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IN MY OPINION
By Irene Mandra

In these unprecedented times I want to wish you all good health and safety. It is important to protect your families and yourself as much as possible. Although many channels for info has been limited from Washington I was still able to provide an updated list of recoveries and some articles for you to read. Please stay well and as always I will continue to provide as much information in the coming months as our country begins to open up again.

Below is an email I sent to President Trump that I would like to share with you

From: imandra@optonline.net
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 10:55 AM
To: President ; trump; @white house.gov
Subject: Fw: Letter to the White House

Dear Mr. President,
I am writing to you to ask you to use your power and authority to bring home more remains of missing servicemen from the Korean War. I am the chairwoman of the largest organization of Korean War families of missing men. My brother, Philip, was a Marine who died protecting our country and our way of life and his remains have never been recovered. There are more than 7,000 boys like Philip who have never returned. You have the power to fix that. All you have to do is ask. Two years ago, you brought home 55 boxes of remains and so far the Department of Defense has identified 42 missing men from that effort. It should not take a lot of effort to get the North Koreans to do this again. We know they have the remains of all the men that we buried in temporary graves. They should return them while the families of those men are still alive to get the closure for which they have been waiting for more than 70 years. Please help us.
We Need Your Help to Build the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance!

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization entrusted with the responsibility to ensure the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be maintained in perpetuity. The Memorial honors the sacrifices of the 5.8 million Americans who served in the U.S. armed services during the duration of the Korean War.

In October 2016, legislation was passed in tasking the Foundation with raising the funds necessary to build and establish a Wall of Remembrance to be incorporated with the existing Memorial. The Wall will become the permanent home to the names of the 36,574 American service members and over 8,000 Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) who gave their lives defending the people of South Korea from aggression and ensuring their freedom.

The projected construction costs to build the Wall of Remembrance is $31 million and financial support is dependent upon private donations from individual donors and major corporations from around the world. The overall success of this project will focus on creating a detailed and highly disciplined approach to the management of significant donor prospects. This momentous endeavor to build the Wall of Remembrance will ensure the brave U.S. Military personnel and members of the South Korean military, who served in South Korean and U.S. units during the war, will be remembered for generations. It will also serve to educate the cost of freedom to the four million visitors of the Memorial each year.

The current Memorial has as a column of 19 stainless steel sculptures representing the totality of American Soldiery (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard), of those who served in the war and defended South Korea.

Our nation has a responsibility to make sure we do not forget our men and women in the military who sacrificed to defend the freedoms we enjoy.
The Mural Wall, created by mural-ist, Louis Nelson, characterizes “America’s Mantelpiece,” with over 2,700 actual images of men and women who served during the Korean War. As the statues are reflected in the Mural Wall, their numbers grow to 38, symbolic of the 38th Parallel, which in 1950, was the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea. On the Mural Wall, etched is the inscription “FREE-DOM IS NOT FREE.” The addition of the Wall of Remembrance will define the cost of FREEDOM with each individual name of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to FREEDOM.

We cannot do this without your help! Please help us to raise the necessary funding to build the Wall of Remembrance for our fallen soldiers and support the Foundation’s goals. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. You may visit www.korean-warvetsmemorial.org to submit your secure online donation or if you prefer, checks can be mailed to:

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation
950 North Washington Street, Suite 311
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As we approach the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, it is now the time to remember. If not now, when?

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Dear Mr. McKeague,  First off,  hope you and yours are well.   This is regarding the visit you and Mr. Fogelsong had in January of 2020 to Russia.  It was my understanding that on the agenda was seeking permission to excavate Novosysoyevka cemetery (near Vladivostok) as some “anomalies were detected” and this clue could possible/hopefully find an American who was on the USN P2V3W Neptune buried there.   Silly me, I actually thought Pat Dickenson and I would have had some information regarding the permission for this cemetery dig.  This permission attempt has been In the works since early 2018. My last correspondence from you was Oct.9, 2019.  Since we are ALL on some form of quarantine at this point,  I sincerely hope that Pat and I will hear something regarding this matter.  Very simple:  Permission granted  YES or NO?   IF YES, the target date please.  At this point in this long journey of seeking answers about what happened to this crew and my Father,  NO is not an option.

