2011 FAMILY UPDATE LOCATIONS 2011

City selections are based on past update schedules and demographic mapping of family members’ home locations
* Vietnam War Annual Meeting
** The Korean / Cold War Annual Meeting
*Location and Date confirmed

TREASURER’S CORNER

Please send in your membership renewal early. It is easy to be distracted with the upcoming holidays. January will be here before you know it. It is because of you, our members, that we can continue our work. Please take a minute and send your renewal in today.

No application is necessary if you are already a member. Please provide your name and address on the check.

Thanks

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IN MY OPINION by Irene Mandra

Dear Members,

DPMO did a fantastic job at the annual Korea/Cold War annual meeting which took place September 1 & 2, 2011 in Virginia. I realize it’s a tremendous amount of work on their part and I truly appreciate their effort. I have one large disappointment which occurred this year and I sincerely hope that this will never happen again. This is the first year that we did not receive packets at our meeting. I guess it has not occurred to members at DPMO that many of our families are not on computer, therefore they have nothing to take home and read what exactly the Department of Defense is doing to locate and bring them closure on the status of their missing loved ones.

It was very good of DOD to put this information on their web site, again forgetting that they are dealing with an older population, who found the print hard to read, half of the 500 attending are not on computer. In the past if we had a question we could ask our friends at DPMO for an explanation, there at the general meeting. Now we have to go to a web site, (of course those who know how) and what we don’t understand there is no one to enlighten us.

I realize that DOD wishes to save money but let me make my position very clear, and let me emphasize how angry I am. STOP TRYING TO SAVE MONEY ON THE BACK’S OF THE FAMILIES. Your job is to help us deal with a great loss and give us understanding on what our government is doing to give us closure and accountability on the fate of our missing loved ones. Please understand our position.

As the holidays are fast approaching we think and miss our loved ones who are still missing. We still wait for the Russians to tell us who they took and when will they ever give us the answers we so desire. The Chinese seem like a hopeless cause. As far as our loved ones go their presence we miss, their memory we treasure. Loving him always, forgetting him never.

As the saying goes, remembering them is easy, I do it every day, but there’s an ache within my heart that will never go away. You could apply that saying to any loved one that you lost.

We look forward to 2012, if and when we get back into North Korea, and some families will have the closure after sixty some odd years.

The Board and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Happy Holiday Season.

Irene
Early September I received the following document from DPMO and wanted to share this with you.

Irene

USRJC and JCSD Activities Paper

The U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs (USRJC) is a forum through which the U.S. and Russia work together to account for missing service members. Engagement between senior members of the U.S. government and senior leaders from Russia promotes access to Russian archives, interviews with Russian veterans, and investigations on Russian territory. Access to archives, veterans, and relevant sites on Russian territory contributes to Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) analysts and researchers as they work to determine the fates of prisoners of war and missing in action dating from the Second World War, including the Korean War, Cold War, and Vietnam War. DPMO supports the Commission with its Joint Commission Support Directorate (JCSD) and an office at the U.S. Embassy, Moscow.

USRJC Current and Future Activities

On June 17, 2011, Russian President Medvedev appointed Ms. Yekaterina Priyezzheva, a high ranking civilian official of the Russian Ministry of Defense, as the Commission’s Russian Co-Chairperson. Medvedev also appointed a number of other high ranking officials as commissioners. These commissioners include elected officials from the Russian Duma, high ranking military and intelligence agency officers, and important members of the Russian POW/MIA community.

In late September, U.S. Chairman General (ret.) Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong is scheduled to travel to Russia to meet Ms. Priyezzheva and other Russian officials. Their discussion may clarify the agenda and timing for the next USRJC Plenum to discuss U.S.-Russia cooperation on the accounting mission. (Editor’s note: Unfortunately this never happened)

DPMO will ask the U.S. side of the Commission to address expanded archival access and specifically declassification of Vietnam War archival documents, readdress cases involving missing from the Cold War, discuss developing a research methodology for those missing in Russia from World War II, and agree to continued data collection related to Korean War missing. DPMO will recommend that the principal focus should be on those cases for which DPMO has very little (or no) information about the location of the losses. Additionally, DPMO will request that the Commission press for further information about the possibility that American servicemen from past wars were held as prisoners in the former Soviet Union.

