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Treasurer’s Corner by Gail Stallone

If you attended any family outreaches besides DC, please contact Irene Mandra (imandra@optonline.net) We need the attendees list so that we may notify families of our organization. Many Thanks to families that have sent the list, it is deeply appreciated.

For a hundred dollar donation we are sending the acclaimed, award-winning DVD titled “Missing, Presumed Dead the Search for America’s POWs”. (Bob Dumas’ 50-year search for his brother.) A documentary by Bill Dumas. This is our way of thanking you.

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IN MY OPINION by IRENE L. MANDRA

At the beginning of 2007 I made a statement that there were two issues that had to be address. One issue was getting sponsors for House Resolution 111. When the Senate Select Committee had their hearing in 1992, Korea/Cold War was hardly given an afternoon. World War II was given no time at all.

We need a Congressional Hearing that will give all the wars the time needed to present the facts that men were abandoned at the end of each war. It’s time our government demands from these foreign nations, who are holding our men, accountable for our missing. In this newsletter is a copy of the House bill and a sample letter for your use. We need cosponsors. We ask you to send this letter to your Congressman. We need your help. Phone, fax or write your Congressman. This must be the year that we get this resolution passed. I wish to thank Roger Hall for all the work that he has put into making this resolution a reality. I also wish to thank the National Alliance of Families for their hard work in supporting this bill.

My second issue that needs to be address is missing documents from NARA. Researchers are complaining that when they want a document, particularly a live sighting report, it is taken from its box and a card is put in it’s place. The missing document reads “National Security”. This is an insult to our intelligence that “National Security” comes into play on a war that is fifty-four years old. The word “cover –up” are envisioned. With this in mind, a letter was sent to Congressman Peter King, looking for help. A sample of the letter is in this newsletter. I wish to thank our board member Andi Wolos, who did the research and drafted this letter. Remember, alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

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110th CONGRESS
1st Session
H. RES. 111
Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
January 30, 2007

Mr. KING of New York submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION
Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

• Resolved, That there is established in the House of Representatives a select committee to be known as the Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

FUNCTIONS
• Sec. 2. The select committee shall conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War Missions, or Gulf War, including MIA’s and POW’s.

APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP
• Sec. 3. (a) Members- The select committee shall be composed of 10 Members of the House, who shall be appointed by the Speaker. Not more than half of the members of the select committee shall be of the same political party.

• (b) Vacancy- Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the select committee shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

• (c) Chairperson- The Speaker shall designate one member of the select committee to be its chairperson.

AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES
• Sec. 4. (a) Authority- For purposes of carrying out this resolution, the select committee (or any subcommittee of the select committee authorized to hold hearings) may sit and act during the present Congress at any time or place within the United States (including any Commonwealth or possession of the United States, or elsewhere, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned) and to hold such hearings as it considers necessary.

• (b) Rules of Procedure- The provisions of clauses 1, 2, and 4 of rule XI of the Rules of the House shall apply to the select committee.

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- (c) Prohibition Against Meeting at Certain Times: Subsection (a) may not be construed to limit the applicability of clause 2(i) of rule XI of the Rules of the House to the select committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

- Sec. 5. (a) Expenses- Subject to the adoption of expense resolutions as required by clause 6 of rule X of the Rules of the House, the select committee may incur expenses in connection with its functions under this resolution.
  - (b) Staff and Travel- In carrying out its functions under this resolution, the select committee may:
    - (1) appoint, either on a permanent basis or as experts or consultants, any staff that the select committee considers necessary;
    - (2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the staff;
    - (3) fix the compensation of the staff at a single per annum gross rate that does not exceed the highest rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time, of level V of the Executive Schedule in section 5316 of title 5, United States Code;
    - (4) terminate the employment of any such staff as the select committee considers appropriate; and
    - (5) reimburse members of the select committee and of its staff for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their functions for the select committee, other than expenses in connection with any meeting of the select committee, or a subcommittee thereof, held in the District of Columbia.
  - (c) Expiration- The select committee and all authority granted in this resolution shall expire 30 days after the filing of the final report of the select committee with the House, or just prior to noon on January 5, 2009, whichever occurs first.

