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If you have not renewed your 2009 membership, this will be your last newsletter. Please renew so that there will be no interruption in your latest E-mails and Newsletters.

We wish to thank the many members who have renewed; we deeply appreciate your support.

Pls send renewals to:

**Korea-Cold War Families of the Missing
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IN MY OPINION
by IRENE L. MANDRA

Dear Members,
First of all, on behalf of myself and our Board of Directors, I wish each of you a Happy and Healthy New Year. I sincerely hope it brings about answers to long unanswered questions for each of you.

We will be hearing momentarily that Ambassador Charles Ray will be leaving DPMO. We would like to wish him our very best of luck in his new endeavor. We are most grateful to Ambassador Ray for granting two items on our wish list. These items we have pushed and wanted for many years. The fact that Mr. Ray heard us and responded, I'm sure after giving it much thought, we can only appreciate his fairness and intelligence.

You have heard the phrase Last War First policy; this means that Vietnam would receive more resources than Korea/Cold War and WWII, because that was the last war. The new strategy, which Ambassador Ray has initiated, would judge all the wars on equal terms and no one war would get priority.

All servicemen killed in the line of fire from all wars should be judged the same, they all gave their lives for their country. We cannot thank Ambassador Ray enough for this change in policy and we will be watching to see if JPAC abides by this new ruling.

Second item on our wish list is a feasibility study, which we asked JPAC for and thought we were getting, just to find out that JPAC was not conducting such a study. (The feasibility study that we asked for is for the possibility of moving the Identification lab from Hawaii to the main land so that we can settle the shortage of personnel problems thus moving the identification of remains on a faster scale.) Again Ambassador Ray has fulfilled our wish list and has contacted a private company to conduct such a study. Hats off to Ambassador Ray with our gratitude. It's hard to say good-bye to this good man, much luck and God's blessing on his new venture.

I could not close this column with out mentioning the fact that South Korea has proposed humanitarian aide for North Korea in exchange for their prisoners of war. What is the matter with our State Department? We have given aide, why are we not demanding our boys be returned in exchange? Let us hope with a new administration in place they will start thinking of Americans who may still be in captivity. Please write your Congressman, and ask why is it South Korea thinks of their citizens, and the United States does not.

January 11, 2009

Mr. Guy Black
944 Dundonald Drive
Port Mundy, BC
V3h1B7 Canada

Dear Mr. Black:

I represent Korea/Cold War Families of the Missing and we understand you are trying to obtain a commemorative postage stamp honoring the Korea War Veterans on their Sixty Anniversary.

It would be our great honor to encourage you in this endeavor; we support you whole-heartedly, and asked that you include our letter among other organizations that are supporting a commemorative stamp to honor our veterans.

Twenty Six Thousand Canadians fought during the Korean War and five hundred and sixteen men were killed. Their sacrifice should be honored.

I sincerely hope that the Canada Postal Corporation issue such a stamp as we here in the United States honored our Korea War veterans on their fifty anniversary of the war.

Very Truly Yours,
Irene L Mandra
National Chair
Korea/Cold War Families of the Missing

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Chit Chat News by Irene L. Mandra February 2009

Get well wishes for Joe McNulty, I am so glad to hear he is out of rehab after his back surgery.

Our sincere appreciation to Senator Stan Hannon for his support in securing our organization a grant from New York State. We should receive a check before spring.

Please check our web site, www.koreacoldwar.org we added a new video, which will touch your heart. It's listed under video.

Please if you have not sent your membership check in for 2009, please do so; help us to continue helping you and the issue.

Treasure's Corner by Gail Stallone

We wish to thank the many members who have renewed; we deeply appreciate your support.

We also would like to thank the following members and organizations for the generous donations

Korea War Veterans Nassau #01, New York
John Longo
Daniel Zeigler

From Roger Hall:

It's Official. The new H. Res. 111 for a select committee on POW/MIA Affairs is open for cosponsors in this the 111th Congress. Following is the list of originating cosponsors. If your congressman is not on it please call them and ask them to cosponsor.

There is a sequence of contact practices that helps assure co-sponsorship. Call your congressman at 1-800-833-6354 or 1-866-340-9281 ask the operator for you congressman/woman. When you reach the office ask for the staff person that handles military and POW/MIA matters. Keep that name. When you reach them tell them you are a constituent and want the congressman to cosponsor H. Res. 111 for a POW/MIA Select committee. Ask for their fax number and keep that number also, then fax them a letter again asking for them to cosponsor H. Res. 111. If the staffer isn't available get the fax number and send the letter in first and then follow up with a telephone call. If the congressman does not cosponsor within two weeks call again. If at the second call he doesn't take your call or return your call ask for the legislative director. You are in the congressman's district and they will respond to you, if you don't get results after the second call, call me at 301/587-5055 or email me at this emails screen name. I will follow up, I am only one hour from capital hill and will be there a few time a week is the coming months, I will do what I can. This system works.

1-800-833-6354 1-866-340-9281

H.RES.111 Title: Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep King, Peter T. [NY-3] (introduced 2/3/2009)
Cosponsors (54)

Latest Major Action: 2/3/2009 Referred to House committee.

