

## THE FRONT PAGE

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**POW-MIA WE Remember!**

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### 2012 FAMILY UPDATE LOCATIONS

City selections are based on past update schedules and demographic mapping of family members' home locations

**Feb. 25, 2012 Dallas, TX - \*\* April 19 - 20, 2012 Tyson's Corner –**

**May 19, 2012 Indianapolis, IN – \*June 14-16, 2012 – Crystal City, Va. – \*\*\***  
**Aug.18, 2012 Providence, RI – Sept. 15., 2012 – Des Moines, IA**

\* Vietnam War Annual Meeting

\*\* The Korean / Cold War Annual Meeting

\*\*\* Tentative Location

### TREASURER REPORT

**If you have not renewed your membership for 2012, this will be your last newsletter.**

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**Farmingdale, NY11735**

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**Korea Cold War Families of the Missing, Inc.**

**Will have their annual dinner at**

**Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner Hotel  
8661 Leesburg Pike Vienna, VA**

**The same hotel where the family update is taking place**

**Friday April 20, 2012 6:30 PM**

**If you wish to attend please send your check**

**for \$40.00 to:**

**Korea/Cold War Families  
PO Box 454  
Farmingdale, NY 11735**

**Please indicate your preference of chicken or fish on  
your check**

**This year we are honoring an exceptional man.**

**Charles Henley  
Director for External Affairs for DPMO**

**(Deadline for reservations for the dinner is  
March 15, 2012)**

## OUR HONOREE



**Charles Henley** is the Director for External Affairs for the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO). As such, he is responsible for constituent communications regarding the Department of Defense's worldwide commitment to this mission. He also is responsible for the declassification and public release of POW/MIA-related documents in accordance with law and Executive Order and the Freedom of Information Act.

Since joining the accounting mission in November 1992 while still on active duty with the U.S. Army, his efforts have been dedicated to working directly with and being responsive to the major constituencies associated with the personnel accounting mission. These constituencies include the POW-MIA families; concerned citizens; veterans and veterans service organizations; the U.S. Congress; and foreign governments.

A career combat arms Army officer and a Senior Army Aviator, he retired from active duty in 1993 as a Lieutenant Colonel. During his Army career, he served in and commanded Armor, Armored Cavalry, and Air Cavalry units, both in stateside and overseas commands that included the First Infantry Division; the 101st Airborne Division (Air Mobile/Air Assault); and the 3rd Armored Division. He also served in various staff officer positions in tactical line units and on the Office of the Secretary of the Army and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staffs in the Pentagon.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Armor Officers Basic and Advance Courses; U.S. Army Commissioned Officer Rotary Wing Aviation Course; U.S. Army Infantry Officers Advance Course; Armed Forces Staff College; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; and the Army Comptroller Program.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and a Master of Science in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas, and a Master of Science in Systems Technology from the University of Southern California.

## SOLDIER MISSING FROM KOREAN WAR IDENTIFIED

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office 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.

Sgt. Joseph A. Bowen, 19, of Augusta, Ga., will be buried Jan. 7 in Hephzibah, Ga., near his hometown. On Nov. 30, 1950, he was assigned to the 31<sup>st</sup> Regimental Combat Team (RCT) in North Korea. Elements of the 31<sup>st</sup> RCT were attacked and encircled by Chinese People's Volunteer Forces along the east side of the Chosin Reservoir. The team, also known as Task Force Faith, regrouped and worked southward to more defensible positions near Hagaru-ri, while enemy forces continued to amass in the area. Bowen, killed by enemy fire at a base camp within the Sinhung Perimeter, was among more than 1,000 soldiers reported as killed, missing or captured during the course of the battle. In the days that followed, the 31<sup>st</sup> RCT and other friendly forces set out to withdraw from the Chosin Reservoir to the port of Hungnam, where they were evacuated by the U.S. Navy.