JCSD Current Archival Access and Research Activities

Central Archives of the Ministry of Defense (TsAMO) – Russia has granted DPMO limited access to this archive, which consists of an 8-day research period each month. This research is usually performed by Foreign Service National researchers based at DPMO’s Moscow Office, who are sometimes augmented by Washington-based linguists/analysts. This access is currently limited to the records of the Soviet Air Force and Air Defense units that fought during the Korean War. However, DPMO will ask for even broader access into other document collections at TsAMO.

Additionally, DPMO will ask the Russians to declassify documents of the 10th Main Directorate of the General Staff. Soviet servicemen sent to Vietnam, and some sent to the Korean Theater of Operations, were likely controlled by this organization. Access to these documents could provide valuable information on missing U.S. servicemen from the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Earlier this year DPMO requested Russian archivists to research 30 specific cases of missing U.S. servicemen from WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars. This request resulted from meetings DASD Newberry had with Russian archive officials in September 2010. These cases were selected based on the premise that the Russians should have additional information on each of these. A response from the Russians on this request is pending.
The State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF) and the Russian State Military Archives (RGVA) – DPMO’s Moscow Office has relatively unfettered access to both GARF and RGVA. Both of these archives contain largely declassified information related to the WWII accounting mission. Of interest are records related to the liberation of German POW camps by the Soviet Union, captured German and Japanese WWII records, the repatriation of captured allied servicemen, and information on detainees, POWs, and other persons held in wartime and post-wartime camps throughout Soviet-occupied Europe and Asia.

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) – Ongoing research continues at NARA on WWII aircraft and naval losses in the Pacific Theater of Operations, specifically in the area of the Russian Far East.

Oral History Program – Moscow-based analysts conduct interviews with former Soviet soldiers in an attempt to uncover information that could lead to locating American POW/MIs. Currently, a robust interview program exists for Soviet veterans of the Vietnam War and, to a lesser extent, veterans of the Korean War. As time goes on, there are fewer eyewitnesses who can provide firsthand accounts; DPMO strives to gain access to veterans while they are still able to share potentially valuable information.

Access to Other Russian Archives – In addition to expanding access to many additional document collections at TsAMO, DPMO would like to increase its archival access to additional Russian Federal archives. These archives include, but are not limited to, the Russian Naval Archives in Gatchina, the Military Medical Museum Archives, and the Archives of the President of the Russian Federation. Each of these archives contains information related to the four conflicts of interest.

Russian Far East Crash Sites – Analysts have collected information regarding three U.S. crewed aircraft, possibly lost in the Russian Far East. DPMO will consider investigations to gather additional information.

Contribution to Case Files – Analysts continue to digitize records in order to contribute to building electronic case files. Such files are searchable, more durable than original records, and more easily accessible by analysts.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
This is an event that Barney Frampton from Air Force Casualty arranges each year with the Exchange.

In this picture: Col Peter Bilodeau, USAF, DPMO, SFC Alethea Gardner, USA, DPMO, SSG Gregory Frierson, USA, Army Casualty Office. HM1 N135 Dana Swope, USN, Navy Casualty Office, SSgt Andrew Radford, USMC, Marine Corps Casualty Office, SSgt Danielle Harris, USAF, Air Force Casualty Office, Mr. William Frampton, Air Force Casualty Office, Mr. Jeff Eubank, NYSE Senior Vice President for Global Affairs and Government Relations.
U.S.-North Korea Conclude POW/MIA Talks

The Department of Defense announced October 20, 2011 that the United States and Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) officials reached an arrangement to resume recovering the remains of American servicemen missing from the Korean War.

