memorial Chapter); when he moved to Florida, he joined the Suncoast Chapter. He is currently Treasurer of the Suncoast Chapter. Bill is also active in his community. He has spent 8 years as a member of the HOA Board of Directors – as President, Vice-President and Treasurer. He now is Editor of the community newsletter.



During WWII, Bill served with the Air Force, 401st BG, 613th BS. He was captured at Zandvoot, Netherlands and held in Amsterdam, Oberursel, Wetzlar, and Stalags 13D & 7A.

Bill lives in Greenacres, FL.

For National Director ~ North Central

Larry Dwyer

Larry was serving with the 28th Division during WWII. He was wounded in Sept. 1944; captured in Dec. 1944 and held in Stalag IV – Zittau, Poland.



Larry has been an active member of National since 1983 – holding the offices of State Dept. Commander and Chapter Commander of the Eastern Iowa Chapter. Both he and his wife worked hard as Convention Chairman to ensure a successful convention in Des Moines in 1995.

“I would like to see this organization become stronger, both morally and fiscally. As we pass the gavel, we must leave a strong, viable base for those to come.”

Larry and his wife, Mary, live in Muscatine, IA.

For National Director ~ Mid Central

Grover Swearington

Grover is a member of the Scioto-Ohio River Valley Chapter, AXPOW. He was chapter adjutant from the time it was organized until 1966 when he was held commander – a position he still holds. He was elected Director Mid-Central Region in 2004. Grover has over 1,000 hours as a volunteer van driver taking veterans to VA hospitals in the region. He has talked to the 7th grade in West Union Elementary School for the past 10 years.



Grover served with the 8th AF during WWII. He was shot down over Germany and held in Stalag Luft IV.

Grover lives in West Union, OH.

For National Director ~ Mid Central

Bernard Pogue

During World War II, Bernard served with the 98th BG, 415th BS, flying out of Italy. He was shot down over Bucharest on May 7, 1944 and almost made it to the border when he was captured. He was held in Bucharest until liberation.

After returning to the States, Bernard went to college. He spent his career working in the manufacturing end of the paint industry. After retiring, he became active in POW causes, including the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

“The future of AXPOW lies with our membership. Working together, we can overcome nearly any obstacle.”

Bernard and his wife, Lillian, live in Galesburg, Illinois.

For National Director ~ South Central

Howard T. Ray

Mr. Ray is currently State Department Commander for Texas. He is also San Antonio Chapter Commander. Other organization affiliations include: American Legion, VFW, MOPH, DAV, GUNTS, Grand du Texas La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, Manchu Association, 2nd Infantry Division, NCOA, ZULU Association and others.



Mr. Ray was captured in Korea while serving with the 2nd Division. He was captured in Dec. 1950 and released in Jan. 1951. He later served in Vietnam.

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Mr. Ray and his wife,
Gloria, live in San Antonio.

For National Director ~ South Central

Herb Sheaner



Herb has been bringing enthusiasm, drive and experience to the job of Commander of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter since 2001. He and his wife were hosts of the highly successful National Convention in 2004. He is committed to AXPOW and the future of our organization.

Herb was serving as a scout with the 106th Inf. Division, Company G, 422nd Reg. when he was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. He was held in 4B, and work camps in Merseburg and Menchu until liberation. From 1955-1975, Herb was head Track & Field coach at Dallas Jesuit College Preparatory School. In 1999, he was inducted into the Jesuit High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Herb and his wife, Gloria, live in Dallas, TX. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

For National Director ~ Northwest Herbert "Bud" Kirchhoff

Bud served as Commander for the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, State Commander for the Dept. of Washington and has been a National Director for 2 years. He joined AXPOW in 1988.

During WWII, Bud served in the Army. He was captured on Bataan and held in O'Donnell, Cabanatuan, Fukuoka and Omuta, Japan.

Bud and his wife, Audrey, live in Coeur D Alene, Idaho.

For National Director ~ Northwest Bonnie Sharp



Bonnie is pleased to announce her candidacy for re-election for National Director, Northwest Region.

She writes: "I am seeking re-election for the two-year term of Northwest National Director. I am a life member of AXPOW and a member of the Tacoma Chapter, where I recently completed a three-year term as Chapter Commander. I now proudly serve as Chapter Adjutant. I have been a National Director for the past five years and have served on various committees of the Board of Directors ~ currently serving on both the Outreach and Ways & Means committees. My continuing goals are to keep chapter commanders informed of national news and to be aware of concerns of our members.