Respectfully and Mahalo,

Melody A. Raglin

Daughter of E. Doyle Raglin  AT

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U.S. Army Corporal Thomas A. Duffey, MIA
A Peek Into My Past

My great grandfather’s name was Thomas Duffey. He is my dad’s grandfather and my grandma, Lynn’s father. But none of us ever met him. He died before Lynn was born. The first time I saw his picture, I was so surprised about how much my dad looked like him.

Thomas was born in Bensenville Illinois on July 19, 1928. He was an only child to Cleo and Irene Duffey. He liked being outside, hunting and trapping squirrels and riding his motorcycle. He became a soldier in World War II then started a family when he came back with his wife Shirley and he worked as a telephone linesman.

A few years later, Thomas was called in to serve in North Korea. He left behind his wife who was pregnant with Lynn, and his toddler son Pat. One month after he arrived, his troop went missing. The last place he was seen was in Huksuri, North Korea on December 3, 1950. He was 22 years old. When the war was over, our government awarded him the Purple Heart and 7 other medals for his bravery.

We still wonder what happened to my great grandfather! The photo of Thomas is special to our family because it was one of the last ones taken of him. The photo helps us remember him. When I hear my grandma tell stories about him, that she heard from mom, I can tell that we are both brave but in different ways. I am brave because I like to go on adventures and explore. He is brave because he went to war and sacrificed his life for his country. Without my great grandfather, my grandma wouldn’t be alive, my dad wouldn’t be alive and I wouldn’t be alive. He is a hero to our family.
Korean War Disinterment Project
On February 24, we reached a milestone by completing Phase 2 of the Korean War Disinterment Project at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP) in Hawaii. Everyone should be extremely proud of their role and advocacy in this tremendous team effort. We have been reviewing the number of these cases in our laboratory and synchronizing sampling and testing with the overall pace of the disinterments. Our request to move to Phase 3 will be submitted for approval once we are confident that beginning the next phase is operationally prudent for the lab and cemetery; we expect to begin this phase later this calendar year.

U.S. – Russia Joint Commission (USRJC) Update
Representatives from the U.S. and Russian Sides of the USRJC met on March 6 in Washington, D.C. to conduct technical talks for the USRJC’s World War II (WWII) and Vietnam War Working Groups. Summarized minutes of both meetings will be posted to the DPAA website as soon as they are coordinated with the Russian Side. U.S. Side highlights from the WWII talks included discussions regarding investigations of WWII-era aircraft crash sites on and along the coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula and Northern Kuril Islands in the Russian Far East region, archival research of Soviet mortuary affairs records that may contain information on the burials and reburials of U.S. missing lost in Eastern and Central Europe, as well as researching Soviet security service archives for information on five U.S. airmen lost in three separate incidents in areas of current day Poland and Serbia. Highlights from the Vietnam War talks included discussions on focusing efforts to search the records of Soviet air defense units that supplied advisors deployed to Vietnam during the war, surveying Russian naval archives for reports from Soviet naval units conducting intelligence operations against U.S. air assets lost during missions over the waters near Vietnam, as well as searching Russian military medical archives for information on American POWs who may have been treated by Soviet medical personnel deployed to assist the North Vietnamese during the war. Additionally, the U.S. Side took the opportunity to express its strong desire and readiness to conduct a previously postponed recovery mission at a cemetery near Vladivostok, which may correlate to the loss of a U.S. Navy aircraft during a 1950 Cold War incident. The Russian Side reiterated its commitment to support this mission, as well as optimism that all logistical arrangements and legal permission would be in place to execute this work in the planned July-August timeframe. It is important to note the U.S. and Russian Co-chairmen have agreed to postpone the 23rd Plenum of the USRJC due to the current worldwide crisis related to the pandemic. Once the crisis is resolved, the Co-chairs will agree on a new date for the next Plenum.