The three-day talks held in Bangkok were led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Robert J. Newberry. His negotiating team included representatives from across the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the U.S. Pacific Command and the United Nations Command-Korea.

The arrangement calls for U.S. teams to work in two areas in North Korea—Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, and near the Chosin/Jangjin Reservoir—where more than 2,000 soldiers and Marines are believed to be missing. The arrangement includes details on logistics and matters that will ensure the effectiveness and safety of remains recovery teams operating in the DPRK. Accounting for Americans missing in action is a stand-alone humanitarian matter, not tied to any other issue between the two countries.

The operations in North Korea are expected to begin next year and will mark the first since 2005, when the U.S. halted missions due to increased tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Prior to that time, U.S. specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command conducted operations in that country for 10 years, recovering remains believed to be more than 225 servicemen since 1996. Of the approximately 83,000 Americans missing from all conflicts, more than 7,900 are from the Korean War with 5,500 of those believed to be missing in the DPRK.

PLANNING AHEAD

The next Annual Family Briefing is scheduled to be held during April 2012.

At the annual dinner, Korea Cold War Families of the Missing, Inc. will have the pleasure of honoring Charles (Chuck) Henley the Director, External Affairs.

FEDERATED CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC, September 16, 2011 with DPMO

The Federated Case Management System (FCMS) will be a comprehensive repository of information related to missing personnel affairs (from Personnel Recovery to Personnel Accounting). It will allow analysts from JPRA, JPAC and DPMO to collaborate and share case file information in real-time. It will also allow other members of the community such as Stony Beach, AFDIL, and the Service Casualty offices to access the information. FCMS will be able to ingest information from any existing database; and because it is web-based and will reside on a government network, the information can be accessed from any government computer.

CURRENT STATUS: We have developed an FCMS prototype and tested it using Korean War and Cold War case files.

- The FCMS team is developing an implementation plan that will allow all DPMO analysts to use FCMS for daily case file management.

WHAT’S NEXT: Transition to an Initial Operating Capability for DPMO analysts (by conflict) to use FCMS on daily basis.

- We believe we will reach this point by December 2011.

OTHER INITIATIVES: Expand FCMS availability to entire POW/MIA Accounting Community and evaluate additional software tools that can be integrated into FCMS.

- Step 1: Include JPAC into the FCMS architecture to improve information sharing and collaboration.

- Step 2: Provide FCMS access to Service Casualty offices to facilitate information flow within the POW/MIA accounting community.

- Step 3: Evaluate potential opportunities for FCMS to increase efficiency and improve communication between JPAC/CIL and AFDIL.

- Step 4: Integrate ArcGIS into FCMS software to provide analysts with geospatial mapping tools

Defense Knowledge Online (DKO):
Establish community-wide process to explore how case file information may be exported to DKO to improve families’ access to their cases.
Ceremony Honors POW/MIA Soldiers at Jefferson Barracks By Angela Fonner

F. Carl "Skip" Schumacher spent 355 days as a prisoner of war in 1968 when the USS Pueblo was taken by the North Korean regime.

“I think the hardest thing about being a POW however, is the concern for those who are at home and those who wait. Your families know nothing,” he said. “The other thing that happens is that everything is taken away from you and you are completely dependent upon your captors. You realize quickly what a thin little veneer there is on the civility that we’re used to. You’re almost primal in your concerns for food and water and sleep and medicine. And all of that is completely out of your hands.”

For his bravery, Schumacher was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and many other citations. Schumacher was the keynote speaker at the 2011 POW and MIA celebration at Jefferson Barracks Park Friday for National POW/MIA Recognition Day. At the ceremony, representatives named St. Louisans who served, as well as the names of those still missing.

Many former MIAs and POWs were on hand to witness the ceremonial table of the Unknown Soldier, the laying of the wreath and a firing squad performed by the American Legion Post 162.