H. Res. 111 COSPONSORS(54), ALPHABETICAL

Rep Ackerman, Gary L. [NY-5] - 2/3/2009
Rep Bachmann, Michele [MN-6] - 2/3/2009
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Rep Burgess, Michael C. [TX-26] - 2/3/2009
Rep Burton, Dan [IN-5] - 2/3/2009
Rep Butterfield, G. K. [NC-1] - 2/3/2009
Rep Christensen, Donna M. [VI] - 2/3/2009
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Rep Crowley, Joseph [NY-7] - 2/3/2009
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Rep Davis, Lincoln [TN-4] - 2/3/2009
Rep Forbes, J. Randy [VA-4] - 2/3/2009
Rep Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [NJ-11] - 2/3/2009
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Rep Harman, Jane [CA-36] - 2/3/2009
Rep Heller, Dean [NV-2] - 2/3/2009
Rep Holden, Tim [PA-17] - 2/3/2009
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Rep Kaptur, Marcy [OH-9] - 2/3/2009
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Rep Linder, John [GA-7] - 2/3/2009
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Rep Manzullo, Donald A. [IL-16] - 2/3/2009
Rep McCaul, Michael T. [TX-10] - 2/3/2009
Rep McHenry, Patrick T. [NC-10] - 2/3/2009
Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8] - 2/3/2009
Rep Murphy, Christopher S. [CT-5] - 2/3/2009
Rep Myrick, Sue Wilkins [NC-9] - 2/3/2009
Rep Paul, Ron [TX-14] - 2/3/2009
Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2] - 2/3/2009
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Rep Rothman, Steven R. [NJ-9] - 2/4/2009
Rep Schiff, Adam B. [CA-29] - 2/3/2009
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Rep Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [WI-5] - 2/3/2009
Rep Smith, Christopher H. [NJ-4] - 2/3/2009
Rep Souder, Mark E. [IN-3] - 2/3/2009
Rep Terry, Lee [NE-2] - 2/3/2009
Rep Wittman, Robert J. [VA-1] - 2/3/2009
Rep Wolf, Frank R. [VA-10] - 2/3/2009
Rep Wu, David [OR-1] - 2/3/2009
Rep Young, Don [AK] - 2/3/2009

If your Representative's name is NOT on the above list - Call, Fax, Email, Write and get them to sign on. We were so close last time, let's make 2009 the year this Bill passes.

Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs. (Introduced in House)

HRES 111 IH

111th CONGRESS

1st Session

H. RES. 111

Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 3, 2009

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. GOHMERT, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. ISSA, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. MACK, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PAUL, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. WU, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) 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, Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation Enduring Freedom, including MIA's and POW's missing and captured.

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.

(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.

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.

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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.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE No. 021-09

January 12, 2009

U.S. Department of Defense

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

Soldier Missing in Action From 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 will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Master Sgt. Cirildo Valencio, U.S. Army, of Carrizo Springs, Texas. He will be buried on Aug. 4 in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

Representatives from the Army met with Valencio's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

Valencio was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division then occupying a defensive position near Unsan, North Korea in an area known as the "Camel's Head." On Nov. 1, 1950, parts of two Chinese Communist Forces divisions struck the 1st Cavalry Division's lines, collapsing the perimeter and forcing a withdrawal. In the process, the 3rd Battalion was surrounded and effectively ceased to exist as a fighting unit. Valencio was one of the more than 350 servicemen unaccounted-for from the battle at Unsan.

In 2002, a joint U.S.-Democratic People's Republic of Korea team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated a burial site south of Unsan near the nose of the "Camel's Head" formed by the joining of the Nammyon and Kuryong rivers. The team recovered human remains.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of the remains.

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The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War

by David Halberstam

The Forgotten War: America in Korea, 1950-1953

by Clay Blair Jr.

**The Samurai Invasion of Korea 1592-98
(Campaign)**

by Stephen Turnbull and Peter Dennis

The Last Stand of Fox Company:

A True Story of U.S. Marines in Combat

by Robert Drury and Tom Clavin

**Purple Hearts - Battle Scars: Memories from the
Forgotten War**

by John Schneider and Gen. Bernard E. Trainor Ret

POW - MIA Freedom Radio

February 8th, 2009 - Special Guest - Irene Mandra

"4:00pm Mtn - Ms. Irene Mandra. Irene is National Chair for the Korea/Cold War Families of the Missing, Inc. She is sister of Sgt. Philip V. Mandra, USMC who disappeared on August 7, 1952, during the Korean War. He was with four other Marines who also disappeared on the battle for Bronco Hill. Many Americans were reportedly taken to the Soviet Gulags and seen alive well after the war. In 1993, US representatives of Task Force Russia visited "Colonel Malinin in the Soviet Union, who spoke of seeing an American POW in a prison in Magadan, Siberia, in 1962. When the task force showed Colonel Malinin an album of approximately 100 pictures of missing men; the Colonel picked my brother's picture out twice". Irene is well respected in the POW/MIA Community and has specifically worked on behalf of family members of those missing from the Korean and Cold Wars. Irene will discuss the latest in her group and current activities. Please visit <http://www.koreacoldwar.org> for more information."

