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CRITICAL LEGISLATION! H. Res 111 Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs

Attention All Family Members, Veterans and Caring Citizens - We need answers, new intelligence and information made public and we need parity. A massive effort by Korean War, Cold War, World War II and Vietnam family members is underway to get legislation passed that will insure fair and open Hearings. Everything you need to know - **PAGES 4, 5, 9 & 10** in this issue.

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IN MY OPINION
by **IRENE L. MANDRA**

It is now almost one year since DPMO appointed a new director, Ambassador Charles Ray. In October of 2006 I personally asked Ambassador Ray for "Korea" to have parity with Vietnam. As you know 85% of the resources is spent on Vietnam, while 10% is spent on Korea and 5% on World War II. The division of time and resources is wrong, unbalanced and inequitable. Our boys from Korea gave their lives for their country; the government should have more respect and compassion for their sacrifices, and their unselfish patriotism. The missing from Korea should not be treated so shabbily, I'm sure we all agree that Korea deserves more than a measly 10%.

How long will the government continue to turn its back on our missing heroes? The parents of our missing have passed on; while their siblings are now in there seventies and eighties. We are losing first generation family members daily.

What I have been asking for is equality with our brethren from Vietnam. Our membership would like to have closure and accountability. This is a legacy we do not want to pass to our children. Given the age and way of our society, the clock is ticking and life's moments few. The rhetoric that I received is that DPMO takes care of the more current wars first. Our family members are alive now and need answers about their loved ones. Last seen alive cases, POWs that we believe are held in North Korea, Cold War Cases are important issues that need to be looked at again and again.

I am personally frustrated that Korea/Cold War issues, are continuously forgotten by our government. These men served their country diligently and loyally. Their families still wait for answers and accountability. Our government does not consider their sacrifices, when they can take anthropologists away from working on Korean War remains and send them elsewhere. All we have asked for is parity. The various divisions working in JPAC should be equal; the analysts working on all cases should be equal. One war should not be favored over another; unless we are talking about live sightings of POWs then rescue is the issue (that's not the case).

The policy must change. We need access to North Korea. We have calculated that we should be able to retrieve from 4,500 to 5,000 remains from Korea. More work is needed on the 900 remains at the Punch Bowl to establish their identification. At the present rate, the siblings from our Korea/Cold War MIAs will be dead, before JPAC can even consider Korea. We need equality with Vietnam.

It's time to send letters to Mr. Eric Edelman, Under Secretary of Defense of policy. Let's see if he will "correct" this disparity, no one else has thus far. Perhaps if Mr. Edelman receives hundreds of letters and telephone calls, he may pay attention. Let's borrow from Hollywood, "I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!" We may be old seniors who can't walk the pickets anymore, but we sure can write. Please let Mr. Edelman know how unfair our Korean and Cold War service men and their families are being treated.

The policy has been damaging to our service men from the Korea War and its wrong. It's gone on much too long. Let us unite, and fight for the memory of our loved ones, to receive what they deserve, they belong on American soil, dead or alive. Their honor and sacrifices deserve no less. It is time to correct this wrongdoing. Please write those letters!

His address is.

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REMINDER - Korea-Cold War Families of the Missing has reserved a block of rooms at a DISCOUNTED RATE for the Annual Conference and Government Briefings, October 18-20, 2007, Washington, D.C.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!



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KOREA-COLD WAR FAMILIES OF THE MISSING

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KOREAN WAR - COLD WAR
DPMO CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 18TH, 19TH & 20TH
WASHINGTON, D.C.

KOREA-COLD WAR FAMILIES OF THE MISSING, Inc., has reserved a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn and the Best Western, 2480 S.Glebe Rd. Arlington, VA, for the Annual Conference.

Reservations may be made at:

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- Phone: 703-979-4400 OR 1800-426-6886.
- \$119.00 daily
- Free continental breakfast, free parking, newly refurbished.
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Comfort Inn

- Phone: 703-682-5500.
- \$129.00 daily
- Free full breakfast, elevators, dining room, free parking.
- Dinner served between 5 & 10 PM starting at \$8.95 and up.

Both hotels provide free shuttle service to and from the Reagan Airport & Pentagon City Center, hi-speed wireless internet, local calls, business station, fitness room and more.

Shirlington Village, which has restaurants and lounges, is less than a mile from these Hotels.

**Make your reservation under Korea-Cold War Families, in order to receive the discounted rate.
ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME.**

Both hotels will try to accommodate ALL CALLERS, but there is no guarantee on availability if you call after September 18, 2007.

The Department of Defense (DPMO) is providing bus transportation to and from the Comfort Inn & the Best Western to the Double Tree Hotel where the family forum will take place. A schedule will be posted in the lobby of each hotel.