REPORTS AND RECORDS

- Sec. 6. (a) Final Report- As soon as practicable during the present Congress, the select committee shall submit to the House a final report setting forth its findings and recommendations as a result of its investigation.
  - (b) Filing of Reports- Any report made by the select committee when the House is not in session shall be filed with the Clerk of the House.
  - (c) Referral of Reports- Any report made by the select committee shall be referred to the committee or committees that have jurisdiction over the subject matter of the report.
  - (d) Records, Files, and Materials- Following the termination of the select committee, the records, files, and materials of the select committee shall be transferred to the Clerk of the House. If the final report of the select committee is referred to only one committee under the provisions of subsection (c), the records, files, and materials of the select committee shall be transferred instead to the committee to which the final report is referred.

DEFINITIONS

- Sec. 7. For purposes of this resolution:
  - (1) The term ‘Member of the House’ means any Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.
  - (2) The term ‘MIA’ means any United States personnel that is unaccounted for and missing in action.
  - (3) The term ‘POW’ means any United States personnel that is unaccounted for and known to be a prisoner of war.
  - (4) The term ‘select committee’ means the Select Committee on MIA and POW Affairs established by this resolution.

NOTE: Sample letter to Congress can be found on PAGE 11.

CHIT CHAT NEWS by Irene

- Please keep in your prayers our member Sylvia Groden, who is ill.
- Get well wishes for member Emily B. Powell.
- Speedy Recovery on her new hip surgery for Joyce Rommel, POW-MIA activist.
- Get well wishes for member Mrs. Dudley Conner.
- Get well wishes for Chuck Schantag, POW/MIA researcher.
- Glad you are out of the hospital Marion Wolos, Mother of our Advisor, Andi Wolos.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Stan Hadden, a champion for all Korean War Veterans. He was the first editor of the Grey Beards magazine, the official publication of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. I dealt with Stan on many occasions and he will truly be missed.

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April 5, 2007

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
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By Fax: 202-456-0200
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Dear President Bush:

We were very pleased to see the White House announcement that Governor Bill Richardson would be traveling to North Korea to discuss the return of remains of servicemen listed as unaccounted for from the Korean War. The past two years, since remains recovery efforts were halted, have been very difficult for the families. Governor Richardson’s trip to North Korea brings hope that some families will finally learn the true fate of their loved ones.

While we are grateful for this new effort to recover remains, we are concerned that a critical issue regarding unaccounted for servicemen has not been properly address. That issue is the question of surviving prisoners held in North Korea. Overwhelmingly, intelligence reporting shows that a sizable group of American and Allied prisoners were not returned at the end of the Korean War. We must find out what happened to these men.

Reports of American survivors in North Korea were so persuasive, one analyst with the Defense Departments POW/MIA Office (DPMO) wrote: “There are too many live sighting reports, specifically observations of several Caucasians in a collective farm by Romanians and North Korean defectors’ eyewitness of Americans in DPRK to dismiss that there are no American POWs in North Korea.” This analyst made a clear distinction between the American defectors living in North Korean and bonafide Prisoners of War. His full report follows.

For this reason and so many more we ask that you direct Governor Richardson to ask North Korean representatives for surviving Prisoners of War in North Korea. The issue of surviving Prisoners must be given top priority during the upcoming discussions.

Very truly yours,

Irene Mandra
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On March 26th, President Bush met with the new Russian-side Co-Chairman of the US-Russia Joint Commission, General Vladimir Shamanov. Human Rights Watch, which has done NOTHING for American POW-MIAs, condemned the meeting and Shamanov’s appointment, based on allegations of human rights abuses by the General during the ongoing Chechan conflict. Every newspaper and wire service ran the story, here is our response, which no newspaper would print:

Letter to the Editor / Op-Ed March 30, 2007

I have finished reading the comments of Rachel Denber, deputy director of Human Rights Watch’s Europe and Central Asia division and her condemnation of the Oval Office meeting between president Bush and General Vladimir Shamanov.