Listen to POW/MIA Radio every Sunday on The American Freedom Network, <http://www.americannewsnet.com>. We also broadcast with 10,000 watts on KHNC-AM, 1360khz, Johnstown, Colorado. If you are unable to get the show on the website, please re-enter the URL in your address line and try again.

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

**For Immediate Release
January 21, 2009**

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS
AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act

A democracy requires accountability, and accountability requires transparency. As Justice Louis Brandeis wrote, "sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants." In our democracy, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which encourages accountability through transparency, is the most prominent expression of a profound national commitment to ensuring an open Government. At the heart of that commitment is the idea that accountability is in the interest of the Government and the citizenry alike.

The Freedom of Information Act should be administered with a clear presumption: In the face of doubt, openness prevails. The Government should not keep information confidential merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears. Nondisclosure should never be based on an effort to protect the personal interests of Government officials at the expense of those they are supposed to serve. In responding to requests under the FOIA, executive branch agencies (agencies) should act promptly and in a spirit of cooperation, recognizing that such agencies are servants of the public.

All agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA, and to usher in a new era of open Government. The presumption of disclosure should be applied to all decisions involving FOIA.

The presumption of disclosure also means that agencies should take affirmative steps to make information public. They should not wait for specific requests from the public. All agencies should use modern technology to inform citizens about what is known and done by their Government. Disclosure should be timely.

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I direct the Attorney General to issue new guidelines governing the FOIA to the heads of executive departments and agencies, reaffirming the commitment to accountability and transparency, and to publish such guidelines in the Federal Register. In doing so, the Attorney General should review FOIA reports produced by the agencies under Executive Order 13392 of December 14, 2005. I also direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to update guidance to the agencies to increase and improve information dissemination to the public, including through the use of new technologies, and to publish such guidance in the Federal Register.

This memorandum does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

BARACK OBAMA

News Release Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (Public Affairs)

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Jan. 12, 2009**

SOLDIER MISSING IN ACTION FROM 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 will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Sgt. Dougall H. Espey, Jr., U.S. Army, of Mount Laurel, N.J. He will be buried April 3 in Elmira, N.Y.

Representatives from the Army's Mortuary Office met with Espey's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

Espey was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. On Nov. 1, 1950, the 8th Cavalry was occupying a defensive position near Unsan, North Korea in an area known as the "Camel's Head," when elements of two Chinese Communist Forces divisions struck the 1st Cavalry Division's lines, collapsing the perimeter and forcing a withdrawal. The 3rd Battalion was surrounded and effectively ceased to exist as a fighting unit. Espey was one of the more than 350 servicemen unaccounted-for from the battle at Unsan.

Between 1991-94, North Korea turned over to the U.S. 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. servicemen. North Korean documents turned over with several boxes in 1993 indicated that the remains from those boxes were exhumed near Chonsung- Ri, Unsan County. This location correlates with Espey's last known location.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of the remains.

***Some people wonder all their lives if they've made a difference.
The Marines don't have that problem.***

Ronald Reagan

Letter to First Lady Michelle Obama on behalf of POW-MIA Families

Dear Mrs. Obama;

We would like to commend you for taking on the cause of military families as part of your duties as First Lady. Today, we would like to draw your attention to a very small segment of the military families population. Often forgotten or ignored are the families of American servicemen listed as Prisoner of War or Missing in Action, from our past wars, who remain unaccounted for. Many of these men were known to be alive in enemy hands.

The benefits we seek are not financial. Nor, do we seek emotional support. The benefit we seek is information. For far too long information has remained hidden away under the guise of national security. At a minimum the information we seek on unaccounted for servicemen from the Vietnam War is over 30 years old. In the cases of Korea and the Cold War, the information is well over 50 years. Surely, our intelligence gathering methods have progressed far beyond what they were more than three decades ago. There is no legitimate reason for information to be continually withheld from the families.

We commend President Obama both for his executive order to release presidential records previously withheld from public view and his memorandum on the possessing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. However, we are not optimistic that government agencies charged with POW/MIA matters will adhere to the Presidential directive.

Specifically, the Defense POW/MIA Office, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency, have long demonstrated their disregard of both the spirit and letter of the FOIA laws. Asking the family of a POW or MIA to wait 7 - 10 years for a document requested under FOIA is simply unreasonable. Nor, is it reasonable to withhold vital information, as was the case when we learned only last year of the stunning admission by Chinese leadership, five years ago, that they held POWs from the Korean War on Chinese soil during the Korean War. While this information was known or suspected by U.S. intelligence, the Chinese for decades denied it. This has a major impact on Korean War cases. Yet the Defense POW/MIA Office withheld this information. Had this information not been brought to us by the family member of the individual held, who did not realize the implication of the information, it would still be hidden today.

Mrs. Obama, as you take up the cause of military families, we ask you to include our small number. We ask that you become an advocate for the families of our POW/MIAs, from all wars, seeing to it that information we request is provided under the new guidelines set up by President Obama.

We wish you well in your duties and hope that you will consider our request favorably.

