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A bill to provide for the creation of the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Collection at the National Archives, to require the expeditious public transmission to the Archivist and public disclosure of Missing Armed Forces Personnel records, and for other purposes.

This bill: (1) requires the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to establish the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Collection; and (2) establishes the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Review Board, which shall require all missing Armed Forces personnel records to be transmitted to NARA and disclosed to the public in the collection.

Each government office shall: (1) identify, review, and organize each such record in its possession for transmission to NARA; and (2) identify and review for public disclosure each such record previously transferred to NARA that remains classified.

Each presidential archival depository shall: (1) have as a priority the expedited review for public disclosure of such records in its possession, and (2) make such records available to the board.

NARA shall: (1) make each such record identified as classified available for review by the originating body, and (2) prepare and make available to all government offices a standard form for collecting information relating to such records.

All such records shall be publicly disclosed in full and made available in the collection within five years after enactment of this bill unless the President certifies that: (1) postponement is necessary because of an identifiable harm to the military defense, intelligence operations, or conduct of foreign relations; and (2) the harm is of such gravity that it outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The Board shall: (1) render a decision on a determination of a government office to postpone the disclosure of any such record; (2) determine, within two years after enactment of this bill, whether all government offices have complied with it; (3) terminate after four years; and (4) transfer all of its records to NARA for inclusion in the collection.

The Board may request the Attorney General to petition any U.S. or foreign court to release information relevant to the loss, fate, or status of missing Armed Forces personnel that is held under seal of such court.
An unforgettable documentary in the New York Daily News, Crossing the Line is the absolutely fascinating Hollywood Reporter story of James Joseph Dresnok, a US Army private who in 1962 stunned the world by walking across the violently contested DMZ that cuts Korea in two and defecting to the communist North. Taking full advantage of access granted by the government of North Korea, the axis of evil's mysterious and feared rogue state, director Daniel Gordon The Game of Their Lives, A State of Mind combines historical footage with contemporary interviews to both uncover the Kim-Jong Il regime and end 44 years of secrecy and rumor by allowing Dresnok to tell his own story. Despite spending more than half his life living, working, and raising a family in North Korea, Comrade Joe, as Western media dubbed Dresnok when he walked into infamy at the height of the Cold War, remains a man of eternally divided loyalties. Mr Dresnok has recently passed away. He leaves stories from his appalling childhood in a rural 1950s Virginia foster home, to interviews with his fellow GIs, to amazing footage in the New York Post of playing the villain in Kim-Jong Il's personally produced propaganda films.
RUSSIAN DELEGATION MEETS WITH DPAA
By DPAA

The U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs (USRJC) held meetings in Washington, D.C. recently to discuss issues concerning missing U.S. and former Soviet service personnel from past wars. The meeting was hosted by Fern Sumpter Winbush, the acting director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, and Gen. (Ret.) Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong, the U.S. chairman of the U.S. side of the USRJC, who met with General-Major (Ret.) Vladimir V. Popov, the director of the Russian Directorate for the Perpetuation of the Memory of the Fallen in Defense of the Fatherland, a DPAA counterpart.

The week included a series of meetings involving WWII, the Cold War, Korea and Vietnam losses. This provided an opportunity for the two sides to update each other on the status of ongoing research.

The meetings also discussed preparations for the next set of technical talks, scheduled to be held this summer in Washington, D.C. General-Colonel (Ret.) Valeriy A. Vostrotin, the Chairman of the Russian side of the USRJC also plans to attend and speak at the 48th Annual Meeting of the National League of POW/MIA Families in Arlington, Virginia in June. Participants at the meetings also discussed preparations for the 21st Plenum of the USRJC, scheduled for Russia later this year.

“The week's events included a visit to Elizabeth City, North Carolina, where the Russians plan to donate a monument in honor of the Project Zebra, WWII Lend-Lease program whereby Catalina amphibious aircraft were provided to the Soviet Union in 1944 and 1945,” said Dr. James G. Connell Jr., the acting executive secretary of the U.S. side of the USRJC for DPAA. “The Soviet pilots were trained at the U.S. Coast Guard base in Elizabeth City, and four Soviet and one Canadian aviator perished there in an accident in 1945.”