The ceremony announced a new museum at Jefferson Barracks designed to pay tribute to those who have served and those who still have not returned home. The museum, slated to open in 2012, will depict traits shared by military detainees.

“As a former POW, I am pleased to see the state of Missouri and St. Louis County honoring the POWs and MIAs,” Schumacher said.

For Richard Gearheart, a former prisoner of war who was there with his wife Mable, this ceremony was about validation. “It's good that we are recognized. You see, when we first got free, the people, they’d ask us questions and we'd answer them and they didn’t believe us,” he said. "I was taken prisoner in 1944 for 15 and a half very, very long months. It's hard for me to say exactly the feelings that I have. It does mean a lot.” Third District Representative Russ Carnahan also lent his support for the troops.

“It’s really touching and inspiring for me to see these veterans that have served and persevered through such incredible adversity, while serving and protecting us,” he said. “It's remarkable to see them here but also to know that we're going to be able to kick off this POW/MIA museum right here in historic Jefferson Barracks.”

Construction on the museum is slated to begin in April of 2012.

“I think it's going to be a remarkable addition here with the other museums and the cemetery,” Carnahan said. “I think the community is really going to enjoy that in a great way.”

We want to inform you that Robert Goeke is heading to Afghanistan for one year, on January 12, 2012, as a Commander in the Navy Reserves. He will be working for the ISAF Joint Command.

Rob has been with DPMO since 1993. He worked Legislative Affairs issues until 2006 at which time he became the Deputy Director for External Affairs (family support).

The families and especially the heads of POW/MIA organizations have worked with Rob for several years and have come to rely on him to always provide us with the answers we need to pass on to our members. You will be missed.

Rob will be in our thoughts and prayers. God speed Rob, and we look forward to having you back with us again!

JPAC “BROKE GROUND”


Senator Daniel Inouye was among several other dignitaries invited to ceremoniously “break ground” on the site for the new facility that will further enhance the Department of Defense’s mission to account for its missing U.S. personnel.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command, JPAC is a jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists that has, with its predecessor organizations, investigated and recovered missing Americans since the 1970’s.

The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America’s heroes home, is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost during the nation’s past conflicts.

If you have a relative serving in Afghanistan or Iraq, please notify Irene.
Mr. Newberry, Irene Mandra, Phil O’Brien and Jim Connell

Danz Blasser Receiving Award

Jim Connell Receiving Award

Melody Raglin, Irene Mandra and Arlene Cohen at the briefing

General Stephen Tom – JPAC

SMA Raymond F. Chandler III. “US Government will do everything (we need) to bring home your serviceman from Korea Cold Wars. It is our job to do. I will not leave my Comrade”
Denham's statement on National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sun-Star - WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Denham September 16, 2011 issued the following statement on National POW/MIA Recognition Day in honor of those who were Prisoners Of War (POW) and those who are Missing In Action (MIA), as well as their families:

"Nothing should give us more pride than to welcome American military personnel home from the many conflicts in which we are engaged. However, as we do, we must also remember those who never returned; not just those who perished, but the many thousands whose final fates are still unknown. Today, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is dedicated to these men and women who have gone missing in service to their nation.

"More than 83,000 Americans are missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War and the 1991 Gulf War. It is our solemn obligation to spare no effort in finding and bringing these Americans home.

"As the black and white flag that honors our prisoners of war and those missing in action flies over the United States Capitol and across the country today, please keep these brave men and women in your thoughts and prayers and remember the families for whom no closure has come."

CHIT CHAT by Irene Mandra

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of our member John V Mandra (brother of Marine Sgt. Philip V Mandra) and my Beloved Baby Brother.

If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I’d walk right up to Heaven and bring you Home again. Until we meet again my loving brother.

Many thanks to Frank Metersky for representing our organization at the DPMO meeting in Washington, DC and our appreciation to Greg Skavinski for attending the POW/MIA service on our behalf, September 16, 2011.