In 2001, joint U.S. and Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), conducted two excavations of a mass grave near the Chosin Reservoir. The site correlated closely with defensive positions held by the 31st RCT at the time of the Chinese attacks. The teams recovered remains believed to be those of 11 U.S. servicemen.

Among forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used dental comparisons and mitochondrial DNA – which matched that of Bowen's sisters—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 <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.



**Friday April 20, 2012 at 6:30**

**3 Course Dinner Menu**

Dinner Rolls and butter  
Iced Tea

Freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee &  
assorted tea will be served with dinner

**Salad:**

Green Salad

Mixed Greens, roasted cashew, shredded swiss  
cheese,  
diced pears, apples, julienne red onion, and citrus  
with poppy seed dressing

**Choice of Entrees:**

Chicken

Chicken picatta on a bed of angel hair pasta, lemon  
caper sauce with seasonal vegetables

Or

Fish

Parmesan crusted bluenose sea bass with blended  
rice and seasonal vegetables

Chef's Choice of Dessert

**@ \$40.00 inclusive per person**

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**CHIT CHAT NEWS**  
**By IRENE L. MANDRA**

It is with much sorrow that we have lost our long time member Richare Quartier. Richard and his friend Dick Kim were responsible for getting the Korean War Memorial built and placed at the VA Medical Center in Vancouver, Washington. Richard volunteered at the VA, donated money to the veteran homeless population and volunteered for many causes for veterans. He will be sorely missed.

We are sorry to inform you of the passing our long time member and friend Pearl Evans, sister of MIA Earl K. Smith. Pearl was a wonderful woman and will be sorely missed.

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**Veterans Day: 11/11/11**

Many, many, years ago...  
The world praised this day...  
Hoping man had learned...  
That peace on earth could stay!

The Armistice was signed...  
And joy was all around...  
The world could start to heal...  
And hope could now abound!

But several wars much later...  
And a name change, I must add...  
Still finds the world at odds...  
And millions of us sad!

The day is now called: "Veterans Day"...  
To honor all who served...  
Who gave so much for freedom...  
In the protection of that word!

These men and women did their job...  
Back then and now today...  
And sacrificed their lives...  
So we can have this day!

No one likes to go to war...  
Ask any vet you see...  
But when it comes to freedom...  
They'll die for you and me!

So on "Veterans Day" this year...  
A simple "Thanks" will do...  
For what they all went through...  
Was for you, and you, and you!

By Bob Beskar...  
Vietnam War Veteran



## **IN MY OPINION** **by Irene Mandra**

Dear Members,

AGAIN our government is forgetting the men that were captured during our recent wars. Afghanistan Prisoner of war Bowe Bergdahl, held since June 30, 2009, and from the Iraqi war, Staff Sgt. Altari Ahmed, held for five years.

Does it have to continue, as was the case in WWII, Korea, Cold War, and Vietnam? When does it stop? Our men were forgotten and never negotiated for. I ask again, 'when is our government going to do their duty to these brave men who have kept America safe?'

Is that their reward --- to be forgotten?

As the US withdraws from Iraq and draws down its presence in Iraq we all need to remember those still Missing in those areas.

1. Bowe Bergdahl, Captured in Afghanistan June 30, 2009
2. Sgt. Ahmed Altaie, Captured in Iraq October 23rd 2006
3. Lt. Cmdr. Barry Cooke USN lost in the Persian Gulf Feb. 2, 1991
4. Lt. Robert Dwyer USN, lost in the Persian Gulf Feb. 5, 1991

Also Missing in Iraq are three civilian contractors

1. Mr. Kirk Von Ackermann was lost on Oct. 9, 2003, while working in Forward Operating Base Pacesetter, Iraq
2. Mr. Timothy E. Bell was lost on April 9, 2004, while working in Baghdad, Iraq
3. Mr. Adnan al-Hilawi was lost on March 3, 2007, while working in Baghdad, Iraq

Please join me in calling the Switchboard comment line in Washington and give your opinion on this disgrace. Their number is 202-224-3121. Also call your Congressmen.