After doing so, there is only one question in my mind... who is looking after the rights of our POWs, MIAs, KIAs and their families? Are we not human? Do not our rights need to be watched as well?

Do men and women, who lay down their lives while wearing the uniform of our country, those who are captured and endure years of despicable, inhumane treatment, torture and privation, or those who simply go missing or were killed in some miserable place known only to God, deserve less?

Apparently so.

88,000 American men and women remain unaccounted-for. Hundreds of thousands of family members have suffered through the pain of not knowing. Their lives put into a permanent holding pattern of incertitude. Their faith shaken, their future just as uncertain as the fate of their loved ones.

At what point in time do we, the family members, say we have had enough. We are no longer standing at the back of the line to be tossed some scraps of information or hope or meet with someone else’s approval. For years we have watched and waited as others with more immediate needs or more politically correct or topical issues took precedence. For years we have waited for former adversaries to become allies, or simply a little less belligerent.

The former Soviets have answers. Answers that encompass World War II, the Korean War, Cold War Era, Vietnam and other conflicts. They have archives, officers, recovered materials, films, documents and survivors with memories.

The impediments that prevented any meaningful dialogue over the years have slowly been broken down and the Russians were finally engaged with the establishment of the US-Russian Joint Commission that promised to provide closure for so many. That Commission, more than a decade old, has perilously survived the loss of key members, access to archival materials, loss of funding and a near-complete derailment of the Russian side of the Commission.

We have waited almost 2 years for the Russians to get their side of the Commission back on track. And what do we hear? US Human Rights groups do not like the man in charge of the Russian side because they say he is responsible for human rights abuses. That our President should not have met with him. And, as quoted, “it just seems that folks in the Defense Department and the administration didn’t do their homework.” Here’s a little piece of information for these Organizations and their spokespersons... The US didn’t pick the guy, the Russians did. Complain to the Russians. 

Human Rights Organizations that have been COMPLETELY SILENT on the US POW-MIA issue are suddenly involved. NOT for the benefit of US POWs and MIAs either. Over the years we have asked, even begged, these groups and NGOs to put American Prisoners of War on their agenda. We have been either ignored or rebuffed. During the Vietnam War we were actually told that US POWs got what they deserved as aggressors. That American POWs and MIAs were not people they could advocate for because they were part of an organized militia during conflict.

As the family members of men and women who have endured unimaginable horrors - torture, beatings, starving, forced death marches, executions, terminal medical experimentation on living subjects - we know first hand what Human Rights abuses are. We do not need a lesson on suffering. We have lived that lesson and we got an A.

We certainly do not condone the suffering of anyone, for any reason, at any time. But we also do not accept that everyone on the planet suffers except for Americans or American service personnel.

No one has a corner on misery.

The misery is endless, the list is endless... the Chechans, the Palestinians, Jews, the Gypsy diaspora, Montagnards, the tortured tribes in Darfur, the Cambodians at the mercy of Pol Pot, the Kurds under Hussein, Sierra Leone’s Blood Diamond sufferers, Sudan’s slaves, and yes, Prisoners of War.

While the Human Rights groups are in the process of condemning the selection of a man with a questionable pedigree, these same organizations should take a long hard look at the inequality of their advocacy and ultimately their message rather than damning everyone and everything.

If we are to accept their condemnation, then the POW-MIA issue will never be resolved and we might as well all get on with our lives interrupted. The people in charge of the countries of our former, and present, adversaries are neither boy scouts nor alter boys. Continued abuses of all manner continue... human, political, religious, economic, cultural and ethnic. Our hope is that through our humanitarianism, our generosity in providing economic encouragement, materiel, education and support, these same countries may one day find themselves in a little softer light of scrutiny, looking for their missing and comforting their countrymen rather than harming them.

To the Human Rights groups who disapprove so strongly over the meeting between President Bush and General Vladimir Shamanov, let me remind you of the following quote so often heard during the Vietnam War - “If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.”