Bonnie and her husband, PNC Maurice, live in University Place, WA.

For National Director ~ Southwest Richard Cooksley

Serving in the Army, Dick was captured on Bataan, April 9, 1942. He was held for 3 ½ years at Camp O'Donnell, Nichols Field, Cabanatuan, Los Penos, Formosa, Kosaka, Japan. He was liberated on October 5, 1945.

Dick has served as a National officer with the VFW as a post commander, district commander and state inspector. He has spent many years as a Boy Scout volunteer.

As a strong and active advocate for the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Dick has served our organization as Commander of the Cochise Chapter. He has held all Department of Arizona offices including Dept. Commander. He and his wife served on the committee hosting the successful Tucson National Convention in 2002.

Dick and his wife, Ruth, live in Bisbee, Arizona.

For National Director ~ Southwest Lawrence E. Strickland

Lawrence joined AXPOW in 2002 as a member of the San Diego Chapter. He is currently serving as JVC Southern California Region.

He was captured in Korea while serving in the Navy. He was held in Pyongyang until release.

After retiring from the Navy, Lawrence worked 18 years in the Gas turbine industry. He worked three years for Alterdyne and 15 years for Solar Turbines in the test and research departments, providing training and supervision for 30 people.

Lawrence lives in Warner Springs, CA.

RESOLUTION 06-01

To provide National Officers for the American Ex-Prisoners of War organization when there are no longer American Ex-Prisoners of War, (who are members of the organization), capable or willing to assume the duties of National Officers.

Whereas: The aging American Ex-Prisoners of War are approaching the time when it will be difficult if not impossible for these men to fulfill the requirements of the National Officers of the organization, and

Whereas: Even some of the capable American Ex-Prisoners of War may feel unwilling to assume the National Officers of the Organization, therefore be it

Resolved: that spouses or widows of military American Ex-Prisoners of War, who are members of the organization, will be eligible to fill the Offices of National Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and three Junior Vice Commanders when there are no longer former Military Prisoners of War of the Organization willing or available to fill these offices.

Submitted by: Lloyd Gabriel, Tri-Cities Chapter, Washington

RESOLUTION 06-02

The By Laws of the American Prisoners of War as written and adopted at its inception stipulates that eligibility for membership in the organization should and must contain certain requirements, and that

Whereas: only those persons mentioned in Art VI par. A, B, C and D of subject by-laws were eligible, and that

Whereas: in describing those persons being relatives of those who were prisoners of war included spouse, surviving spouse, parents, brothers and sisters, and children and stepchildren, and that

Whereas: grand children, step grand children as well as persons of lineal descent were added, by amendment, as being eligible for membership, and that

Whereas: those identified as "Heirs-at-Law" as defined in the State of Washington revised-statutes were eligible for membership, and that

Whereas: in a letter, dated June 11, 2004, over the signature of William B. Kellington, policy manager for the Washington Secretary of State, Sam Reed, it was pointed out the at the phrase "Heirs-at-Law" is not routinely used as part of corporation law, and that according to Blacks Law Dictionary the term "heirs-at-law" a means those people who could inherit the property of a person who dies without a will, and that

Whereas: Whereas we must credit the framers of the Constitution and Bylaws of the American EX-POWs with the foresight to include others more distantly related to the ex-POWs in their discussions, deliberations and adoption into the Constitution and Bylaws concerning membership, if they had deemed it advisable and/or necessary therefore be it

Resolved: that Article VI, par E 6, 7 and 8, as they pertain to relatives of ex-prisoners of war identified as grand children, step grand children, lineal descendants, and heirs-at-law, be deleted from the current by-laws of the American Ex-Prisoners of War organization as approved at the 2000 National Convention, Louisville, Kentucky; amended September 2002 at Rochester, Minnesota; and further amended September 2004 at Arlington, Texas, be it further

Resolved: that all those who are currently enrolled as members, who fall into the category being discussed, be allowed to retain their membership; but not 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.

