

DPAA VISIT TO MY HOME IN LONG ISLAND, NY



On August 2, 2018, I was paid a most welcome visit by members of the Department of Defense -- Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Marine Corps Casualty Officer, Mr. Bill Woodier, DPAA Korean War Analyst, and Mr. Lee Tucker, DPAA Public Affairs Officer. Mr. Kelly McKeague, the Director of DPAA, was scheduled to come, but he was called away at the last minute for a press conference at the Pentagon on the 55 boxes of remains that had been repatriated from North Korea. The visit was very informative and I was brought up to date on my brother's case. My doubts were finally put to rest about his loss. The overwhelming evidence is that my brother was never sent to the Russian GuLag, as was reported in the early 1990's by Russian sources, but rather, Philip, was killed in combat in South Korea on the hill called Vegas (previously called Bronco). Mr. Woodier explained to me that he and his team had interviewed the men who actually served in combat with Philip and saw what happened to my brother that terrible day. My brother was killed by an enemy hand grenade. The men who witnessed the explosion reported that Philip did not survive. I cannot thank Mr. Woodier enough for all the work that he and his team have done to determine the fate of Philip and the other Marines who served with him.

If Tears Could Build A Stairway, And Memories A Lane, I'd Walk Right Up To Heaven And Bring You Home Again.