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IN MY OPINION by Irene Mandra

Dear Members,

There are 192 DPAA staff deployed in Seven Countries currently and will be expanding into seven additional countries in the near future. Reorganization

All Asia & Pacific missions will be handled through Honolulu (west) office and all Atlantic, Europe & Mediterranean will come through the Washington office.

DPAA will start utilizing Non Government Organizations. Initially NGOs will be independent and turning their work over to DPAA labs. The long term vision is that NGOs will work in conjunction with DPAA

Army BG Mark Spindler will be the next Deputy Director, DPAA (Hawaii), replacing USAF Maj. Gen Kelly McKeague this month.

Special Thank you to Robert Goeke for always being there for the families. He is our "Chief" of Family Support!

COLD WAR ACCOUNTING

From the DPAA Website

In addition to the thousands of service members who fought communist forces during wars in Korea, Vietnam, and other conflicts, many service members risked their lives off of the battlefield while collecting intelligence on the Soviet Bloc, the People's Republic of China, and North Korea during the Cold War. The sacrifice made by these Americans enabled the U.S. and our allies to contain the threat of communist expansion until the collapse of the Soviet Union. Today, 126 service members remain unaccounted for from the Cold War.

History

During the Cold War, U.S. and Soviet Bloc intelligence organizations endeavored to keep a close watch on a number of activities, in particular, defense readiness of the opposing side. According to U.S. records, at the height of the Cold War, the West carried out more than 3,000 reconnaissance flights annually. About half of these occurred over or near Communist influenced Yugoslavia, Hungary, East Germany, North Korea, Albania and the People's Republic of China; the others occurred over or near the former Soviet Union. The Department of Defense (DoD) is currently investigating 14 missions from the Cold War era (1946-1991), in which aircrew members were lost and remain unaccounted for. Available evidence suggests that most of these incidents were overwater losses.

Personnel Accounting Progress - Cold War

From the DPAA Website

126 American service members are unaccounted for from 14 Cold War missions.

• Cold War incidents took place near North Korea, the East China Sea, the Straits of Formosa, The People's Republic of China, North Vietnam, and over or near thheSoviet Union.

Incident details in chronological order

- April 8, 1950, a U.S. Navy PB4Y2 Privateer aircraft flying out of Wiesbaden, Germany, was shot down by Soviet fighters over the Baltic Sea. The entire crew of 10 remains unaccounted for.
- Nov. 6, 1951, a U.S. Navy P2V Neptune aircraft was shot down over the Sea of Japan. The
 entire crew of 10 remains unaccounted for.
- June 13, 1952, a U.S. Air Force RB-29 aircraft stationed at Yokota Air Base, Japan, was shot down over the Sea of Japan. The entire crew of 12 remains unaccounted for.
- Oct. 7, 1952, a U.S. Air Force RB-29 aircraft stationed at Yokota Air Base, Japan was shot down north of Hokkaido Island, Japan. Of the eight crewmen on board, seven remain unaccounted for.
- Nov. 28, 1952, a civilian C-47 aircraft flying over China was shot down, and one American civilian remains unaccounted for.
- Jan. 18, 1953, a U.S. Navy P2V aircraft with 13 crewmen aboard was shot down by the Chinese, in the Formosa Straits. Six crew members remain unaccounted for.
- July 29, 1953, a U.S. Air Force RB50 aircraft stationed at Yokota Air Base, Japan, was shot down over the Sea of Japan. Of 17 crew members on board, 14 remain unaccounted for.
- May 6, 1954, a C-119 aircraft flying over Northern Vietnam was shot down. One of the two Americans onboard remains unaccounted for.
- April 17, 1955, a U.S. Air Force RB47 aircraft based at Eielson Air Base was shot down near the southern point of Kamchatka, Russia. The entire crew of 3 is unaccounted for.
- Aug. 22, 1956, a U.S. Navy P4M aircraft was shot down off the coast of China. Of the 16 crew members on board, 12 remain unaccounted for.
- Sept. 10, 1956, a U.S. Air Force RB-50 aircraft based at Yokota Air Base, Japan, with a crew of 16, was lost in Typhoon Emma over the Sea of Japan. The entire crew remains unaccounted for.
- July 1, 1960, a U.S. Air Force RB-47 aircraft stationed at RAF Brize Norton, England, was shot down over the Barents Sea. Of the six crew members on board, three remain unaccounted for.
- Dec. 14, 1965, a U.S. Air Force RB-57 aircraft was lost over the Black Sea, flying out of Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. The entire crew of two remains unaccounted for.
- April 15, 1969, a U.S. Navy EC-121 aircraft was shot down by North Korean fighters. Of the 31 men on board, 29 remain unaccounted for.