Submitted by: East Texas Chapter

RESOLUTION 06-03

To amend Article VI, Section G, Membership

Whereas: Present Section G does not preserve the integrity of the Organization because it allows persons who are not military former prisoners of war to hold the offices of Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander, and

Whereas: Persons who are not military former prisoners of war enjoy the privileges of leadership through their eligibility to serve as a member of the Board of Directors; therefore be it

Resolved: That Article VI, Membership, Section G be amended to read as follows: All members shall be active members and entitled to the privileges of voting and active participation in all activities of the Organization except that only military former prisoners of war shall hold the offices of Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander or Commander. There shall be no honorary or associate members. And be it further

Resolved: That Article IX Officers, Section F, Paragraph 2 be changed to read as follows: To be eligible for election to the office of National Junior Vice Commander, National Senior Vice Commander or National Commander, a member shall be a military former prisoner of war and shall have served at least two years as a National Director.

Submitted by: Department of Virginia

RESOLUTION 06-04

To amend Article IX Officers, Section A-1

Whereas: The present wording of Article IX Officers, Section A-1 of the Bylaws does not specifically state that the offices of National Adjutant and National Treasurer, both paid positions, are not entitled to vote as members of the Executive Committee, and

Whereas: Article IX Officers, Section N does specify that the National Adjutant and the National Treasurer, who as paid positions, shall have no vote; therefore be it

Resolved: That Article IX Officers, Section A-1 of the Bylaws be amended to read as follows: The officers of the Organization shall consist of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, three Junior Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Treasurer and Senior Director (immediate past National Commander) and shall be known as the Executive Committee. The National Adjutant and the National Treasurer, who as paid positions, shall have no vote.

Submitted by: Department of Virginia

RESOLUTION 06-05

To Amend Article XII, Section A National Convention

Whereas: Section A states: The Organization's annual meeting shall be held between September 15 and October 31 of each year and shall be called the National Convention, and

Whereas: A wider selection of dates could prove advantageous when negotiating hotel availability, and

Whereas: the Convention site committee has seen indications that AXPOW can receive better rates on hotels if the Convention could be held earlier in September, and

Whereas: there would be more flexibility to compensate for the two Jewish holidays, which usually fall in late September or early October, therefore be it

Resolved: that Article XIII, Section A be amended to read: The Organization's annual meeting shall be held between September 1 and October 31 of each year and shall be called the National Convention.

Submitted by: Kenny Hanson, ND, Chairman, Site Selection Committee

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For the last several days, my feeble
brain has been going in circles trying
to come up with the proper words to
tell the members of our unique orga-
nization that they must love the true
and living God. Everything we do must

be done in ways that will receive His
blessing. I just received the American
Legion magazine and read how a com-
munity came together to help a very
seriously wounded veteran find his
place back home. We must come to-
gether as well, if we are to keep our
organization ready and willing to
"help those who cannot help them-
selves." I found a poem written by
good friend and member Francis Saw-
yer several years ago that reminded
me how close we were in combat.

I am Rich

Often I sit here dreaming.
Dreaming of all my wealth.

Rich? Yes, very, very rich. Rich in
friends and health.

Friends from coast to coast. They
were ex-Prisoners of War.

With all these men for friends, who
needs anyone more.

We all flew and stood together.

Always side by side.

You see, in our country, we had very
much pride.

We had faced hard times when our
freedom we had lost.

To our God we prayed as our
freedom was valued the most.

Today, friends we still remain,
although miles apart we are.

Friends forever and ever to be.
We're American Ex-Prisoners of War.

This is the way it has always been and
should always be. Loving and serving
the true and living God and doing
things that help others. Especially
veterans returning home from the
hellishness of war.

Let us pray: Almighty and Loving God,
we humbly bow before your Holy
throne, asking for Your needed bless-
ings to fill our lives and hearts. For-
give us when we fail to turn to You
when troubled times fill our lives with
unbearable things that cause us harm
and hurt. May our prayers be answered
in Your most precious way and may
we respond in ways that will not only
please You but be felt here on earth.
We lift of those still listed as POW/
MIAs. Those standing in harm's way.
Please Lord, continue to bless our
unique organization and our great
nation. In Your Holy and Blessed name
we pray. AMEN.

Thought for the month: God's word
is the compass that keeps us on
course.

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Please submit taps notices to: Cheryl Cerbone, 23 Cove View Drive, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

ARNESON, George E., 87, passed away on May 24, 2006 in Havre, Montana.

ARSENAULT, Nancy, beloved wife of James Arsenault, passed away April 28, 2006. They were married 60 years and lived in North Redding, MA. James was a POW for 19 months.