Research Results By John Zimmerlee

After years of research, many trips to NARA, and hundreds of hours of reviewing old documents, I have found compelling evidence on 458 KIA and MIA Cases that suggest these men were known by our government to be in captivity. Since our government would not pass on my findings to the families, here is the first installment of my notes that may take several issues to publish!

Through a process of elimination, those with last names on Moo Hak blackboards are a circumstantial probability. For those who aren't familiar, on 20 September 1950 our Marines entered an abandoned Moo Hak girls school and found the last names of 300 American servicemen on blackboards. These American POWs had just been transported the day before to Pyongyang and loaded on trains to be sent north to destinations unknown. Our government did not notify the families because only last names were listed. That's absurd! Let's take a common name on those blackboards ... like Cain. There were five Cain's missing, killed, or captured. Three were lost after 20 September 1950, so they couldn't have been there. Tommy Cain was in 2nd Inf Div with 9 others whose last names appeared on those blackboards. Moreover, Edmund Cain went missing on July 20 with 35 others from 24 Inf Div whose last names are on the blackboards. That's just too much coincidence to ignore. The families deserve to know.

RG refers to Record Group at NARA. Each branch of government had their own record group(s). Those on the 944, 450, and 389 lists were positively identified as live POWs during the war.

Many of my notes came from a database of 78,000 sightings of American Servicemen created by DPMO years ago. I went through each and every record to decipher which ones were POW/MIAs and recorded the sightings in my database. Your tax dollars paid for the database, but your government didn't share its findings. It should have been posted on the DPMO website.

Anyone interested in further details please call John Zimmerlee at 770-565-4420

Floyd Neal Acton - Chas Martin saw an*Acton* at Pinchon-ni; believed moved to Kaesong 08/52

John Howard Adams - Repatriated Henry E Nix reports having seen John H Adams, no details; on 944 list

Robt Wayne Adams - identified by repatriated marines as POW at Kangi Oct 51

Vernon E Adkins - last name on blackboards at Moo Hak school Seoul SK 9/20/1950

Richard L Albright - Henry Arakaki buried an "Albright" 10 mi NE of Chungan. Interrogated by Soviet Union

Ramond L Allbritton - last name on blackboards in Moo Hak School in Seoul

Billy J Allen - 04/51 Rodriguez saw "57 FA" "Allen" in camp and on march

Jack Victor Allen - on 389 list; Seen alive at repatriation center Kaesong just before most others were released.

Robt Eugene Anderson - added to master list, seen by repatriated POWs, on communist radio & press release RG338bx17doc11

John W Arms held after the war; added to master list- enemy troops seen to capture one member of crew, ltr from PW recvd by NOK; aircraft reported to have crash landed at CT072096 by Army grnd observers, No parachute sighted. One crew member seen to be taken prisoner. (Roger Buxman 0187439 flying as observer) RG338Bx477Fldr704; on 389 list.

Claire E Bailey - last name on blackboards in Moo Hak school Seoul SK 9/20/1950.

Mathis O Ball - last name on blackboards Moo Hak school Seoul SK 9/20/1950.

Robt Anthony Barnes - Edw Atkinson recalled a "Robt Barnes" on POW march near Panmunjon 28 Oct 52 RG153Bx1fldrA021

George H Bartholomew - last name appeared on blackboards in Moo Hak School in Seoul

Roland E. Batson - carried in PW status by BUPERS RG338bx17doc105

Norman C Bedell - RG 219: appeared in undated photograph, on 389 list.

Sam L Belaski - mentioned RG407fldr2adoc3

Howard R Belden - William Skipper & Edw Dickenson recalled Howard in captivity

Donald E Bell - on 389 list; Awaiting repatriation at Kaesong; former gulag inmate saw him at Zimka camp

William John Bell - Wilfred Ruff recalled (09/02/53) an O2 William Bell at camp 2; on 389 list

James E Beller - on 389 list; RG 219: appeared in undated photograph

Bernard Berman - 08/53 Garneau, Chubbuck, Crisp, & Kojima saw him at camp A

Elton J Bernard - on 389 list; RG 219: repatriate Robt Rester said subject was captured 2 Dec 1950

Robt L Besemer - on 389 list; RG 219 appeared in undated photograph

William R Biedenkapp - mentioned RG407 Series 704 Box 814 Memo frm HQ Army FE to TAG; MIA & captured; miscategorized 25 Nov 53

Milton P Billigmeier - RG 219: appeared in undated photo. added 7 mar 56; one repatriated POW stated subject was POW & last seen Sunchon tunnel 20 Oct 1950; on 389 list

Bish Boggs - last name appeared on blackboards in Moo Hak School in Seoul.

Gerald R Bookamire - added to master list , interog repat pers RG338bx17doc13; 10/06/1952 Conway belvd died at OP Detroit

Harold R Boyd - RG 219 several repatriates (including Geo Chaorpe, stated subj was POW, possibly camp 1; added 7 Mar 56; on 389 list

Edward F Bradford - on 944 list; Rand Report: unconfirmed POW.