An unknown life: Soldier has no place to call home

Former Hardin County, KY resident Cpl. Jackie A. Campbell a mystery

By Jeff D'Alessio The newsenterprise.com

The names are read, one by one, every Memorial Day in a tradition that offers a somber reminder of lives that passed too soon and lives that have been filled with service to country.

One name that never has been announced is that of U.S. Army Cpl. Jackie A. Campbell.

He is a soldier without a face, a serviceman without a home to embrace his dedication and his life.

Campbell spent much of his life living in Hardin County. He went to schools here, he walked streets here and this area became the adopted home for a child who started his life under difficult conditions. It ended thousands of miles away from home on a June night, his mind and body ravaged by time as a prisoner of war about four months after he was captured in South Korea during the Korean War.

He was just 18 when he was killed on one of those nights when "he would go out of his mind," a fellow prisoner said in an Army report.

That's when his life ended. In many ways, it also became the start of a pursuit to have someone to call Cpl. Jackie A. Campbell their own.

Who was Jackie A. Campbell?

Emma Campbell's life wasn't good.

She was institutionalized in Lexington for mental issues. While there in 1932, she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When he was born Feb. 28, 1933, she named him Jackie Allen Campbell.

"Nobody knows who his father is," said Shorty Cox, a senior mortuary affairs specialist at Fort Knox. "It's part of a lot of sad pieces to a sad story."

He said the mother doesn't show up in the state's birth index a decade later.

In many ways, it's like Jackie Allen Campbell never existed.

"That goes to the sadness of the story," Cox said. "This kid had nobody."

Within days of his birth, Campbell was living in Hardin County with a foster family. Records in the 1930s were not kept as they are in 2015, so many details are unknown, Cox said. Campbell lived in Hardin County, Cox knows, on two occasions and estimates he spent "about eight to 10 years living right here."

When Campbell's foster mother died, his foster father returned Campbell to state custody. Campbell moved through the foster care system and stayed with families in Fayette and Barren counties, as well as in Greencastle, Indiana. He then returned to his first foster family as a teenager when the father remarried.

Cox said he knows the family lived near Elizabethtown's airport. A foster brother of Campbell's died last October. That's about all anyone knows about the family bond.

At 17, Campbell became a soldier.

When Campbell was shot and killed, his Army life insurance policy listed one beneficiary: His two-time foster father in Elizabethtown.

A soldier on the move

Within months of joining the Army, Campbell was captured near Seoul, South Korea. He served in A Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division.

According to Army records, on the night of Feb. 11, 1951, Communist Chinese Forces launched a massive attack on United Nations Forces. The intensity of the battle "compelled the American and Allied Forces to withdraw, but the Chinese had already infiltrated Allied positions and had established murderous roadblocks along the road south. American, South Korean and other U.N. Forces had to fight their way back to friendly lines," according to an Army report describing events that led to Campbell's death.

During the battle, Campbell was captured.

According to the report, the captured POWs were moved along a path to the north.

"The CCF were neither prepared to handle, nor particularly concerned with the welfare of the POWs they had captured," according to the summary.

The initial holding point was Suan Bean Camp on their way to Camp 1 along the south bank of the Yalu River in North Korea, where they arrived May 17. Less than a month after arriving at what would be his final destination, Campbell was shot and killed. According to Army documents, a fellow POW watched the killing.

"He would have spells where he would go out of his mind. During one of those spells, he was shot. If they had led him back to bed, he would have been fine," the POW said in the report.

"(Campbell) went through the worst combat we had seen at the time," Cox said. "It was harsh fighting that he was a part of."

Campbell's remains have never been found — another twist to his story. The Chinese have said they turned the remains of POWs over in 1954 in Operation Glory.

Cox suspects Campbell's remains are one of 848 soldiers whose remains are buried in the National Cemetery of the Pacific Punch Bowl in Hawaii, commonly called The Punch Bowl. The remains are what is left of soldiers who never have been identified and likely never will be.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency tries to identify these soldiers. The Armed Forces DNA Laboratory is working on a process called next generation DNA sequencing to help with identifications, Cox said.

"We don't have DNA (for Campbell) and we will never have DNA," Cox said. "Our only hope is through finding his collar bone. We have X-rays of his collarbone that we could match up. That's our only hope."

Campbell is listed as service number 15258660. Cox hopes there is more to Campbell's life than an ID number and a tragic ending. "He doesn't have anyone," Cox said. "He literally will not be remembered. He's a blank spot in history. That's what pulled at my heartstrings. This kid lived a tough life. Somebody needed to claim this kid as their own."

Mortuary specialist's passion leads to honors for Campbell

Cox plans for medal display at history museum in E'town, KY

By Jeff D'Alessio The newsenterprise.com (follow up on preceding story)

Shorty Cox is in contact with families of deceased service members all the time. It's what he does as a senior mortuary affairs specialist at Fort Knox.