BADKE, Kenneth K., 83, of Augusta, GA died Oct. 11, 2005. Ken served in WWII and Korea. He was a medic with Dr. Bill Shaddish in Korea. He was captured and held for 33 months in Camps 3 & 5. Ken was an active member of the Greater Augusta Chapter, Dept. of Georgia, AXPOW. He is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

BENT, Thomas E., of Tucson, AZ died April 19, 2006 at the age of 81. Tom served with the 453rd BG, 733rd BS during WWII. He was shot down and held in Luft IV, then marched across Germany. Tom served proudly as an NSO. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty, 1 daughter, 1 son, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

BROOKS, Cecil Leon, of Antlers, OK died May 1, 2006. He was 83. Cecil was captured while serving with the 367th BS, 306th BG during WWII. After his capture, he spent approximately two years as a POW in Stalag 17B. He leaves his wife of 60 years, Eva, 1 son, 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

CHRISTEN, Joe, of Alton, IL passed away May 28, 2006. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge while serving with the 3rd Armored Division. He leaves his wife, Dorothy, 2 daughters and 1 granddaughter.

CLODFELTER, William Clyde, 79 of Lewisville, NC passed away July 6, 2005. Clyde served with the Army's 42nd Rainbow Division. He was captured and held in IVB until liberation. Clyde proudly served as a Director with the North Carolina Dept. AXPOW. He had served as past commander of the Piedmont Chapter. Mary, his wife

of 58 years, survives him; he also leaves 1 daughter, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

COLLINS, Suzanne, of Miami, FL died April 9, 2006. Sue was an active member of the Gold Coast Chapter, AXPOW. She was the beloved wife of Kenneth; she also leaves two daughters.

COMSTOCK, Benjamin F., age 87 passed away May 30, 2006. Ben was taken prisoner on Wake Island and was held by the Japanese for 42 ½ months. He was a member of ADBC and AXPOW – serving AXPOW as Commander of the Omaha Chapter #1, Nebraska State Dept. Commander and National Director.

CONTREARAS, Earnest D., of Westminster, CO passed away Feb. 22, 2006. He was 75. Ernest served with the 1st Cavalry Div. in Korea. He was captured and held in Camp 1. His wife, Phyllis, 10 children, 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren survive him.

COOK, Harlan Leroy, of Owasso, OH passed away May 2, 2006. Harlan served as a member of the 385th BG, 551st BS during WWII. He was shot down over Hamm, Germany and held for one year in Luft III. He was a member of the Tulsa Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Julia, 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

CORNILS, Katherine H., widow of Bataan Death March survivor Albert H. (Company B, 129th Light Tank BN), died May 13, 2006. She was a life member of AXPOW. During WWII he served on a B-17 with the 8th AF, 91st BG, 323rd BS. He was shot down and held 21 months in Stalag Luft III and VIIA. He later served in the Korean War. He is survived by his devoted companion Shirley Cobb, 1 son, 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

DAVIS, Kenneth Sr., Rochester, MN died April 18, 2006. He was 85. He enlisted in the Army and was sent to the Philippines, where he was captured. Ken spent 3 ½ years as a POW in the Philippines and Japan. He was a member of the Lakes Region Chap-

ter, AXPOW where he served as chaplain. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, 1 son, 4 daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and 3 sisters.

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

DOERING, Edward Wayne, 84, of Greenbush, MI died Feb. 3, 2006. He served with the 8th AF, 20th FG, 77th FS during WWII. He was captured and spent nearly a year in Luft 1, Barth. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Jane, 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He was a life member of AXPOW, Northeast Michigan Chapter.

DOW, Robert J., 84, of Albuquerque, NM died April 14, 2006. Bob was serving with the 17th BS, 27th BG at the start of WWII. He was captured on Bataan and survived the Death March, Japanese Hellships and 3 ½ years of captivity. He is survived by 5 sisters, 1 brother and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

DUKEMAN, Donald, 82, of Narvon, PA passed away April 16, 2006. He served with the 8th AF, 2nd AD, 93rd BG, 409th BS. He was shot down and held for 6 months in Stalag Luft IV. Surviving are Donald's wife of 62 years, Pauline, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

EDWARDS, Claude L., age 81, of West Springfield, MA died May 17, 2006. He was a US Army veteran and POW. He was held until he escaped from camp. He was a member of AXPOW.

EUBANKS, James L., member of the Piedmont Chapter #1, Spartanburg, SC

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died Feb. 23, 2006. He was the son of James Leroy Eubanks, Ex-POW. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann, 1 son and 1 grandson.