Let's tell Washington they are never again to leave a man or woman behind during our wars.

*Irene*

## RECOVERY MISSION TO BEGIN THIS SPRING IN NORTH KOREA

By Donna Mile  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 2012 – Members of the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command are preparing for their first mission to North Korea in seven years to search for remains of missing U.S. Korean War veterans, a defense official reported.

The mission, expected to begin this spring, will bring together U.S. and North Korean military members for the humanitarian mission, said Air Force Maj. Carie Parker, a spokeswoman for the Defense Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office here.

U.S. teams will 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, Parker said.

Of approximately 83,000 Americans missing from all conflicts, 7,967 are from the Korean War, she said. Of those MIAs, 5,500 are believed to be in North Korea.

U.S. specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Command had conducted operations in North Korea for 10 years, recovering remains believed to be more than 225 servicemen since 1996. However, the United States halted those operations in 2005 due to increased tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

U.S. and North Korean officials agreed following three days of talks in Bangkok last October to resume the recovery missions, Parker said.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs Robert J. Newberry led the U.S. negotiating team, which included representatives from DOD, the State Department, U.S. Pacific Command and United Nations Command - Korea.

Their agreement with the North Koreans includes details on logistics and other issues to ensure effective, safe operations for U.S. recovery teams operating in North Korea, Parker said.

Based on this plan, North Korean soldiers are expected to begin preparing the two sites that will serve as base camps for the operations.

A small advanced team from JPAC will then travel to North Korea to assess the sites, evaluate the conditions and determine what other preparations are needed before a full recovery team deploys there, probably in the late spring timeframe.

The recovery is considered a humanitarian mission, and North Korean military will assist with logistics, support and security, Parker said.

"They understand the importance of this mission," she said, emphasizing that the mission is not tied to any other issues between the two countries.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command has the sole mission of achieving the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts, command officials explained.

In support of that mission, the command sends teams that include forensic anthropologists, forensic archeologists and scientific directors to potential crash and burial sites around the world.

Once remains or other personal artifacts such as dogtags are repatriated to JPAC's headquarters in Hawaii, experts at the command's Central Identification Laboratory - the world's largest forensic anthropology lab -- use the most advanced science available to match them to a specific missing service member. Among the tools they use is mitochondrial DNA, which includes unique signatures from the maternal line and helps the JPAC staff make identifications once not considered possible.

## SGT RECKLESS

By: Elizabeth Kaye McCall

This is a forgotten hero from The Forgotten War. A little sorrel Mongolian mare whose heroism during heavy combat in Korea was so monumental, the U.S. Marine Corps made her a staff sergeant. Called by the nickname of an antitank weapon with a ferocious back blast, Reckless joined the Marines to carry ammunition to the front lines for the 75 mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marines. A true work horse, she earned her stripes to rival some of history's greatest patriots.

"Marines passed stories up and down the line on the ridges. We'd heard the recoilless rifle boys had a horse, for crying out loud!" recalls Harold Wadley, of St. Maries, Idaho, a veteran of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. "They trained her to pack the rounds as well as the gun. That gun was 6 feet long and heavy; it took two guys to handle it. They would strap that on one side (of the horse) and strap ammunition on the other side to balance the load," says Wadley, who occasionally caught sight of the 14.1-hand pony-size horse on the battlefield. "You talk about baptism by fire!" Flooded with stimuli, the one-time racehorse was quickly desensitized to the weapons thunderous roar.

Wadley vividly remembers March 26, 1953, when his infantry unit was holding Outpost Vegas about a mile from the front line. He'd gone to retrieve supplies forgotten by the reinforcement squad when the Chinese launched an assault. "The artillery mortars were unspeakable. It was horrific," Wadley says. Taking the wounded to the command post, Wadley noticed something extraordinary. "Well, here comes Reckless up that ridge where the recoilless rifle boys had a big foxhole. I couldn't believe it!"