Perhaps, if we had the Human Rights advocacy we needed years, decades, ago, we, the families of American POWs and MIAs, wouldn’t be in the predicament we are in now.

Andi Wolos and Irene L. Mandra

On the Web:
Korean War Family Outreach Program
http://KoreanWarMIAs.com

“We are a small group of veterans who search for family members of certain Korean War MIAs. These MIAs have no next of kin listed in their official records, or their family contact information is long out of date.”

“If you, or someone you know had a family member that did not return from the Korean War, check for their name within our rosters.”
ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
The present set of Directors have agreed to stay on for additional four years, their new term starts in August 2007. At present we have seven boards of directors, and two family members that are waiting to come on the board, as soon as our By Laws can be change to accommodate them. Although, we have no vacancies on our board, if any member wishes to help in any way please contact Irene Mandra at imandra@optonline.net

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FOIA/NARA Letter
The Honorable Peter King
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Dear Congressman King,
First of all let me say Thank You for your continued efforts on behalf of our unaccounted-for service men and women.
Last week, Congress observed "Sunshine Week". The stated purpose, "(to) breathe new life into open-government legislation, marking Sunshine Week with votes to protect whistle-blowers, smooth freedom of information requests and compel presidential libraries to disclose more about their donors."

Presumably, the agenda is to make Government more transparent and records, documents and minutia more accessible to those who vote, pay taxes and, among other things, sacrifice their sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters to war.

I am POW-MIA Family Member. I represent thousands of family members, veterans and caring citizens. I have waited more than 50 years for answers and closure. In the times when my own government is incapable, or in many instances, unwilling, to assist me in this quest for truth, I have had to resort to my own devices... research, FOIA, document requests, interviews and traveling tens of thousands of miles for answers.

I, and other family members, many of whom do research, and others who simply want answers, are greatly distressed by the lack of "Sunshine illuminating the POW-MIA issue. Although many servant USG agencies will state everything is out in the open, everything has been made public, that is simply not the case. In fact, it is an outright fallacy.

3 Presidential Executive Orders,
Executive Order 12951 :: February 22, 1995 -
Intelligence Imagery to be released.

Executive Order 12937 :: November 10, 1994 -
Declassification Of Selected Records Within The National Archives Of The United States

Executive Order 12958 :: April 17, 1995 -
This order prescribes a uniform system for classifying, safeguarding, and declassifying national security information. Our democratic principles require that the American people be informed of the activities of their Government.
Clearly stipulate the release of materials, the manner in which they are to be reviewed and released... IN A TIMELY FASHION... reclassification, restrictions, etc... Of note, Executive Order 12958 :: April 17, 1995 - states the following:

* Duration of classification. The new executive order, in Section 1.6, sets a 10-year limit on most new classification actions. No such limit existed under E.O. 12,356.

* Automatic declassification. The new executive order establishes an automatic declassification mechanism that likewise did not exist under the predecessor one. In section 3.4, it requires the automatic declassification of information that is more than 25 years old, with exceptions limited to only especially sensitive information designated as such by the heads of agencies. This major provision applies to information currently classified under any predecessor executive order and will lead to creation of a governmentwide declassification database. Under E.O. 12,958, agencies are given 5 years to accomplish this declassification mandate.

* Systematic declassification. For records that fall within any exception to the new executive order's automatic declassification mechanism, agencies are required to establish "a program for systematic declassification review" that will focus on a need for continued classification of such records. E.O. 12,958, Sec. 3.5(a). Under predecessor E.O. 12,356, such agency programs have been entirely voluntary, except for at the National Archives and Records Administration, which deals with volumes of long-classified files." So, there we have it. Automatic Declassification and Systematic Declassification. And why is it that POW-MIA family members cannot get scraps of paper? Why is it that they have to wait YEARS for a response to their FOIA? Of even greater alarm is that Cold War and Korean War families and researchers are finding materials REMOVED from repositories and archives.
The events they are interested in happen 50 years ago. With the exception of Atomic Testing and legitimate National Security material, it is inconceivable that a loss incident involving a grunt on a hill in Korea should remain classified or be removed from what should be public view material.
Clearly, the majority of agencies are simply overburdened. Many, as we have found from past experience, could not be bothered. Congress, rather than "noticing" there is a problem, should do something to FIX the problem.
I ask, as a constituent, a voter, taxpayer and family member, that you use your good offices once again to demand that our repositories, archives and agencies comply with the law, release materials that should have been made public years, if not decades, ago. I also ask that safeguards be put in place to prevent the materials from being withdrawn, unless there are significant national security issues. And, lastly, that FOIA officers and the FOIA process in general be sped up to address requests in a timely manner.