FINNEY, Ralph M., of Wintersville, OH passed away in December, 2004.

FLEMING, James D. passed away Feb. 2, 2006. Dan was captured in December 1944 at the Battle of the Bulge. He was interned in Stalag 9B, Bad Orb. He was a past commander of the Venice, FL chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Dorothea, 1 daughter and 1 grandchild.

FORREY, Charles Mark, 86, of Lancaster, PA died Dec. 20, 2005. He served with the 10th BG, 30th BS in the Philippines. He was captured on Luzon Island and spent 3 ½ years in prison camps. Charlie is survived by his wife, Virginia, 1 daughter, 2 grandsons and 2 brothers.

GILLIS, M. Drue, 86, of Silver Spring, MD passed away April 27, 2006. During WWII, he served in the 8th AF, 385th BG. After he was shot down over Stettin, Germany, he was captured and held prisoner in Stalag 17B until liberation. Drue was a life member of AXPOW, Commander of the Chuck Williams Mid-Maryland Chapter for many years. He is survived by 2 sons, long time friend and companion, Pam McHenry, 2 grandsons and 1 great-grandson. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Billie.

GOSSETT, Oran, 82, of Dalhart, TX passed away May 2, 2006. During WWII, he served with the 15th AF; he was held POW in Stalag Luft IV. Oran was a member of the Texas Panhandle Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Lois, 1 daughter, 1 son and 1 niece.

GREEN, Ralph T., of Eatonton, GA passed away Jan. 16, 2006 at the age of 82. He was shot down while serving with the AAC as a radio operator on a B-17. He spent 11 months in Stalag Luft IV. Ralph was a life member of AXPOW, Luft IV Assn. and the 351st BG Assoc. He leaves his beloved wife,

Helen, 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

HAASE, Howard L., of Las Vegas, NV died April 1, 2006. He was 85. Howard enlisted in the Marines before WWII. He was captured on Corregidor and held in Mukden, Manchuria and other camps for 3 ½ years. He is survived by his loving wife, Leone.

HANCOCK, Hollis H. "John", of Stockton, CA died May 2, 2006. He was 81. He was captured while serving in the Army's 7th Armored Division during WWII. John was a member of the Delta Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his beloved wife, Clara, 1 stepson, 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 1 brother.

HECK, John of Hyde Park, NY, a member of the Hudson Valley Chapter, AXPOW, passed away March 20, 2006. He was 79. John served in the Army's 22nd Inf. Reg., 5th Inf. Div., Company B. He was wounded and captured in March, 1945. He leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Marjorie, 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

HENCKE, John, of Highlands, TX died April 3, 2006. He spent 2 ½ years in the Philippines. He was a gunner on the Battlin' Basic in the Flying Column under MacArthurs' orders to free the civilian internees being held in Santo Tomas University, Manila. His tank broke through the gate and to this day John is held as a hero to the surviving internees. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Doris, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 brother and 1 sister.

JEBENS, Arthur B., 90 passed away May 22, 2006. He was an Army veteran, serving in Germany during WWII. He was a former POW and member of the James L. Hale Memorial Chapter, Hampton, VA. His wife, Gerrett, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren survive him. Family, friends and POW buddies will miss him.

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, Irene, 2 sons, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

KINCZEL, Naomi M., 85, of West Palm Beach, FL passed away March 17, 2006. She was the widow of the late Frank Kinczel, an American EXPOW. Midge, as she was known to her many friends was an active member of the Florida Sun Coast Chapter will be sorely missed by her many friends. She served as a faithful volunteer at the VAMC in West Palm Beach, FL for over 13 years, accumulating 9,418 hrs. of volunteer service. She is survived by her son Robert of New Jersey and two nieces.

MARINI, Gisto A., age 85, of Ludlow, MA died May 16, 2006. He was a US Army veteran and POW.

MARTINEZ, Joe F., of Ft. Garland, CO passed away Feb. 25, 2006. He was 86 years old. Joe was captured while serving in the Pacific with Battery F., 200th Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard. He was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and POW camps O'Donnell, Cabanatuan and Hirohata/Himiji. Joe was a member of the Mile High Chapter. He leaves his wife Loraine, 5 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 brother.