I attended a dinner in Flushing, NY given by the South Korean Abductees Family Union. They are trying to make people aware that over 196,000 civilians have been abducted by North Korea, from South Korea.

I never realize it reached that number. So now I ask you how anyone could not think that these barbaric people would not hold Americans after the war. They kidnap civilians, they held back South Korean soldiers, we have testimony that American POWs were seen working in a field, and yet we have never negotiated for their return. Shame on this country they should take some lessons from Israel who fights to the bitter end to get their people back. We certainly can learn from a small country that we are not that big when you don’t protect and defend Americans who were taken and forgotten, while fighting for our freedom.

JAPAC ACTIVITIES During 2012

During Fiscal Year 2012 (Oct. 1, 2011 through Sep. 30, 2012), JPAC will deploy more than 85 investigation and recovery teams on 30 missions to 11 countries worldwide. Of those, 60 teams are deploying to support Vietnam War operations, 9 are supporting Korean War operations, and 17 are supporting World War II operations. Six Joint Forensic Reviews (in which sets of remains are evaluated to determine their racial affiliation) will be performed in Vietnam and South Korea. In Vietnam, JPAC will be supported by one host nation unilateral investigation and three trilateral investigations. As part of the U.S. Pacific Command Theater Campaign Plan, five Medical Outreach programs will occur in Laos. The outreach program will focus on administering routine and critical healthcare services to severely undeserved areas, and focuses on teaching patients about healthy nutrition regimens.

1st Quarter (Oct. - Dec. 2011)

Lao People's Democratic Republic (Vietnam War)
Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam War)
Republic of Korea (Korean War)
Federal Republic of Germany (World War II)

2nd Quarter (Jan. - March 2012)

Kingdom of Cambodia (Vietnam War)
Lao People's Democratic Republic (Vietnam War)
Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam War)
Republic of Korea (Korean War)
Republic of the Philippines (World War II)
Independent State of Papua New Guinea (World War II) Germany/France (World War II)
Republic of the Philippines (World War II)

3rd Quarter (April - Jun. 2012)

Lao People's Democratic Republic (Vietnam War)
Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam War)
Republic of Korea (Korean War)
People's Republic of China (Korean War)
Federal Republic of Germany (World War II)
Independent State of Papua New Guinea (World War II)

4th Quarter (July - Sep. 2012)

Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam War)
People's Republic of China (Korean War)
French Republic (World War II)
Independent State of Papua New Guinea (World War II)
Canada (World War II)
Republic of Vanuatu (World War II)

This report is an operational projection for 2012 missions and may change. To see where team members are located right now, visit our JPAC Around the World page.
U.S. SOLDIER MIA FROM KOREAN WAR IDENTIFIED

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

Army Cpl. Edward M. Pedregon, 20, of El Paso, Texas, will be buried on Oct. 5 in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. A memorial service will also be held in San Elizario, Texas, on Oct. 1. In late November 1950 Pedregon and the Heavy Mortar Company, of the 31st Regimental Combat Team – known as Task Force Faith – were overrun by Chinese forces near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. After several days of heavy attacks, Task Force Faith was forced to withdraw, but was stopped by enemy blockades that overpowered them on Dec. 2, 1950. Pedregon was reported missing in action on Nov. 30, 1950.

In 1953, following the exchange of all prisoners of war by both sides of the conflict, no further information was gained to indicate that Pedregon had been held as a prisoner of war, and he was declared dead.

In 2004, a joint U.S./Korean People’s Army team excavated several sites in the Chosin Reservoir area and recovered the remains of at least nine individuals and military equipment. The location of the remains corresponds to the positions temporarily held by elements of Task Force Faith in late November 1950.

Among forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used dental records, and mitochondrial DNA – which matched that of Pedregon’s mother and brother—in the identification of the remains.

For additional information on the Defense Department’s mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at www.dtic.mil/dpmo or call (703) 699-1169.