One of only two men to leave "Hill Vegas" alive, Wadley remembers the day like it was yesterday. "Generally one Marine led Reckless as she brought up ammo. Some of the gun crew were wounded, so they didn't have an extra Marine. She made that trip all night long by herself. They would tie a wounded Marine on her and turn her around and she'd head down that ridge with all this artillery and mortar coming in. The guys down there would unload the wounded off her and tie gun ammo on her and she would turn around right on her own and head right back up."

It was steady nerves, bravery, and a sense of duty beyond imagination – amid artillery barrages exploding at the rate of 500 incoming rounds an hour. "I remember in the flare light, looking back and seeing that little Mongolian mare heading up that slope without anybody leading her and going up to the gun pit," Wadley recalls. "She knew exactly what her job was. There's not another horse in war history that could even touch that mare."

Bought for \$250 by Lt. Eric Pedersen, commanding officer of the Marine's Recoilless Rifle Platoon (of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marines), from a racetrack in Seoul, Korea, Reckless carried grenades, small-arms ammunition, rations, sleeping bags, and barbed wire; she even strung communications wire in addition to her primary duty of packing ammunition for the recoilless rifle. Trained to step over barbed wire, crouch down in foxholes, and head toward a bunker when incoming rounds hit, the little mare was beloved by the marines, who took her inside their tents and used their flak jackets to protect her.

During just one day of the vicious Battle of Outpost Vegas, Reckless made more than 50 trips to the gun sites, carrying 386 rounds (more than 9,000 pounds of explosives). In all she trudged



SGT, RECKELSS continued

more than 35 miles across no man's land, through rice paddies, and up steep 45-degree mountain trails near the front lines. Wounded twice, she never stopped.

Reckless' wounds weren't serious enough to get her a quick ticket stateside, and she saw more action in the war. Following the signing of the truce in July 1953, as her Marines began shipping home, she was still on active duty stringing communication wire. Government red tape threatened Reckless' trip to the States; she would eventually travel from Korea on a freighter as a guest of Pacific Transport Lines, first touching American soil on November 10, 1954, in San Francisco. A weather delay caused her to miss an appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show (a prime time favorite of the day), but Reckless attended a Marine birthday ball instead, traveling up in an elevator to be the guest of honor and indulge her taste for cake.

After the war, Reckless retired at Camp Pendleton in California and was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in 1959, an honor never bestowed on an animal before or since. Eight hundred pounds of pure inspiration, Reckless was decorated with two Purple Hearts, a Presidential Unit Citation, and other honors. In the 1990's, she was featured in the LIFE magazine collector's edition "Celebrating Our Heroes" as one of America's 100 greatest heroes of all time, alongside George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Mother Teresa.

"My dad always told me stories about Reckless from when he was in Korea," says Debbie McCain, secretary at Stepp Stables at Camp Pendleton. McCain met Reckless as a girl in 1956 when her father, a Marine Corps major, was stationed at the Marine Corps base. "As the years passed, I had a chance to meet all her babies (of four, Fearless, Dauntless, and Chesty lived) and grew up with her to see her through her golden years.

"She loved to eat anything – potato chips, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. One time they had to stop a poker game because she ate (the) poker chips. She would drink anything out of a can or cup, from coffee to beer. She would drink out of a canteen," says McCain. It was a habit she'd developed in Korea, where Reckless had drunk from Marines' helmets and eaten whatever was available from scrambled eggs to C rations. "The Marines would give her whatever they had to eat," McCain says.

Even during retirement, Reckless kept a high profile as mascot of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. "She went to all their change of commands, retirements, promotional command functions. She went to birthday ball receptions. She went to civilian parades," McCain says.

Throughout the rest of Reckless' life, the soldiers' love and respect for the horse remained immense. "Here's the part that still gets me," says an emotional Wadley. "Knowing what that mare had done, the order was that there was never to be any more weight than a blanket put on that mare's back again – and the order stood." So, when Reckless went on her daily jog at Camp Pendleton, the Marines accompanying her went on foot.