George C Bradley - last Name appears on blackboards Moo Hak school Seoul SK 9/20/1950.

James B Brock - repatriate saw subject in hands of enemy date unk; Chas F Martin saw a "Brock" in Pinchon-ni Aug 52; believed he was moved to Kaesong. Robt Montagus & James Lockinour state Brock was POW; on 389 list

Otis L Broome - on 389 list; 1 returnee reported subj POW in camp 5 Aug 52. Horace Sheffield - a "Broome" was shot by guards 11/50 on march

Bill Eugene Brown - mentioned RG407 Series 704 Box 814 Memo frm HQ Army FE to TAG MIA & capturd miscategorized 25 Nov 53; on 944, and 450 lists.

James C. Brown - on 389 list; Identified by repatriates; last known alive 25 Apr 53; Woodhouse recalled a James Brown 25 div during captivity

John H Brown - Frm Georgia, listed as reference on Corden. Camp D -?08/53 Touey

Thomas J Brown - Trsfed as reactionary to Camp #2; ?Joseph Bramanti recalled a TJ Brown while in captivity; o/o 03/51 Eloy Dye - death of "Brown" frm 2 div 38 rgt H co

William E Brown - RG218 Bx39 F383.6 following forced landing, observed to clear plane, run & hide. Subsequent investigation revealed knife scratching on prison wall : W. E. Brown, VF 53 USN, 496712, 9/27/50 RG218Bx39F383.6(16); knwn to be PW- RG338bx17doc105; RG_unk_073; On 389 list

Roy L Bryant - mentioned RG407fldr2adoc3

Johnnie J Buster - Last name appear on blackboards in the Moo Hak School in Seoul; on 389 list

William V Buttrey - on 389 list; named in enemy propaganda broadcasts

Roger F Buxman - on 389 list; reported captured in command report. In AF plane with Arms, one man reported captured; added to cat 4 list 12Jun1954 RG_unk_POW

Edmund Cain - last name appears on blackboards with 35 others missing 7/20/50 from 24 IDI

Tommy Joe Cain - last name appears on blackboard with 9 others from 2 IDIV.

Henry O Callis - on 389 list; identified by repatriates; last known alive 29 jul 50 Prisoner; 29 Jul 50 - Ralph L Lucerno

Andrew Carter - on 389 list; named in radio Moscow broadcast

Douglas E Carter - last name appears on blackboards in Moo Hak School in Seoul.

Robt E Castle - last name appears on blackboards in Moo Hak school Seoul SK 9/20/1950.

Lee R Cawley - 08/09/53 Moses F Garneau reported seeing him at loc 'A

James G Chaney - on 389 list; reptariate said subj was captured; last known alive 3 jun 53; added to cat 4 list 12Jun1954 RG_unk_POW

Daniel Chavez - on 389 list; name appeared in unidentified Chinese Communist publication, date unknown

Clarence M Cherry - on 389 list; Air Intel 3478-55 two crew members taken prisoner, one doa, other "Jerry" or "Cherry" taken from hosp by NK forces.

Harry A Christman - Last name appears on blackboards in Moo Hak School in Seoul 9/20/1950. Only Christman missing.

Harold C Church - last name appears on blackboards in thee Moo Hak School in Seoul 9/20/1950. Only "Church" missing before 9/20/50

Meachem W Clark - last name appears among many others on blackboards in Moo Hak school Seoul SK 9/20/1950.

Roland W Clatterbuck - on 389 list; Repatriate identified subj as POW; statement by Cpl Leroy Haines lists name of Ralan Clattubukt identified as Rowland Clatterbuck as prisoner, date unk

Chas E Clemons - last name appears on blackboards in Moo Hak School in Seoul; --William Conley recalled a Clemmons who drew cartoons

Clyde R Clifford - Last name appears on blackboards in Moo Hak School in Seoul.

William L Clifton - on 389 list; repatriate saw subj in captivity, date unk

Merle Leroy Cole - on 389 list; repatriate identified subj as prisoner, date unk; Chas Outland reported capture Only Clifford missing prior 9/20/50

James L Collins - on 944 list; on Baker list -reported alive thru reasonably substantiated sources.

Marion Collinworth - 10/25/50 Jenkins saw him at Ko-San

Paul D Cooper - A Cooper was seen at Siuinju Camp 1 Interrogated by Soviet Union & possibly transferred to China

Roy Glenn Cornell - on 389 list; name mentioned in Natl Guardian

John R Coulter - on 389 list; added to master - interog of repat pers RG338bx17doc11

Kenneth L Cozad - on 389 list; last name on blackboard Moo Hak school 9/20/1950.

Paul E Craig - on 389 list; mentioned in radio Peking broadcast 27 jun 51. craig signed statement that UN planes killed POWs.

Harold E Crawford - Last name appears on blackboards in Moo Hak School

Myron Crevelling - on 389 list; last known alive Mar 51

Irvin T Crews - on 389 list; named in propaganda broadcasts

James F Crutchfield - on 389 list; held after the war and possibly convicted of war crime (71 list) Cpt Zach Dean believed Crutchfield was at Camp #2 summer 52; Lt James Stanley at Camp 2 Sept 52 was shown a pilot & driv lic of Crutchfield, but wrong state of issue. Not on Camp 2 lists.