The Russian delegation laid a wreath at the U.S. Naval Academy sarcophagus of U.S. Revolutionary War hero John Paul Jones, who served as a rear admiral in the Russian Imperial Navy after Congress disbanded the nascent U.S. Navy in 1785. The Russian delegation
consulted with USRJC Commissioner Dr. Tim Nenninger at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), at NARA facilities on Pennsylvania Avenue, where they viewed the original Declaration of Independence and Constitution, and in College Park, Maryland, where Russian researchers work in the collection of WWII German trophy documents.

“These technical talks and combined meetings always stress the mutual benefits of cooperation with Russia in the context of the USRJC in helping account for U.S. and Soviet/Russian service personnel who perished or went missing while fulfilling their duty to their respective countries,” said Connell. “For more than 25 years, the humanitarian thrust of our mission in this noble effort has overcome any issues that divide our nations.”

FUNERAL HOME PROVIDES BURIAL FOR KOREAN WAR VET

LONGMONT, Colo. -- A funeral home in Longmont, CO made sure that a Korean War veteran with no surviving family members had a proper burial, complete with military honors.

Army Sergeant Robert Buddecke died in hospice at age 86. James Whitlow, a member of the Colorado National Guard who lives in Longmont, learned of Sgt. Buddecke's death and reached out to Heath Carroll from Carroll-Lewellen Funeral and Cremation Services.

Carroll and his team worked to make all the arrangements and provided the casket and services. Buddecke was laid to rest with full military honors at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Whitlow contacted several groups that support veterans to make sure Buddecke was honored when he was laid to rest.
RECENT RECOVERIES


Cpl. Leslie R. Sutton - U.S. Army Battery C, 99th Field Artillery Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division 11/2/1950 North Korea 4/13/2017


Sgt. 1st Class Richard G. Cushman - U.S. Army Company A, 72nd Medium Tank Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division 12/5/1950 North Korea 4/12/2017

Cpl. Freddie L. Henson - U.S. Army Battery A, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division 12/6/1950 North Korea 4/3/2017


Summary: Keeping the families of our missing and veterans informed is an important part of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency’s (DPAA) mission. This Field Operations Summary is intended to provide an overview of past and future efforts to account for our missing.

Overview: As of March 31, 2017, there were 128 personnel deployed in support of operations around the world.

DPAA continues to operate under the impact of the Continuing Resolution (CR).

The Director position closed on April 6, 2017. Please note that the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy or the Secretary of Defense will announce when a selection is made.

The Acting Director of DPAA traveled to South Korea on April 9-13, 2017. A highlight of the visit was the commemoration of the 10 year anniversary of the Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA (Killed in Action) Recovery and Identification (South Korea) (MAKRI). Recovery operations in the DPRK, under the current environment, are not possible. However, DPAA stands ready should the opportunity arise to deploy teams or to receive remains turnover south of the DMZ.

The main operational focus for the 3rd Quarter (April/May/June) is the recovery missions in Southeast Asia. In Europe and the Mediterranean region we are shifting focus to recovery efforts and disinterment operations as weather conditions improve. The majority of our long-term disinterment projects this year will be from U.S. cemeteries in the Philippines, Hawaii and Europe.

DPAA conducted mission analysis and planning for the Fiscal Years (FY) 18-19 Operations Plan (OPLAN). The OPLAN takes into account the
potential for another CR through the 1st quarter of FY18. Based on this plan, DPAA will focus on conducting field recovery operations for Vietnam War losses. The primary effort to achieve our goal of identifying the remains of 200 unaccounted-for personnel annually in FY18 and FY19 will come from the disinterment of service members buried as Unknowns.

Asia-Pacific Region: DPAA continues to conduct missions at a reduced level of effort due to the impact of the CR. To maintain momentum for Vietnam War accounting, we will maintain the planned number of Investigation Teams (IT) and Recovery Teams (RT) to Laos. The reduced size of the JFA in Vietnam in the 3rd Quarter will be partially offset by the Vietnamese unilateral operations. The planned JFA in Vietnam in the 4th quarter will not be reduced.