When Reckless died in 1968 she was about 20. She is buried at Camp Pendleton where there's a monument to her at Slepp Stables. Wadley thinks more is due the little mare with the big heart. "America needs a bronze statue of her back there on the Potomac."



## KOREA VETERANS 299 HOST CONVENTION

The torch has passed to a new generation of warriors. An estimated 3 million Americans have served or are serving in Korea since the war was paused by a Ceasefire in 1953.

These warriors hosted an outstanding gathering in the Boston area October 30, 2011. It was a fitting venue, probably containing, as it were, more American history per square inch than any other spot in America.

Approximately 1.3 million Americans served in Korea during the 1950-53 combat. Many of that number had already served in WWII and were recalled for the UN campaigns to stop the North Korean invasion of the South Korea.

Today increasing numbers of the veterans of WWII are leaving our numbers, including many who led in Korea, 1950-54. Since the Ceasefire--the Korea War continues--twice as many Americans have served in Korea than did so in 1950-54. The older Korea veterans sometimes seemed to take a self-pitying view of their service, frequently approbating the theme *The Forgotten War*.

This puzzles many who bled in that war--wounds and death are not imaginary nor easily *forgotten*. Perhaps part of the reason for the attitudes was the action of the new (then) Department of Defense designating everyone in the military a Korean War veteran, whether strolling the streets and fleshpots of Paris, Munich, New York, San Francisco or anywhere else in the world, 1950-54-- around 5 million of them versus the 1.5 million who actually faced death in mortal combat--rear-echeloned bureaucrats in Washington, DC notwithstanding--bureaucrats *pet, pamper, protect, and promote* other bureaucrats as a primary order of business, after all!

**Reality is** that the sunlight is fading for the soldiers of 1950-54, the victors of the first ground combat action of the *Cold War*. Some have asserted that because of the successful resistance in Korea, 1950-54, freedom was the final winner of the Cold War, 1991.

**The REAL forgotten warriors of Korea** are the actual 3 to 5 million Americans who have served in Korea, with casualties, decorations, awards, and periodic combat/hazardous duty pay, day and night, freezing and broiling, shot at and frequently

wounded or killed for the past 57 years. Many of that number **also served either before or after their Korea tour(s)** in Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, Dominican Republic, the Balkans, the Middle East, Desert Storm, and the Global War on Terror.

President John F. Kennedy, of Massachusetts, declared on January 20, 1961, "*the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans.*" Had he been present this weekend in Boston as the Korea Veterans of America (299) hosted and presented an outstanding convention, he might have again noted, as a much older veteran, a significant passing of the torch once more. Thank you, 299. **God bless America.**

[Louis T Dechert, President, CKVA](#)

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### Why Marines Celebrate Their Birthday

BOB BESKAR- Vietnam War Veteran

From their early birth...until this day...  
Little has changed or gone away...

They bond for life, make no mistake...  
And their love for the "Corps" will never shake!

"God, Country, Corps," sums up a Marine...  
It's a simple fact, and like a gene!

Don't get them wrong, or up tight...  
They're a peace loving group until they fight!

And fight they will, with all their might...  
When called upon in day or night!

Every year they come together...  
The young, the old, regardless of weather!

To see old friends and share some thought...  
Dressed sharp and smart like they were taught!

For some the years went very fast...  
But they still remember their warrior past.

So they toast a few to the "Corps" they love...  
And also thank their God above!

For all these years it's much the same...  
And if there's a message, it's very plain...

Freedom's not free, there's a price to pay...  
That's why Marines honor this day!

November 10th will always be...  
A day the "Corps" helped us stay free!

## JPAC SEARCHES FOR HISTORICAL PHOTOS OF U.S. MARINE CASUALTIES

JPAC left a message on our facebook page asking if anyone had any Photos of U.S. Marines Unaccounted-for From The Korean War?

If so, JAPAC needs your help!