Jesus Cruz-Ramos - on 389 list; was on OP duty; did not return. No body found; search same day. last known alive 9 Jun 53; added to cat 4 list 12Jun1954 RG_unk_POW

Donald E Dahms - on 389 list; last name on blackboards in Moo Hak School in Seoul.

Ezekiel A Davis - on 389 list; named in natl Guardian 8 aug 51

Joseph L Davis - last name on blkbrds Moo Hak School.

Dave H Day - on 389 list; Jose Salazar- Dave was removed from camp 1 in 07/52

Lawrence K Desau - on 389 list; reported captured in command report; last known alive approx Oct 50

William L Dick - on 389 list; last name on blkbds at Moo Hak School; blackboard & OSI pictures RG407_24

Paul N Dill - on 389 list; Repatriate said subj was in camp 1 when he was released. last known alive April 53

Harold B Dulyea - on 389 list; Repatriate said subj was POW

Albert Edwards - Thomas Fetty recalled Albert Edwards while in captivity

George Baylor Eichelberger - on 944 list; Repat. Henry C Corner recalled an "Eichelberger" (Army) date & loc unk; added to master, interog repat pers RG338bx17doc11

Daniel A Elias - on 450 list; last name on blkbds at Moo Hak School; addtns to mstr lst 11 oct 52 - OSI pictures blackboard & OSI pics RG407-24

Sherman L Elwood - Joseph Tupa recalled an "Ellwood" at camp 4. Leo Beasley carried Elwood to camp 1 hosp; does not know if he recovered or died

Howard W Emrick - last name on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

Lee E Erickson - on 944 list; Repatriate Val Cale recalled an AF(E5) Erickson, date & loc unk

Jimmy L Escalle - held after the war and possibly convicted of war crime (71 list)

Junior C Evans - on 389 list; Sent a letter while POW

Gordon L Eyer - last name on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

Charles C Faulkner - mentioned RG407fldr2adoc3

Patrick J Feeney - last name on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

David A Feriend - mentioned RG407fldr2adoc3

Leo E Fetzer - on 389 list; Identified by repatriates. last known alive Oct 1950; Interrog of James b Smith states he was prisoner at Pyongyang Oct 50

Kenneth G Fields - Transferred frm Camp 1 to Camp 5 summer 51- Jack Down

James F Fischer - on 389 list; In combat area as a letter carrier. Body not found, assumed captured; added to cat 4 list 12Jun1954 RG_unk_POW

Willie S Flores - on 389 list; Two returnees reported they saw subject after he was captured; Killed in firefight 09/01/50 S of Hyon'ung - Frank Freede

Henry J Fouracres - A "Fouracres" was seen in Camp 3 by Romero, Shockley, Tuscano, Brock

William A Frank - Seen at Camp 4 ?09/01/53 - Don Trudo

John Frech - on 389 list; Named in propaganda broadcasts

Harold W Freeman - last name on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

Terrell J Fuller - on 389 list; Seen by repatriate George Grogan in Hoeng Song, lst knwn alv 13 Feb 51 RG218Bx39f383.6 (14)

John W Gahan - on 389 list; Repat Glen Bumgarner recalled a John W Gahan , date & loc unk; category 2 - radio & press releases RG338bx17doc104; held after the war and possibly convicted of war crime (71 list); listed as 502 Tac Control Sqd

Osvaldo R Galvan - last name on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

John J Garcia - J P Garcia seen by Raymond Dunning while in captivity

Joseph G Garcia - last name on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

Charles Garver - on 389 list; Rand: Repatriate saw subj taken N by enemy forces; seen in captivity - Virgil Pifer RG218Bx39f383.6(14)

Wayne B Gill - last name on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

Robt W Gillespie - on 944 list; aded to master, interog repat pers, RG338bx17doc11

Homer B Gilley - on 389 list; reported POW by repatriates lst kn alv 2 Dec 1950

Milton Glessner - on 389 list; held after the war and possibly convicted of war crime (71 list)

Eual Goad - last name appears on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

George R Goetz - on 389 list; Rand: Surrounded & captured

Albert A Gosnell - last name appears on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

Donald T Grenier - on 389 list; last name appears on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

Arnold Gresser - on 389 list; last name appears on blkbds at Moo Hak School.

Robt L Grimsly - on 389 list; propoganda & press -04/22/51

Virgel Guy - POW Virgil Guy seriously wounded - Ben Price

Most of these men are classified as MIA, meaning that our government claims not to know anything about their whereabouts, but these notes came from documents in our National Archives where anyone with time and inclination can review them. Surely our government could have done a better job and notified the families!

Over many years, I have protested to the appropriate government entities and have received the expected arguments. In the last ten years, I have resolved myself to just doing research and involving the government only when I need help finding documents. If you want to write letters to congressmen, DPMO, Service Casualty Offices, etc . . . please feel free to do so. If you want answers, join me at NARA and we'll look together where the answers can be found.