Time is our enemy and we cannot wait any longer for answers and the truth.

Sincerely,
Irene Mandra and Andi Wolos
CAMP 5 By Phil O'Brien
Korean War Ex POW Newsletter

Camp 5 on the south bank of the Yalu River at Old Pyoktong. (In recent years, the North Koreans have moved the “name” several miles west, to create New Pyoktong, so the site of Camp 5 is now known as Tongju-ri. Up to their usual tricks…)

How many men died at Camp 5? We have a tradition, based on best memory and best estimation, of 1600. But we can come up with only about 1100 names. Here’s why: many of the men who died in February and March of 1951 took with them the names and memories of others who had already passed. But at least we know this much: when the North Koreans and Chinese returned some of the Korean War burials during Operation Glory in September 1954, they marked 556 as coming from Camp 5. We were able to identify and send home all but 75 of them. These 75 are now among the Unknowns individually buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, at Punchbowl Crater in Honolulu. More recently, during 1990-94, the North Koreans returned 208 caskets from several locations. They marked 21 of these caskets as coming from Tongju-ri, their present name for Camp 5.

The quality of the work here is interesting. The 75 Unknowns from 1954 have pretty good integrity as individual men, and most were likely exhumed from up on the slope beyond the back water arm. But the 21 caskets from Tongju-ri have mixed skeletal remains, which we are trying to sort out. Perhaps 50 men are present. These may have come from lower down by the edge of the water just across from Camp 5. So we have about 125 unidentified men from Camp 5 in possession right now. The earlier 75 are buried, and the more recent 50 are in respectful storage above ground. Friends at the lab at Hickam AFB are cutting many of the bones from the 50 to try for DNA matches that might lead to identifications. Later, they would like to exhume some of the 75 as well, but first things first, since several of the other men are already in work.

You might find one bit of news to be surprising. Remember Camp 5. Stand near the pagoda sick house and look down toward the two toes of the peninsula. You are looking almost due west. Over your right shoulder, to the north, is the back water arm. Men were carried across the ice or around the edge to be buried, as well as could be done, in the Winter of 1950-51. Then came Springtime, and many of these shallow burials washed away. But what happened next? Only a small creek flows into the back water arm, this is not the main course of the Yalu River. Many years later, the North Koreans built a dyke about half way down and drained the upper portion. This is now an area for small crops and such.

If we ever get back to Camp 5, we’ll look at this drained area very closely, and probably begin digging near the edges. Many of the human remains that once washed down are probably still there. They will be skeletal, and mixed, and incomplete. But very likely, we can still do some recoveries. We would hope to find a few, then tens, then well over a hundred. Once again, putting back together and cutting bones for DNA samples will be the core of the process.

Don’t get discouraged, there are still some good men to find. I just hope that all of this can begin in our lifetimes. We are not working in North Korea this year …. Let’s see how 2007 unfolds!

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ON THE HILL by Frank Metersky
Washington, DC Liaison

POW/MIA UPDATE BY COUNTRY

RUSSIA--We will know more after Norman Kass and Fogelson meet with the Russian delegation that comes to Wash DC at the end of March-- there will be a reception and possibly a question and answer session on March 27 TH for family and veterans representatives.

CHINA-- In June a JPAC team will visit the site of Korean war shoot down in the area around Dandong across the YALU River from North Korea. They are also supposed to have access to the museum in Dandong that has had the personnel effects of US personnel from the Korean War on display.