MAUVIS, Charles H., of Bethesda, MD died May 16, 2006. He was 86. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF, 100th BG, 350th BS in England. He was held in Stalag Luft III. Survivors include his wife, Maureen, 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

McCOY, Mary H., 80 of Columbiana, OH passed away March 25, 2006. She was a member of the Steel Valley Chapter #13, AXPOW. Mary is survived by her husband, Jack, 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MILONE, Carl J., age 81, member of the Omaha Chapter #1, AXPOW, died May 20, 2006. He was a German POW. He served as chapter commander and also as representative at the Fitzgerald Veterans Home for many years. He leaves his wife, Nancy, 4 daughters, 1 son, 9 grandchildren and 3 brothers.

MORRISON, John L. Jr., 81, of Dallas, TX died Feb. 25, 2006. He served with the 106th Division in the Battle of the Bulge. After capture, he was held in Stalag 9-B. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, 3 children, 3 step-children and 7 grandchildren.

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MURPHY, Barbara Jean, of Sterling CO died Feb. 27, 2006. She was 82. Barbara and her husband, ex-POW Alvin, were members of the Northeast Colorado Chapter, AXPOW. Alvin was a POW in Luft 4. In addition to her beloved husband, Barbara is survived by 2 sons, 6 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 1 brother.

NASH, Loren Harold, 85, of Loveland, CO passed away March 20, 2006. Loren was captured in the Battle of the Bulge while serving in the Army during WWII. He was held in Stalag 7A for six months. He was an active member of the Northeast Colorado Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Merna, and three children.

OLEJORSKI, Frances, 72, died March 10, 2006. She was a life member of AXPOW and the Brevard Space Coast Chapter. Her husband, Zigmund, passed away in Dec. 1993. She is survived by 2 sons, 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 1 brother.

PHELAN, Carolyn C., 81, of Memphis, TN passed away Feb. 23, 2006. Carolyn was a member of the Mid-South Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Walter, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

POGUE, Lawrence J., 85 of Temple, TX passed away March 24, 2006. During WWII, he was wounded and captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in Stalag 11A. He leaves his wife of more than 60 years, Jessie, 1 daughter, 11 grandsons and 10 great-grandchildren.

REYNOLDS, Homer, 86, of Amarillo, TX died April 11, 2006. During WWII, he was captured while serving in the Army. He was held at Fiersterburg and Luckenwalde. Homer was a life member of AXPOW and the Texas Panhandle Chapter. He leaves 1 daughter, 2 step-daughters, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and special friend, Shirley Nichols.

SHADE, William J., of Fleetwood, PA died Feb. 27, 2006. He served with the 8th AF, 384th BG as a radio operator. He was shot down and captured; he

was held in Stalag 17-B. He was a life member of AXPOW and the Liberty Bell Chapter. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen Arlene, 2 daughters, 5 sons, 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

SMITH, John R., of Salem, OH passed away April 26, 2006. He was captured while serving with the Army and held in Germany for 10 months. John was a member of the Steel Valley Chapter #13, Youngstown, OH. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

SOTIRO, Geraldine "Gerri", life member of AXPOW and Chapter #3, Clifton, New Jersey, passed away April 5, 2006. Gerri enjoyed traveling and spending time with her husband and family. She leaves her husband of 58 years, Christopher (ex-POW), 1 daughter, 1 son and 5 grandchildren.

TARTAGLIA, Raymond, of Henderson, NV died April 8, 2006 at age 82. He was serving with the 303rd BG when he was shot down and captured. He was held in Stalags I and III until liberation. Ray was a member of the 7-11 Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, 2 sons, 3 stepchildren and 12 grandchildren.

TAYLOR, Dorothy, of Pierpont, OH died in March, 2006. She was a member of the Steel Valley Chapter #13, Youngstown, OH. Survivors include her husband, William, and 2 children.

THOMPSON, Randall, 92, of Marshalltown, IA died April 26, 2006. He was part of the Allied Invasion Force in France; he was captured by the Germans and held for 9 months. Randall was a member of the Mid-Iowa Chapter, AXPOW and served on the Resident Advocate Committee at the Iowa Veterans Home. He leaves his wife, Marsha, 1 daughter and 5 grandchildren.

TURNER, Gerald A., "Bud", "Rosy", of San Antonio TX passed away May 8, 2006. He was 81. A member of the 4th (China) Marines, he was captured on Corregidor. He spent 3 ½ years in Philippine and Japanese POW camps. He was a life member of AXPOW and Charter Life Member of ADBC. He leaves behind a loving wife, son, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

VEIT, Clarence A., 85, of Sheboygan, WI died Feb. 16, 2006. Clarence jumped on D-Day while serving with the 101st Airborne Div., 502 Para. Inf. He was captured and held until liberation. He was an active member of the NE Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 64 years, 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He is sadly missed by friends and family.