Neal Cardin

Sometimes it's making contact when a soldier's remains are found from decades ago and a sense of closure is provided for a family.

In a file on U.S. Army Cpl. Jackie Allen Campbell, no family members were listed.

That's what led Cox to act. He said he had to be the voice for Campbell, dead for more than 64 years.

"This kid had nobody," Cox said.

It turns out, Campbell did have somebody: Shorty Cox.

Cox contacted the city of Elizabethtown and today, the 36th annual recognition of National POW/MIA Day, has been proclaimed Corporal Jackie A. Campbell Day in Elizabethtown.

Campbell, who died in North Korea as a prisoner of war during the Korean War in 1951, lived eight to 10 years of his life in Hardin County with a foster family.

"All along what we have wanted is someone to take ownership of this young man," Cox said. "He lived here a good part of his life.

"What piqued my interest is he was from Elizabethtown," Cox added. "If something wasn't done, he literally will not be remembered. I just wanted someone to remember his sacrifice."

There are plans, Cox said, to display an encased medal for Campbell at the Hardin County History Museum in Elizabethtown and when the names of service members are read at Memorial Day events in Hardin County, he hopes Campbell's name now will be included.

"If we don't step up and do this, nobody will be able to remember his sacrifice," Cox said. "I'm glad people are going to know who he was."

Korean and Cold Wars Families Seek Answers

By Sgt. 1st Class Shelia L. Cooper

(dpaa.mil website)

Government officials from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) met with more than 300 family members of servicemen who went missing during past conflicts at the Korean/Cold War annual briefings Aug. 13-14, 2015, in Washington, D.C. At this meeting, representatives from the U.S. government's personnel accounting community briefed family members on the government's efforts to account for their loved ones, to include briefings on government policy, remains recovery operations and methods of identifying remains.

As family members stood to tell their stories during the morning remembrance ceremony, it was clear that whether it was a wife, grandson or granddaughter, niece or nephew, or even a son or daughter, each had similar memories to share. Losing a family member is always difficult, and some families wait years for closure.

Mary McClung, the daughter of Marine Corps Master Sgt. William J. McClung III, who was also a World War II veteran, stated that the Korean/Cold War annual meeting gives families a place to get information and share a common bond.

"When I lost my father I was three years old," said Mary McClung. "It has been difficult to grow up without a father, but luckily my mother was great. She remarried a great man, and I had family surrounding me."

Family members, like McClung, gain knowledge about their lost loved ones and are provided the opportunity to discuss their specific cases with analysts.

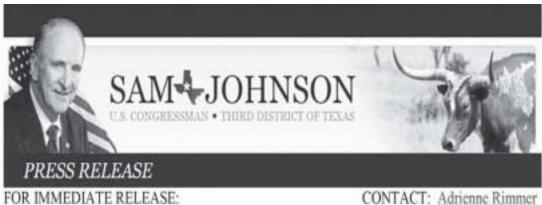
McClung stated that she was very curious about her father's loss and began to attend government briefings as an adult to obtain detailed information surrounding his case. Today, more than 7,900 service members are still missing from the Korean and Cold Wars. Many families of these service members attend these annual briefings each year in hopes of receiving additional information about their lost loved ones and what the government is doing to bring them home.

As the meeting continued, Mr. Michael Linnington, who recently has been appointed the first Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, conveyed his remarks. "This is the most important mission I have had in 35 years," said Mr. Linnington. "This is about families and providing information to families."

The accounting community conducts six to eight briefings a year throughout the U.S. and the meetings are designed to provide updated information to family members on their missing loved ones' cases.

McClung has been attending this briefing for the past 13 years, she stated. Since 1995, DPAA and the personnel accounting community partners have briefed more than 26,000 family members, just like McClung, on the U.S. government's effort to account for their lost loved ones.

"I don't know if they will ever find him, but I sure hope so," said McClung.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 19, 2015

Sam Johnson Introduces Bill to Honor Forgotten Korean War Veterans

202-225-4201

Washington, D.C. – Today, 29- year Air Force Veteran, POW, and U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson (TX-03) introduced the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act (H.R. 1475). This bill would permit a privately funded addition of a Wall of Remembrance to the Korean War Veterans Memorial. The Wall would list the names of all members of the U.S. Armed Forces who were killed in action during the Korean War and list the number of all American POWs and MIAs.

"As a veteran who served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, I can attest to the personal importance that our war memorials have for our veterans and military families as well as for future generations," said Johnson. "Our war memorials are an important physical reminder that the price of freedom is not free. Fittingly, they also serve as places where all Americans can pay their respects to the brave men and women who fought on behalf of our Great Nation."