South Korea -- Starting in June JPAC will be operating at sites where remains should be recovered around Busan and Inchon.

North Korea-- If 6 PART TALKS continue to go well over the next 60 days the State Dept could give the Pentagon permission to again allow DPMO to ‘talk to the North Koreans--State Dept is now back in charge of this foreign policy. I will be meeting with ASST SEC of STATE for POLICY Nicholas Burns on March 27 TH in Wash DC.

Spoke to Col Ellis the DPMO policy paper in response to questions asked by Senate Arms Services Cmte will go to the Pentagon this week and the Senate committee should have it by the end of the month—I will meet with Jonathan Clark the majority lead at the committee if he has it on the 27 TH of March.

The focus where the most progress again should be at JPAC where if Johnny Webb is forced to have the people who are supposed to be working on Korean War remains in their possession and those that will be disinterred from the Punch Bowl we could have as many as 30 MIA cases resolved.

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JPAC to Pursue Korean War Cases
19 March, 2007

Hawai’i-based JPAC teams pursuing Korean War cases

Hawai’i-based Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) teams departed O’ahu last week for missions in the Republic of Korea to investigate cases of unaccounted-for service members from the Korean War.

Two JPAC teams, consisting of nine personnel, will investigate multiple sites to find evidence that could assist in the future recovery of missing Americans.

During the 32 day deployment, the teams will investigate 23 aircraft losses and one ground loss. One team will investigate 13 sites in northern Korea and Seoul while the other will investigate 11 sites in the south of the country.

This JPAC mission marks the first of three to the Republic of Korea scheduled for this year.

For more information about JPAC, visit www.jpac.pacom.mil.
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Later she was transferred to the Holston Girls School at Kaesong. When World War Two came, she left Korea and became a teacher in the Philippines Islands. When the Japanese took over the Philippines, she was arrested by the Japanese and spent the next three years at prison camps like the Los Banos.

In 1948, she was back at her old job in Korea. Her home was just two miles from the 38th parallel. From 1948 to 1950, she observed the many attacks that North Korea made into South Korea. Upon capture she was taken to Pyongyang where she endured two weeks in a "death cell" where she was repeatedly accused of being a U.S. spy. She endured the Tiger Survivor Death March and witnessed the death of over 100 American servicemen and several civilian prisoners.

She came home in 1953 to Conway, Arkansas and returned to her teaching career. This great lady died on January 23, 2000 in a nursing home in Joplin, Missouri.

Many thanks to the Korean War Ex- POW Association for this contribution.

STATISTICS
There now remain 127 tiger survivors. That includes:
17 civilians, 3 Officers (Dunn, Zimmerman and Hearn), 5 Non Commissioned Officers (Cofer, Garcia, Hanback, Leerkamp and Martin), 101 enlisted men.
These figures include 6 men that joined the Tiger survivors after the death March. (Hearn, Duncan, Edwin Jones, Red Sitler, Bill Skinner and Weidensaul.)

From the Tiger survivors Newsletter, with many thanks.
Point of information, the Tiger group death march: For every 65 miles travel approximately 100 people died.

Additional information in reference to Camp five, approximately 4,000 POWs went through this camp.

February 19, 2007 US DOD: Soldier missing in action from the Korean War is 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 returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is U.S. Army Cpl. Jimmie L. Dorser of Springfield, Mo. He will be buried tomorrow in Lake Forest, Calif. Representatives from the Army met with Dorser's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process, and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

Dorser was a member of 1 Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division (organized into the 31st Regimental Combat Team). The RCT was engaged against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces along the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea from Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1950. The unit was forced to retreat to the south and many men were reported missing in action under the intense enemy fire.

In 2002, a joint U.S. and Democratic People's Republic of North Korea team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, excavated a mass grave on the eastern side of the Chosin Reservoir. The remains of five individuals were recovered. Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in Dorser's identification. The additional remains cannot be attributed to specific individuals at this time and will undergo further analysis.

Facts 'n' Figures
Nellie Dyer was a prisoner of war twice, first with the Japanese and second with the North Koreans.