WALTON, Philip C., of Wallingford, CT died Dec. 7, 2005. He served with the 28th Div., 100th Reg., Co. C. He was a POW at Stalag 9B, Bad Orb. Philip was a life member of the Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his loving wife, Beverly.

WALWORTH, Neil McPhee, 89, passed away May 28, 2006. He was a resident of Ashland, WI. He was a B-24 Liberator pilot and was shot down after bombing the Ploesti oil fields. He was a POW for almost one year. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Marge, 3 sons, 1 daughter and 7 grandchildren.

WESTWOOD, John T., 82, of Allport, PA died April 5, 2006. John served in the Army Air Corps as an armorer/gunner. He was imprisoned in German POW camps from 1944-1945. He was an active member of the Southern Alleghenies Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 60 years, Jean, 1 daughter and 2 sons.

WHITESTINE, Paul F., age 82, passed away May 4, 2006. He was a resident of Tavares, FL. During WWII, he was serving on a B-17 when he was shot down over Poland. He was interned at Stalag Luft IV. Paul was a member of the Ohio Barbed Wire Buckeye and the Lake Monroe Chapters, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife Jacqueline, 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

YORK, Robert E. "Bob", of Grayville, IL died March 30, 2006. He was a WWII Army veteran in the 106th Infantry Division, member of the West Central Indiana Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Thelma, one son, one daughter, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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RESIDENCE: _____ **OWN** _____ **RENT** _____ **LIVE AT HOME** _____ **DORM** _____ **OTHER** _____
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NAME OF VETERAN: _____ **RELATIONSHIP:** _____
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BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____ **DATES OF SERVICE:** _____
PRISONER OF WAR: _____ **MISSING IN ACTION:** _____ **DATE OF ACTION:** _____

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ACADEMIC & PERSONAL HISTORY**SECONDARY SCHOOL :**

NAME: _____

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ACTIVITIES: _____

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EMPLOYER : _____ POSITION : _____

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new members

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Harold 'Hal' Power
Rita
Houston TX
106 Inf Div 422 Reg Co C
Hq
12A

George A. Faulkner
Elizabeth D
Orlando, FL
CO B 501 PRCHT INF 101
AB
3C
6/3/44-1/31/45

Aileen Phelan
Michael
Miami Beach, FL
Daughter of Jerome
Jacobs, ETO

Rita Spalding-Harpring
Louisville, KY
Daughter of Ora S
Spalding, ETO

Edwin H Meyer
Janet
Granville, OH
15 AF 32 BS 301 BG
Dulag Luft, Luft 2
2/44-5/45

Jerome B Finegold
Pittsburgh, PA
Luft 3, 7A
8/22/44-7/30/45

Albert G DeShaw
Sarajo "Jo"
Bokeelia, FL
USAAC
Luft 1
7/20/44-8/1/44

Robert J. "Zip" Horn
Mt. Pulaski, IL
100 BG
7A
3/18/44-4/29/45

Lois M Lane
Alhambra, IL
Widow of Lloyd Lane
Germany

Robert G Werner
Betty J
Lincoln, IL
15 AF 454 BG
Shuman Bulgaria
8/44-9/44

Timothy Lewis Knight
Canton, MI
Son of Lewis Knight, ETO

Kevin Ruark
Odessa, TX
Son of Vernon Ruark, ETO

New Life Members "Welcome Home"

*** denotes new
member to AXPOW**

Thomas F Byers
June H **38171 39149**
Summerville, SC
AAF
Luft 1
12/44-5/45

Tuttle E Pardue **39150**
Greensboro, NC
351 BG
Stalag 4

Edith G Moore ***39151**
Montrose, CO
Widow of Ralph E Moore
Bataan Death March,
O'Donnell, Cabanatuan
12/41

Gene E Deroda ***39152**
W Haverstraw NY
1 CAV
Camps 5,3,2
1951-1953

Eleanor Shekitka ***39153**
Silver Spring, MD
Widow of Michael Shekitka
17B
5/10/44-4/28/45

Calvin Royal ***39154**
Brooklyn, NY
2 DIV 9 REG
Camp 1
1951-1953

Edrew H Duckworth
Phyllis ***39155 39156**
Talbot, TN
Army
Fukuoka Omuta
1942-1945