'Cold War' vets may get tax exemption in Town of Bath (NY) Public hearing Monday in municipal building

BATH — Bath town officials estimate about 70 U.S. Armed Services veterans living in the municipality could qualify for a real property tax exemption that town board members will examine at Monday's town board meeting.

A public hearing on the exemption has been scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Liberty street municipal building.

The exemption, already approved for Steuben County property taxes, would apply to so-called "Cold War veterans — soldiers who served between Sept. 2, 1945 and Dec. 26, 1991 but did not serve in any of the hot U.S. wars during that period — Korea, Vietnam or the Persian Gulf.

Vicky Adriance, assessor for the Town of Bath, said U.S. veterans who qualified for exemptions because they had served in Korea, Vietnam, or the Persian Gulf could not qualify for the Cold War exemption. ,According to Adrians, town officials will have the power to establish a percentage by which the assessed value of taxable property would be reduced for purposes of calculating taxes. In addition, officials will be responsible for establishing a total monetary cap on the amount by which property taxes can be lowered. ,Town board members may vote on the exemption following the public hearing. ,However, Adrians said the exemption would not become effective until after March 1 of 2010. That means it would apply first to the 2010 tax bill for the town.

Vet tracks missing families
by: MANNY GAMALLO World Staff Writer

Harold Davis is on a one-man mission to find the families of Oklahoma servicemen missing in action during the Korean War.

So far, he's found seven families with loved ones missing from Korea, but now his dogged attention has turned to finding three dozen other families across the state, including many from the Tulsa area.

Davis hopes to find those families, talk with them and see whether they would be willing to submit DNA samples for a nationwide DNA bank in the event the remains of their loved ones are ever found.

With their permission, Davis will then contact the military's casualty office and provide the family names. After that, it would be up to the office to arrange to collect the DNA samples.

He isn't just searching for Oklahoma families, though.

Davis, of Wilmington, N.C., has been canvassing every state in the nation, looking for the families of Korean War missing-in-action troops for nearly four years.

According to Davis, he's found nearly 500 families over the past few years.

Surprisingly, he said, the military lacks family contacts for many of the 8,100 MIAs from the Korean War.

It's been more than 55 years since the Korean War ended, and many families have moved around since then, making the task of finding them all that more difficult, Davis noted.

Davis, who spends nearly every day searching for lost families, said he isn't looking for a pat on the back or compensation from anyone.

Instead, he feels he owes it to those thousands of Korean veterans who fought alongside him and were never accounted for after the war.

"They deserve recognition," said the 79-year-old Davis. "They gave everything. These people, many of them, were just teenagers, who may have never dated or married, who never got the chance to hold a grandchild.

"But here they are, completely forgotten," he said.

"Maybe I'm too sentimental, but that's the way I feel about it."

Davis said he had a rough time in Korea and, after the war, he tried to put his battlefield experiences behind him.

That changed 30 years ago when Davis said he found himself with a renewed interest in the Korean War. He has read just about every book written about it.

He also joined the American Legion in Hanover County, N.C., and eventually was involved in erecting a monument to all of that county's service members who had died or gone missing in 20th-century wars. His interest in searching for families hatched when no one came forward to honor some of the names on the memorial for the Korean War MIAs.

So off Davis went to the library to do research. He checked public family records, old school yearbooks, historical societies and got the word out with the aid of friends and other members of the American Legion.

Over time, he found many of those "lost" families whose sons went missing in that war.

So Davis figured if his research paid off in North Carolina, it should work elsewhere.

Today, Davis still pores over all the records he can find as he searches for families across the nation.

The Internet has become a valuable tool, and his postings on various Web sites, looking for certain families, are everywhere. He lists his address, phone number and e-mail address in the hope that families will contact him. But he still relies on a lot of "people out there who want to help as word gets out," once they understand what he's doing, Davis said.

"I know it's strange, after 55 years, to call about someone captured or killed. But I want them to call me. I want to tell them who I am, and tell them, 'Look, the government has no contact with families' and their DNA could help in the repatriation of remains." Many remains may never be found, Davis said, "but we have to try."

"If we found just one body, and even if it would cost \$1 million to bring him back, I know we (as a country) would raise that money overnight." That's just the way I feel about these men who fought and died there so long ago," Davis said.

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JPAC Mission Schedule

During Fiscal Year 2009 (Oct. 2008 - Oct. 2009), JPAC will conduct over 50 investigation and recovery missions around the globe.

The following Fiscal Year 2009 mission schedule encompasses 38 recovery missions and 14 investigation-related missions. Out of concern for the safety and security of our teams, we cannot provide a detailed list of dates, specific locations, or team details. However, this quarterly breakdown provides an overview of where JPAC plans to deploy teams during the Fiscal Year.

2nd quarter (Jan. - March 2009)

Kingdom of Cambodia
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Republic of Korea
Republic of India

3rd quarter (April - Jun. 2009)

Lao People's Democratic Republic
Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Republic of Korea
People's Republic of China

4th quarter (July - Sep. 2009)

Independent State of Papua New Guinea
Republic of Vanuatu
Federal Republic of Germany

"As an American asked to serve, I was prepared to fight, to be wounded, to be captured, and even prepared to die, but I was not prepared to be abandoned."