A Methodist missionary, who was born in Conway, Arkansas, and lived to age 97, She arrived in Seoul, South Korea in 1927.
At the end of the morning briefing, Stuart Andrews of Merritt Island grabbed the microphone. He said his father disappeared during the Vietnam War. Forty years later, his father's remains were found and the dog tags were returned to the family. He drove to Tampa to thank officials.

"It's a strong measure of closure," Andrews said. "I hope you find a large measure of comfort knowing of these efforts in finding our fallen soldiers."

**National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, 2007**
A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

The men and women of the United States Armed Forces have made great sacrifices to defend our Nation. They have triumphed over brutal enemies, liberated continents, and answered the prayers of millions around the globe. On National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, we honor the brave individuals who put service above self and were taken captive while protecting America and advancing the cause of freedom.

Throughout our Nation's conflicts, American prisoners of war have defied ruthless enemies and endured tremendous hardships as they braved captivity. Their strength showed the power and resilience of the American spirit and the indomitable character of our men and women in uniform. Their sacrifices are a great example of courage, devotion, and love of country.

Our Nation's former prisoners of war have helped secure the priceless gift of freedom for all our citizens, and we will always be grateful to them and their families. On National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day and throughout the year, we honor the American heroes who have been taken as prisoners of war and remember their legacy of bravery and selflessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2007, as National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day. I call upon the people of the United States to join me in honoring the service and sacrifices of all American prisoners of war. I call upon Federal, State, and local government officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

GEORGE W. BUSH

**Pending POW-MIA Related Legislation: 110th Congress**

**Civilian Prisoner-of-War Medal Act of 2007 (Introduced in House)[H.R.284.IH]**

**Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007 (Introduced in House)[H.R.1197.IH]**

**Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007 (Introduced in Senate)[S.848.IS]**

**Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs. (Introduced in House)[H.RES.111.IH]**

**Camp Security National Historic Site Study Act (Introduced in House)[H.R.950.IH]**

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April 9, 2007

Congressional Representative
United States House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Dear Congressional Representative:

As representatives of three of the largest POW/MIA family organizations, we wish to convey our full support for H.Res. 111, introduced by Congressman Peter King, calling for a select committee to "conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War Missions, or Gulf War, including MIA's and POW's."

The passage of H.Res 111 is the top priority for our organizations. Since the conclusion of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, much new information has surfaced, regarding servicemen listed as Prisoner and Missing. This information must be addressed. In March 2006, memos written by a former Defense Intelligence analyst while serving as an investigator with the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs were discovered. These memos detailed the Vietnamese admission that some 19 servicemen listed as died while missing were in fact captured. These servicemen survived in captivity for varying lengths of time, one by Vietnamese admission survived three years. The Senate Committee never addressed this matter.

Reports of American survivors in North Korea are so persuasive, one analyst with the Defense Departments POW/MIA Office (DPMO) wrote: "There are too many live sighting reports, specifically observations of several Caucasians in a collective farm by Romanians and North Korean defectors’ eyewitness of Americans in DPRK to dismiss that there are no American POWs in North Korea." The analyst made a clear distinction between the American defectors in North Korean and bonafide Prisoners of War.

In February of 2005, the Joint Commission Support Directorate, the investigative arm of the U.S./Russian Joint POW/MIA Commission concluded; "Americans, including American servicemen, were imprisoned in the Soviet Union." This is but the tip of the iceberg, of new information, requiring congressional attention. Our organizations are united in our commitment to the passage of H.Res 111 and will work tirelessly to that end.

We urge you, most strongly, to add your name to the list of co-sponsors for H.Res. 111. It is time for Congress to address the volumes of new information available on POW/MIA matters from World War II, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam and the Gulf. Contact Congressman Peter King, today, to be come a co-sponsor for H.Res. 111.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Members - We need ALL of our Congressional Representatives to get on board and sign in as co-sponsors for HR 111 - The Establishment of a POW-MIA House Select Committee.

The following is a sample letter. PLEASE get those letters out to your Representatives!