Robert V Dontje
Sylvia ***39157 39158**
Manton, MI
716 BS 449 BG
17B
4/23/44-5/5/45

Howard G Wilson
Elizabeth June ***39159 39160**
Sioux City, IA
Army
7A, 6A

Ricardo De Villa
Pontenciana ***39161 39162**

Tacoma, WA
BTRY G 92 CA Filipino
Scout
O'Donnell
5/42-9/42

Howard T Ray
Gloria **32384 39163**
San Antonio, TX
F Co 9 Regt 2nd Inf Div

Nina L Barr **39164**
Martins Ferry, OH
Widow of Earl R Barr
Luft 1

Phyllis Rada **39165**
Pottsville, PA
Widow of Steve Rada
Camps 3 & 5

Lynette Robbins ***39166**
Sioux City, IA
Widow of Clifford Robbins
Luft 1
3/44-5/45

Stuart Craig Downing
***39167**

Amarillo, TX
Son of Scott M Downing,
PAC

Suzanne McClaire ***39168**
Laguna Beach, CA
Granddaughter of Robert
Horace Cromwell,
CIVILIAN

Stanley Robert Golden
***39169**
Houston, TX
15 AF 304 Wing 455 BG
740 BS
Sagan Moosburg Budapest
8/29/44-5/45

Burkitt G Read
Ruby ***39170 39171**
Lucedale, MS
5 Army 1 Armrd Div 701
Tank Recon
7A 5B
2/17/43-4/22/45

Gregg O Hanson
Jamie ***39172 39173**
Melbourne, FL
NAM USAF
Hilton, ZOO
6/13/72-3/28/73

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR
SERVICE FOUNDATION

Plaintiff,

v.
AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR,
INC.

C.A. NO. 3:05 CV-222-K

Defendant

AGREED JUDGMENT

On this day was presented to the Court this Agreed Judgment in the above-styled and numbered cause. The parties have advised the Court that all matters in dispute have been settled and they have acknowledged this agreement as noted by their signatures hereto. In view of this agreement, the Court finds that the Agreed Judgment should be granted in accordance with the parties' agreement, which is as follows:

1. Effective January 1, 2007, Plaintiff Foundation shall adopt a different name that is not likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to (a) the affiliation, connection or association of the Foundation with Defendant AXPOW, or (b) the origin, sponsorship or approval of Foundation's activities with AXPOW.
2. Effective January 1, 2007, Plaintiff Foundation will cease all use of Defendant AXPOW's mailing list.
3. Defendant AXPOW agrees that if the Plaintiff Foundation changes its name to "Former Military POW Foundation", such name will not be a violation of this agreed judgment.
4. Effective January 1, 2007, Plaintiff Foundation agrees to change the name of its current publication "American Ex-Prisoner of War Service Foundation Times". Defendant AXPOW agrees that if Plaintiff Foundation changes the name of its current publication to "Former Military POW Foundation Times", such name will not be a violation of this agreed judgment.
5. Neither party admits to any liability to the other.
6. The parties hereby release one another and their respective officers, directors, members, and attorneys, for all claims arising out of this matter prior to the date of this agreed judgment.
7. This case is hereby dismissed with prejudice, each party to bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

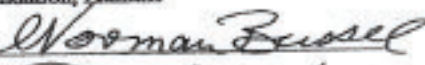
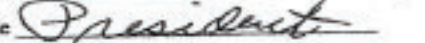
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Effective January 1, 2007, Plaintiff Foundation shall adopt a different name that is not likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to (a) the affiliation, connection or association of the Foundation with Defendant AXPOW, or (b) the origin, sponsorship or approval of Foundation's activities with AXPOW.
2. Effective January 1, 2007, Plaintiff Foundation will cease all use of Defendant AXPOW's mailing list.
3. This case is hereby dismissed with prejudice, each party to bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

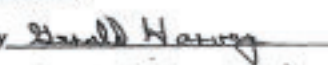
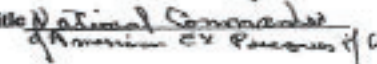
SO ORDERED.
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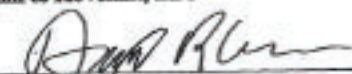
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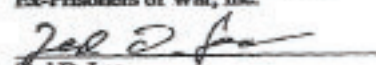
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