Would you consider donating your photo to JPAC? Photographs, preferably frontal view with teeth showing, are useful tools that aid in identifications. To date, JPAC analysts have compiled hundreds of unresolved casualty photos through family member submissions, personnel files and other archival records. Still, there are hundreds of male case files that are missing photos.

Although they prefer electronic photos, they will accept hard copy photos as well. Make sure to keep a copy for yourself, as your donations will not be returned.

Please send them to the address below:

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command  
Public Affairs Office  
310 Worcester Ave., Bldg. 45  
JBPHH, HI 96853

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**H.Res 111** – Currently has 137 co-sponsors. The resolution calls for the formation of a POW/MIA Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs in the House of Representatives.

Please contact your congressional representatives and ask that they support H. Res 111.

For a list of congressional representatives please visit :  
<http://www.nationalalliance.org/index.htm/>

## WW3 OVER KOREA



We attended the annual Korean and Cold War POW/MIA conference where we found out even more details of how my brother 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Stewart Held's F-84 was downed by the number one Russian ace. He was flying a Mig15. Yes, we were in a silent air war with Russia over Korea. Admitting this air combat to the world could have resulted in WW3.

Services for Stewart Held were at Arlington Cemetery on August 30, 2011.

When we arrived at the staging area we were amazed by what was there. There was a seven horse and six rider carriage bearing a symbolic flag draped coffin. In addition was a very large honor guard. A small Air force marching band played patriotic songs.

We walked behind the honor guard winding our way through Arlington. Arlington is a very beautiful setting that was accentuated by the bright sun and perfect weather.

When we reached the spot where the ceremony was conducted. A representative of General Schwartz, the Air Force Chief of Staff and his wife passed on their condolences with a hand written card and recognized Stewart's contribution and sacrifice.

A 21 gun salute was performed by seven rifle men and women. The spent shells were presented to me. Taps was played at a distance/

We then viewed Stewart's head stone. It was engraved with his name, date of birth, date presumed dead, rank, an indication he had received the distinguished flying cross and purple heart.

I received the folded flag from the coffin and a shadow box including Stewart's medals. It is hard to explain the personal experience of interacting with caring and patient Air Force Officers and staff.

## 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  
Attn: CMAOC/PCRB  
1600 Spearhead Division Ave, Dept 450  
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5405  
(800) 892-2490

### Marine Corps

Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps  
Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MRC)  
Personal and Family Readiness Division  
3280 Russell Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-5103  
(800) 847-1597

### Navy

Navy Personnel Command  
Casualty Assistance Division  
POW/MIA Branch (PERS 624)  
5720 Integrity Drive  
Millington, TN 38055-6210  
(800) 443-9298

### Department of State

Overseas Citizens Services  
U.S. Department of State  
4th Floor  
2201 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
Phone: (202) 647-5470

## VETERANS' MEMORIES ASSIST ANALYSTS

By Dan Vong, DPMO

The Veterans History Project (VHP) is a part of the American Folklife Center at the U.S. Library of Congress. The mission of the VHP is to collect, preserve, and make the personal accounts of American war veterans accessible so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. The VHP carries out this mission by conducting interviews with veterans. Currently, the project has more than 10,000 interviews on file.

DPMO's Korean War analysts periodically review the latest VHP materials for useful information that supplements the interviews that they routinely conduct while investigating losses. Examples of the VHP providing helpful tips include a veteran who provided a map of a battle area where he had plotted points of movement of an MIA soldier. Another veteran remembered participating in a rescue attempt that was unsuccessful due to hostile fire, which led to further details that DPMO was able to correlate with a known air loss.

The VHP's Korean War collections continue to be a unique and helpful resource for analysts. The VHP is also a way that Veterans can continue to serve by sharing their memories.

If you are a veteran, or know of a veteran who would be interested in participating in this project, you can call (888) 371-5848 or visit <http://www.loc.gov/vets>.

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Family Members and Friends may join/subscribe any time.

We look forward to working with Family Members and Friends as we strive to find truth, answers and closure.

STAR Fields are required. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

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**If you are applying for Family Membership please complete the rest of this form.**

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