Johnson continued, "Many of our veterans returned home, some were taken as Prisoners of War, too many are still missing in action – and then there are the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. All of them are heroes.

"Sadly, the Korean War and its veterans are often forgotten. And America's memorial for this Forgotten War is incomplete. That is why this Wall of Remembrance is so important."

In support of Johnson's bill, J.D. Randolph, 2nd Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association, stated, "It is important for this Wall of Remembrance to be erected because thousands of young men gave their lives fighting for a mostly forgotten war. Many were held POW for many years and many are still MIA. Since it is privately funded, it should go forward."

Colonel J.P. Hogan, USA, Retired, Texas State President of the Association of the U.S. Army, echoed these sentiments: "It is fitting that we remember the names of our Korean War brethren who were lost in action during this 'Forgotten War' that in many respects continues to this day. These warriors are to be remembered for their courage, their selflessness, and their commitment to Duty, Honor, and Country."

RECENTLY ACCOUNTED FOR						
Cpl. George H. Mason	USA	2nd Reconnaissance Company, 2nd Infantry Division	2/14/1951	North Korea	9/8/2015	
Cpl. Robert E. Meyers	USA	Company A, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	12/1/1950	North Korea	9/4/2015	
Sgt. Christopher Y. Vars	U.S. Army	Company E, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division	11/29/1950	North Korea	8/13/2015	
Sgt. Wilson Meckley, Jr.	U.S. Army	Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division	12/2/1950	North Korea	8/9/2015	
Cpl. Grant H. Ewing	U.S. Army	Battery C, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	2/28/1951	North Korea	7/29/2015	
Pfc. George L. Rights	U.S. Army	Battery B, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	2/13/1951	North Korea	7/22/2015	
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Reager	U.S. Army	Company C, 32nd Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division	12/2/1950	North Korea	7/21/2015	

Soldier Missing From Korean War Accounted For

Army Pfc. George L. Rights, 23, of Winston-Salem, N.C., was buried Aug. 9, in his hometown. In February 1951, Rights and elements of Battery B, 15th Field Artillery (FA) Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division (ID), were supporting the Republic of South Korea when the 15th FA was attacked by Chinese forces near Hoengsong, South Korea. Elements of the 2ID suffered more than 200 casualties, and more than 100 men were taken as prisoners during this attack. Following the battle, Rights was reported as missing in action.

In 1953, during a prisoner of war exchange historically known as Operation Big Switch, returning American soldiers who had been held as prisoners of war reported that Rights had been captured by Chinese forces, and died in May 1951, in a prisoner of war camp, known as Bean Camp, in Suan, North Korea. Between 1990 and 1994, North Korea turned over to the U.S. 208 boxes believed to contain the remains of more than 400 U.S. servicemen who fought during the war. North Korean documents turned over at that time indicated that some of the remains were recovered from the area where Rights was believed to have died.

To identify Rights' remains, scientists from the DPAA and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) used circumstantial evidence and two forms of DNA analysis including; mitochondrial DNA, which matched his brother and sister, and Y-chromosome Short Tandem Repeat DNA (Y-STR) analysis, which matched his brother and nephew.

DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY (DPAA)

From DPAA Website

Under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)), and per the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) passed by Congress, the Department of Defense (DoD) formally created one agency responsible for the recovery and accounting of missing service members from past conflicts. Overseen by the USDP and led by Interim Director Rear Admiral Michael T. Franken, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency was established on January 30, 2015 to more effectively increase the number of missing service personnel accounted for from past conflicts and ensure timely and accurate information is communicated to their families.

This agency brings together the former Defense Prisoner of War Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), and the Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory (LSEL). Consolidating the Department's personnel accounting assets will lead to better oversight of family resources and services, research, and operations. The agency will enable the workforce to achieve the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel, better anticipate family needs, and adapt to changes in the DoD and the United States Government. The agency will also honor our veterans' sacrifices and confirm an obligation made to those serving our country.

The new agency will move towards being fully operationally capable over the next year, framed by meeting major milestones. The first milestone occurred on January 30, 2015, when the new agency reached Initial Operational Capability (IOC). Until further decision, headquarters will remain in Washington, D.C. with an operational office in Hawaii, and satellite labs in Nebraska and Ohio.

DPAA Vision, Mission, Values

VISION - A world-class workforce fulfills our nation's obligation by maximizing the number of missing personnel accounted for while ensuring timely, accurate information is provided to their families.

MISSION - Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation.

VALUES -

Compassion: We conduct our work and communication with empathy.

Integrity: We live our lives with truthfulness and objectivity.

Teamwork: We partner with family organizations, veterans, public and private entities, foreign governments, and academia to achieve our mission.

Respect: We always demonstrate the utmost regard for one another, our partners, and our missing service members and their families.

Innovation: We apply fresh thinking and continuously improve everything we do.

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