The WWII, Korean War, and Cold War IP missions during this period included completion of recovery efforts at an air crash site in Monywa, Burma; partial completion of an investigative and a recovery mission conducted by partner University of Illinois-Chicago in the Philippines; and continued recurring daily recovery efforts by History Flight Group on Tarawa. Operations in Tarawa were postponed in mid-March due to COVID-19. IP continues to actively dialogue and coordinate with United Nations Command and our ROK MAKRI counterpart for future investigative and recovery opportunities within the southern section of the DMZ.
February-March Research and Analysis
IP researchers conducted weekly planning meetings, providing case information on ground and air cases to support anticipated investigative operations in the ROK in September of this year, including potential cases in the DMZ. Additionally, our researchers collaborated with our planners on investigation proposals to support FY 2021-2022 field operations in Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. In light of archival closures, we are organizing data from our backlog of archival materials acquired in the past year. IP researchers reviewed 13 Case Narratives for the Vietnam conflict for upcoming field work.

February-March Disinterment Operations
There were 22 Korean War Unknowns exhumed from the NMCP, as were 10 WWII Unknowns, prior to operations being suspended by the cemetery due to the pandemic. At the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, 55 Unknowns have been exhumed in the current FY. Other planned February and March disinterments were cancelled due in part to approval delays and COVID-19. This brings IP’s total disinterments to 127 for the current FY. We are prepared to restart disinterment operations when the current crisis has been resolved.

FY2020 Identifications
Total IDs = 37 identifications, but we made several more in the last couple of days
WWII = 35 identifications / 33 newly-accounted-for – a lot are Tarawa and USS Oklahoma
Korean War = 4
Vietnam War= 0

AFMES UPDATE
Year to date: This has led to 68 First-time Named Believe to Be Reports (first time a Family Reference is consistent with an unknown sample submitted by DPAA for DNA testing). This is a big thing we are working daily with DPAA even though all of our sections are on a reduced staff.

Korean/Cold War Annual Government Briefings (July 30-31, 2020)
Planning is still ongoing and we anticipate that we will have a final decision on hosting this event in mid to late May.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Is there a place where identifications are updated? Are the Fact Sheets updated and kept current on the website? **ANSWER:** There is a current Korean War Disinterment Project slide deck that gives an update on the status of the project. The link provides an understanding in plain language on what the phases look like:
Army Master Sgt. Harold F. Drews, 21, of Elgin, Illinois, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Nov. 5, 2019. In December 1950, Drews was assigned to King Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. For several days, his unit was engaged in intense fighting with the Chinese People’s Volunteer Forces near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. Drews went missing in action on Dec. 12, 1950. His remains could not be recovered.

Army Maj. Harvey H. Storms, 34, of McAllen, Texas, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for July 29, 2019. In late 1950, Storms was a member of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, which was part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 1, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered.

WASHINGTON—The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Cpl. Ralph L. Cale, 19, of Covington, Virginia, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Aug. 7, 2019. In December 1950, Cale was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. His remains could not be recovered following the attack and he was not reported as a prisoner of war. On July 27, 2018, following the summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un in June 2018, North Korea turned over 55 boxes, purported to contain the remains of American service members killed during the Korean War. The remains arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Aug. 1, 2018, and were subsequently accessioned into the DPAA laboratory for identification.


Pfc. Louis N. Crosby U.S. Army Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division 12/1/1950 North Korea 4/22/2020


Cpl. Clifford S. Johnson U.S. Army Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division 12/6/1950 North Korea 4/21/2020

Cpl. Ralph S. Boughman U.S. Army Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division 12/2/1950 North Korea 4/21/2020

Cpl. Benjamin R. Bazzell U.S. Army Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division 11/30/1950 North Korea 4/20/2020

Sgt. 1st Class Frank G. Vejar U.S. Army Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division 11/30/1950 North Korea 4/20/2020


Sgt. David B. Milano U.S. Army Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division 12/2/1950 North Korea 4/16/2020

Cpl. Eldert J. Beek U.S. Army Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division 12/1/1950 North Korea 4/16/2020


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