The Honorable (Fill in Name Here):

Over 88,000 American military personnel are still unaccounted for from military conflicts during the 20th century including: 1,788 in Vietnam, over 8,100 in the Korean Conflict, 124 from Cold War missions, over 78,000 from World War II, and 3 airmen from the Gulf War. Now as we begin the 21st century with Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2 American soldiers - Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin and Spec. Ahmed Altaie - have become POWs. It is imperative that the accounting of each and every one of our POWs and MIAs be given the highest priority by our government and this Congress.

Finding new information on American POWs and MIAs can help thousands of families who only want to find the truth about their loved ones. I am writing to ask you to cosponsor H.Res.111 establishing a House Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs. The courage and sacrifice of these brave men and women must never be forgotten, and our efforts to acquire a full account of all missing armed forces personnel must never stop. This is the very least we owe these patriotic and courageous Americans.

Please have your good offices call Carol Danko of Congressman Peter King's staff if you have any questions or would like to add your name as a cosponsor of this resolution.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME HERE

April 10, 2007
Memorial set for remains of six Korean War soldiers

Honolulu Advertiser Staff
A ceremony to honor remains believed to be those of six U.S. service members lost during the Korean War will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday inside Hangar 35 at Hickam Air Force Base.

The remains were turned over by North Korean officials to a U.S. delegation earlier this week. Following the ceremony, the remains will be transported to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Hickam to undergo forensic identification.

April 10, 2007 :: DPRK to hand over remains of 6 US soldiers
Source: China Central Television

The DPRK has agreed to turn over the remains of six US soldiers killed during the Korean War between 1950 and 1953.

The remark is made by New Mexico Governor, Bill Richardson, who is heading a delegation of US lawmakers currently visiting Pyongyang. Richardson will take the remains across the border into South Korea on Wednesday.

They will then be transported to a US military facility in Hawaii for identification. The US Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command says it will send three such delegations to the DPRK this year.

And that they are dedicated to resolving the cases of the more than 8,100 US servicemen from the Korean War not yet accounted for.

April 9, 2007 :: A Sad Anniversary - Let us remember other families and other conflicts

It was three years on Monday that Army Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin was kidnapped in Iraq during a bloody ambush on his convoy.

SGT Maupin was filmed in captivity, as a POW, but has yet to come home. Our prayers are with his family.

April 2007 :: The remains of 10 U.S. airmen, missing in action since a World War II mission over New Guinea, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial, the Pentagon said Monday.

A B-24 Liberator with the airmen was returning to the aerodrome at Nadzab, New Guinea, after bombing enemy targets near Hollandia on April 16, 1944. The aircraft altered course because of bad weather and was flying to the aerodrome at Saidor when it disappeared, the Defense Department said in a statement.

Wreckage of a World War II-era bomber was found in Morobe Province in New Guinea in 2001, according to the Defense Department’s Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office. A team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command surveyed the site in 2002 and recovered remains as well as identification tags and other objects.

April 2007 :: Korean War veteran taking on new mission

Harold Davis hasn't forgotten his comrades who died in the Korean War, and he doesn't want anyone else to forget either. For the past 15 years, Davis, from Wilmington, N.C., and two other men he has never met — Ed Moynaugh from California and Ray Sestak from New York — have worked to identify the remains of soldiers who fought and died in the Korean War and reunite them with their families.

"The government let this fall through the cracks," Davis, 76, said in a telephone interview. "When a lot of the guys who went into service back then joined, they put down where they were living at the time they entered the service as where they were from. That could have been the place where they were living at the time. Nowhere does the government have all the information they need to search for the families of soldiers who were missing in action, but have since been found."

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April 10, 2007 :: Remains of Korean War victim identified after 56 years - DNA solves mystery of soldier's fate

"Some 56 years after Rex "Jack" Wagner was declared missing in action in North Korea, Marilyn Patterson finally knows what happened to her younger brother.

Using a blood sample from Mrs. Patterson, military investigators were able to identify skeletal remains recovered from a North Korean cornfield as those of her brother."
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