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Korean War ID

NEWPORT NEWS — HAMPTON — Sylvia Frazier never knew her first cousin. He went off to fight in the Korean War when she was an infant. But her mother talked about him all the time, and Sylvia came to know the story of Aaron Pearce, whose gentlemanly ways had graced the small town of Kenly, N.C.

The family held its breath when he was declared missing in action on April 21, 1950. When months stretched into years and no news came, Pearce was presumed dead on Dec. 31, 1953. The loss hit the family hard, including Frazier. "I really didn't know him, but I felt like I knew him," the Hampton woman said.

But an official presumption of death was not enough for her to give up hope. "I used to dream about the day that he would come home," she said. "His mother didn't really talk about him much, but my mother did, and people in the community did as well." Frazier herself eventually entered the Army, partly due to the inspiration of her cousin's example. Her career spanned 22 years, and she was stationed at Fort Belvoir when she retired as a first sergeant. She moved to the Peninsula to attend Hampton University.

While in the Army, she contacted the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office to find out more about what happened to her cousin. The office has worked with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command to negotiate with North Korea for access to crash sites, battlefields and prison camp cemeteries.

Eventually, investigators pieced together the rolling battle that led to Pearce's 1950 disappearance. His unit in the 25th Infantry Division was attacking entrenched Chinese troops in the Chorwon Valley and surrounding hills, and he was lost after a series of attacks and counter-attacks. As near as investigators could determine, he was never in enemy hands. Pearce was a medic, and he was last seen tending wounded comrades, according to the account of his record on the Korean War Honor Roll of the American Battle Monuments Commission. As it turned out, the U.S. had recovered Pearce's remains a couple of years after the battle, but could not identify him.

ANNUAL GOVERNMENT BRIEFING SLIDES

If you would like to view and or print the slides from the Annual Briefing, the link to the DPMO website is: http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/korea/

You will see at the bottom of the page a caption called Annual Government Briefings. The slides are all listed there. These slides are of the printed materials we did not receive at the briefing this year.

There is also a link to the Nara Reference book that was mentioned at the briefing called “American Prisoners of War and Missing-in Action Personnel from the Korean War and During the Cold War Era.”
H. Res. 111 - 107 cosponsors

Latest Title: Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

If your representative is not listed, please call them and ask them to co sponsor H. Res. 111.

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SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES

Service Casualty Offices serve family members. Each Military Department maintains a service casualty office. The Department of State does the same for civilians. The officials in these offices serve as the primary liaisons for families concerning personnel recovery and accounting. Full-time civilians who have worked this issue for many years and are experienced and knowledgeable help answer family member questions. Military officials also assist to help explain the methods used to account for families' missing loved ones. Each office dedicates for family use the following addresses and phone numbers.

Air Force
USAF Missing Persons Branch
550 C Street West, Suite 15
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4716
(800) 531-5501

Army
Department of the Army
U.S. Army Human Resources Command
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U.S HAS AN ONGOING KOREAN WAR OBLIGATION

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar made the following statement on the release of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) Report regarding identification of American Service Members from the Korean War.

Earlier this year, I submitted questions to the Congressional Research Service for review and investigation related to the status of efforts to identify remains of American servicemembers from the Korean War interred in the National Memorial Cemetery (Punchbowl) in Honolulu.

The comprehensive report provides answers to my questions and consequently raises others. It reveals that while progress has been made, so much more work needs to be accomplished. Soon I will ask the CRS for further review of this topic.

The government of the United States has an ongoing obligation to American personnel listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action in all wars. As more persons are identified whose remains are interred in the Punchbowl and as the U.S. – North Korea joint recovery operation eventually restarts, more American families will be informed about their loved ones listed as missing in the Korean War for six decades.

However, any negotiations between North Korea and the United States on the joint recovery operation are incomplete if they do not also include American POWs from the Korean War. South Korean officials estimate that an unknown precise number of South Korean military personnel from the Korean War continue to be held in North Korea against their will.

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