All families are welcome to attend Korea-Cold War Families of the Missing's informal dinner at the Comfort Inn, Friday, October 19, 2007 at 6:30p.m. We will have a Special Guest Speaker, General Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, (USAF Ret.), Chairman of the US-Russia Joint Commission. \$30.00 all-inclusive. Please send your check to Korea-Cold War Families, P.O.Box 454, Farmingdale, NY 11735, if you wish to attend the dinner. Mark your check for dinner. Any Questions call Irene Mandra at 516-694-0989 or eMail Irene at imandra@optonline.net .

CALL TO ACTION - PLEASE HELP

As of July 22nd, H.Res 111 has 89 co-sponsors. Now more than ever, we need your help. While the number of co-sponsors is impressive, nothing will happen unless this resolution is favorably acted upon by the House Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee must by majority vote to send H.Res 111 to the floor for a full vote of the House of Representatives. Both the Defense Prisoner and Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) and 1 POW/MIA Family Group, oppose H.Res 111, with the lone family group in oppositon to H.Res 111 providing misleading and untrue inforation to members of the Rules Committee and other Congressional Representatives.

Among the misleading and untire informaiton is that funding for the Committee would come from the JPCA and DPMO budgets and the field recovery operations would be halted.

We need letters, faxes, phone calls and emails to members of the House Rules Committee. When contacting committee members, identify yourself properly as one of the following; a POW/MIA family member, veteran, concerned citizen or constituent. A sample note follows at the end of this email. When signing the letter remember to identify yourself, especially if you are a POW/MIA family member.

We are providing a list of members for the House Rules Committee. Please contact committee Chariperson Louise McIntosh Slaughter stating your support for H.Res. 111 and ask that it be reported favorably out of committee. Then pick two or three members of the rules committee and do the same.

If your congressman/woman is a member of the committee make a special effort to contact them. Get your family and friends, in your congressional district, or state, to make calls. Remember the number is toll free. Call 1-866-727-4894. That's the Capitol switchboard. Ask for your congressional representative or member of the Rules Committee.

Please send your letters, and make your calls.

You are the voices of our voiceless Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, World War II, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam and the Gulf Wars.

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Fax a note to say thanks

RULES COMMITTEE - Sample Note:

Dear :

Please support H.Res. 111 calling for the formation of a House Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. The following organizations endorse H.Res 111.

POW/MIA Family Groups: the Korea-Cold War Families of the Missing, World War II Families for Return of the Missing, Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs, and the National Alliance of Families.

Veterans Groups: American Legion, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Vet, Rolling Thunder National, VietNow National.

POW/MIA Organizations: Colorado POW/MIA Coalition, Help Free Our POW/MIA's Now, POW Network, Northeast POW/MIA Network, Lima Area MIA/POW, and Solutions Results, Inc: T/A POW FOIA Litigation Acct's.

As evidenced by the growing list of endorsements for this important Resolution, H. Res. 111 enjoys a broad base of support.

I ask that you favorably report H.Res. 111 to the full House of Representatives for a vote.

Very truly yours,

Chit Chat News by Iren

It is with sincere sadness and a heavy heart that we report the passing of our member and friend Sylvia Groden (Sister of MIA Alfred Gold USA). Sylvia, with her kindness and affection has been a long and dear friend to Korea/Cold War Families. My board of directors and I will sorely miss her. I guess God needed another star in the heavens. Sylvia passed July 2007.

Member John McLoughlin (AF) passed away February 2007, a long time friend and member

Our condolences to member Mary Nichols, over the loss of her husband Don, who passed away March 3, 2007.

We note with deep regret the passing of Brigadier General Edwin Simmons, USMC (Ret). General Simmons Marine Corps service spanned 53 years: 36 in uniform and 17 as a civilian. He saw action in the Pacific theater in world War 11, in Korea and in Vietnam. Having served in three major wars, General Simmons come to be regarded by many as "the collective memory" of the Marine Corps. In 1971, he formed the Marine Corps History and Museum division, under whose aegis the National Museum of the Marine Corps operates today. A trained journalist, Gen. Simmons also was a prolific author. His numerous works are highlighted by "The United States Marines: A History", a standard reference which remains in print today. His military awards include a Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, and three awards of the Legion of Merit, two awards of the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Purple Heart. Another great warrior whom St. Peter will welcome; Come Rest you have done your job well.

Treasurer's Report by Gail Stallone, Treasurer

Many thanks for your kind donations:

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NEWS RELEASES from the United States

Department of Defense

No. 898-07 IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 19, 2007

Soldiers Missing in Action from the Korean War are Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of three U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

They are Sgt. Donald C. Trent, of Crab Orchard, W. Va.; Cpl. Robert K. Imrie, of Randolph, Mass.; and Cpl. Samuel Werrick of Lancaster, Pa.; all U.S. Army. Imrie will be buried Monday at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.; and Trent and Werrick will be buried at Arlington in October.