Former POW Eugene "Red" McDaniel

New facility aids search for Korean War dead January 30, 2009

The South Korean military yesterday opened a new facility for its army unit dedicated to locating and identifying the remains of soldiers killed during the Korean War (1950-53).

Established in 2007, the unit is armed with state-of-the-art equipment to help investigators with their research.

"The scale of our team may be small but it has a similar system with the U.S. JPAC," said Defense Minister Lee Sang-hee, who attended the opening of the facility.

JPAC refers to the U.S. military's Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command.

The equivalent in South Korea is the Ministry of National Defense's Agency for Killed in Action Recovery and Identification, or Makri, which will help supervise the new facility.

Between 2000 and 2008, the Korean military discovered the remains of 2,855 bodies, including 2,229 South Koreans, 12 from United Nations forces, 418 North Koreans and 196 Chinese.

Only 74 have been fully identified.

Lee said the figure for South Korean soldiers represents only an estimated 2 percent of the bodies still to be discovered.

"More than 130,000 souls who sacrificed themselves for the mother country are still waiting for the nation to find them," he said.

By Jung Ha-won Staff Reporter
Joong Ang Daily, Korea

Searching For a Loved One A family's search for a loved one missing in action Erin Tracy/The Times-Standard

It has been slightly more than 58 years since Elmer Freeman was declared missing in action while fighting near Kunu-ri, North Korea, but his only living brother Virgil Freeman has not given up hope that his remains will be recovered and returned home.

"I would like to give him a decent burial, he deserves that," Virgil Freeman said, adding that he plans for Arcata to be Elmer Freeman's final resting place after a proper military funeral.

Elmer Freeman is among 8,177 U.S. service men to become designated as MIA during the three-year Korean War. He went missing Dec. 1, 1950 -- around the time Chinese forces intervened on behalf of North Korea as a counter stroke to U.S. involvement.

Two other men from the 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion went missing along with Elmer Freeman that same day.

"We hope to some day get in contact with the families of those two men," said Virgil and Elmer Freeman's niece, Gloria Lawrence.

Virgil Freeman and Lawrence plan to find the families through an organization called the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. JPAC and the Department of Defense are collecting DNA samples from family members of missing soldiers, in an effort to recover and identify the remains of those who never returned from foreign battlefields.

Lawrence said all that is required is a simple cheek swab to submit DNA, but many are reluctant to have their DNA entered into a national database. The more eligible family members submitting DNA, the greater the opportunity to make a match.

Thus far, 20 bodies have been recovered from all foreign wars, but only one from the Korean War. Because of restricted access into the country, JPAC must rely mostly on the North Korean government to send remains as they are excavated from former war zones. The Korean War Project, an Internet-based initiative to help locate MIAs, reports that as tensions cool on the Korean peninsula, many remains of servicemen lost in the Korean War will eventually be repatriated to the United States.

"Elmer was just a boy when I enlisted," said Virgil Freeman, a WWII veteran who spent 40 months fighting in the Pacific theater.

Three years after Virgil Freeman's return, Elmer Freeman enlisted in the Army in nearby Lake County. That same year, on the night of Nov. 30, Elmer Freeman's battalion deployed from Nunu-ri in convoy. At 8 p.m., the convoy was attacked by Chinese forces and the soldiers had to abandon all vehicles.

According to a document issued by the Department of Defense, upon regrouping in Suncheon, it was found that the battalion had suffered some 450 casualties.

It wasn't until 1954, after the war ended and all returned prisoners of war were accounted for, that Elmer Freeman was declared dead.

Virgil Freeman's nieces -- Lawrence and Leona Jay -- are helping him obtain information about Elmer Freeman's disappearance. Lawrence found JPAC by searching on-line and both nieces accompanied Virgil Freeman to Washington, D.C., in October to attend a conference by the Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs. The organization's mission as stated on its Web site is to, "Help shape the nature and extent of the U.S. Government's effort to account for our missing loved ones." "What a wonderful relief it would be to know that he is back home," Lawrence said of the uncle she never knew.

Virgil Freeman hopes that with the help of his nieces and the government's resources, his kid brother will be returned home during his lifetime.

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Korean War National Museum

Since 1997, a group of veterans and friends have been working to create the first museum devoted exclusively to the Korean War. A national fund-raising drive continues, with support from veterans like Buzz Aldrin, James Garner and Ed McMahon. Meanwhile, we continue to display Korean War artifacts at our temporary location in Rantoul, Illinois.

In March 2007, the Korean War National Museum purchased a site in Springfield, Illinois, across from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, where we will build a world-class museum to ensure that the historical significance of the Korean War is recognized by future generations.

As noted below in the Progress Updates, we will be moving our museum to Springfield, IL. The museum's new Information Center will open in spring of 2009.

One of our first tasks is to identify the major organizations that have taken on the responsibility of collecting material on the Korean War. The Korean War National Museum will attempt to indicate what is available in these collections and how that material can be accessed. In most cases website links will be provided to the named organization.

<http://www.kwnm.org/>

Website features a tribute video

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