• Within the last 30 days DPAA conducted missions in the following countries:
  Vietnam, 1xRT/2xResearch Investigation Team (RIT)
  Laos, 1xIT/3xRT o Tarawa, (via History Flight Group, DPAA partner)
  Philippines, (via DPAA partner University of Illinois, Chicago)
  Cambodia, 1xRT o Burma, 1xRIT
  Palau, 1xUnderwater Investigation Team (UIT)

• DPAA has the following missions planned in the 3rd quarter (April-June):
  Tarawa, Field Forensic Review
  Philippines, Disinterment
  Laos, 1xIT/3xRT
  Vietnam, reduced from 2xIT/7xRT to 1xRT, 1xVietnam Recovery Team, 1X Underwater Recovery Team (URT)
  South Korea, 1IT/1xRT
  Philippines, (via DPAA partner University of Illinois, Chicago)

• 3rd quarter missions cancelled due to Continuing Resolution impacts:
  Solomon Islands, 3xIT
  Malaysia, 1xIT
  Burma, 1xRT
Japan, 1Xit

Europe-Mediterranean Region: In addition to ongoing operations, we are planning partnered missions with History Flight, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, University of Maryland, and the University of New Orleans in the 4th Quarter. They will be important to overall success in FY17.

• Within the last 30 days DPAA conducted missions in the following countries:
  Sicily, Italy, 1x Terrestrial IT
  Italy, 1xUIT
  Germany/Poland, 1xIT
  Moldova (Transnistria)/Ukraine IT

• DPAA planned missions in the 3rd quarter (April-June):
  France, 1xIT/2RT o Moldova/Ukraine, 1xIT
  Netherlands, 1xUIT
• Disinterment Operations scheduled for the 3rd/4th quarters of Seven (7) scheduled for American Battle Monuments Commission Cemeteries (5 in Ardennes, 1 in Brittany, and 1 in Cambridge)

• The U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs (USRJC) held technical talks in Washington, D.C. on March 20-23, 2017 to discuss issues concerning missing U.S. and former Soviet service personnel from past wars. The next planned technical talks will occur in Washington D.C. on June 20-23 and will discuss issues concerning the Vietnam War and the Cold War. The National League of POW/MIA Families have invited them to speak at their 48th Annual Meeting.

Scientific Analysis: The incoming Medical Examiner will report in May. We continue to make identifications using the Medical Examiner provided to us by the Office of the Armed Forces.
HERO’S WELCOME TO KOREAN WAR SOLDIER, 66 YEARS LATER

Tamara Sacharczyk  22wwlp.com

HOLYOKE, Mass. (WWLP) – The remains of an American hero who went unidentified for more than 65 years, was returned to Holyoke.

Lost but not forgotten. Corporal Jules Hauterman’s lasting legacy will be the obvious patriotism his arrival brought to Holyoke from across the state and the country.

It was a somber homecoming, 65 years in the making. Hundreds of people lined the streets of Holyoke amid a sea of red white and blue. A Holyoke Fire Department ladder truck unfurled and hung a giant American Flag that welcomed home Corporal Jules Hauterman.

“All gave some and some gave all. Each one who returns home is close and dear to us and we will remain vigilant until all of them are accounted for,” said Gene Theroux, a past Commander of the American Legion Post 124.

Corporal Jules Hauterman went missing in 1950 while fighting the Chinese in the Korean War. He was MIA and his remains were not identified until just last year.

“I think it’s important that we all remember the sacrifices that our soldiers have made for us so that we can live here in our free country,” said Granby resident Penny MacPhail.

And remembered he was. Met with tearful eyes and a heroes welcome from fellow service members and strangers. The flag draped remains were escorted by state and local police, as well as the Patriot Guard riders of Massachusetts.

“They are doing the best they can to bring home everybody who has served and died during combat. They are still unearthing bodies right now. They will come home eventually. Time has no limit. We will get them home and put to rest,” said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. James Chartier.

Corporal Hauterman does not have many surviving family members. That’s why Holyoke’s Veteran’s Services Department asked people to line the streets from the I-391 off ramp to the funeral home on Northampton Street.
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.

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