Representatives from the Army met with the next-of-kin of these men in their hometowns to explain the recovery and identification process and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

In late November 1950, these soldiers were members of the 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, then operating south of the Chongchon River in North Korea. Their regiment's positions came under heavy attack by Chinese forces and the 2nd Battalion was forced to withdraw to positions near the town of Kujang. On Nov. 27, Imrie was killed in action, and Trent and Werrick were reported missing.

In 2000, a joint U.S.-Democratic People's Republic of Korea-Korean People's Army team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated a mass burial believed to contain the remains of U.S. soldiers who died near Kujang. The team found human remains, Werrick's identification tag and other material evidence associated with U.S. Army infantry equipment.

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.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO Web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1420.

23 June, 2007 A Purple Heart for a POW BY Amber Miller

A ceremony honors a prisoner of war, 50 years after his death.

In 1950 a 19 year old from Mountain City went to fight for his country. A short time after deploying to North Korea, Private First Class Harry Leon Wilson was captured by the enemy.

Private Wilson died of pneumonia in less than three months after he was captured.

Wilson his remains didn't make it back to Mountain City until 1955 or 1956, because of a mix up with his remains. His family never received any medals for his sacrifice, because the military does not give the Purple Heart to soldier who die in prison camp.

Last year people in the community decide to change Private Wilson's story.

After contacting the Department of Defense, Congress, and even the President, Private Wilson's last living relative-- his 95 year old aunt-- received the medals he earned while protecting his country.

There are 317 soldiers like Private Wilson who died in captivity but are not authorized a purple heart, so President Bush signed an act that will allow their families to have one.

It is now up to the Department of Defense to implement the new rule. (The Bristol Courier © 2007 Media General, Inc.)

**Application for Cold War Recognition Certificate
U.S. Residents**

Instructions: Fill out this application and mail or fax to the Cold War Office with your proof of service. [An acceptable supporting document](#) includes any official government or military document that contains the recipient's name, Social Security Number or Military Service Number or Foreign Service Number, and a date showing at least one day of service during the Cold War era (September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991). Examples include DD Form 214, a Leave and Earnings Statement, and the Standard Form 50.

You must certify your honorable service by signing and dating the application and returning with supporting document to:

CDR, AHRC
Cold War Recognition, Hoffman II
Attn: AHRC-CWRS, 3N45
200 Stovall Street
Alexandria, VA 22332-0473

- OR - Fax 1-800-723-9262

*Recipient Name (First, MI, Last):

*Required Field

*ID Type: (SSN, MSN, or FSN) *ID Number:

Examples:
SSN 123-45-6789
MSN RA12-345-678

*Street Address:

*City: *State: *Zip:

Applicant Name: (Enter only if different from recipient name):

Applicant or Recipient
Email Address:

I confirm my (or the recipient's) faithful and honorable service to the nation during the Cold War Era.

Signed: _____ Date:

Print the application, sign, **attach supporting document**, and mail or fax to the address listed above.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; Public Law 105-85, Fiscal Year 98, National Defense Authorization Act; and Executive Order 9397.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To secure sufficient information from the individual so to determine eligibility and to process the individuals' requests for the Cold War Recognition Certificate.

ROUTINE USES: Information is used for official purposes within the Department of Defense; specifically, to process requests for Cold War Certificates. This information may be used in accordance with established Routine Uses for all Department of Defense and Department of the Army system notices.

DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of the Social Security Number and other personal information is voluntary. However, failure to provide complete information may hinder proper identification of the requester, and may prevent the agency from determining eligibility of the requester for the certificate.

Cold War Certificate Program

In accordance with section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, which is defined as Sept. 2, 1945 to Dec. 26, 1991.

Cold War Recognition Certificates are available to qualified individuals at no cost.

Who is eligible for a certificate?

- Anyone who worked for the U.S. Government at any time during the Cold War era, Sept. 2, 1945 through Dec. 26, 1991, is eligible, provided their service to the country was faithful and honorable.
- National Guard and Reservists are eligible.
- Contractors and volunteers are not eligible.
- Those who are currently active duty military or civilian employees of the U.S. government are also eligible if they had at least one day of service during the Cold War era.

What kind of supporting document is acceptable?

Any document which shows that the intended recipient was a U.S. government employee during the Cold War era will be accepted as proof. The document must contain the name of the recipient, the Social Security Number or Military Service Number or Foreign Service Number which was included in the request for the certificate, and a date showing at least one day of service within the range of 2 September 1945 and 26 December 1991.

Examples of acceptable documents include a Leave and Earnings statement, DD214 or other Discharge Paper, or SF50 (Civilian Personnel Action Form.)

Please send a copy of your supporting document, DO NOT SEND the original document. Original documents cannot be returned.

You must certify your honorable service by signing and dating the application or your application will be rejected. If you are unable to use the application you may submit a signed and dated letter containing the same information as the application. You must include the phrase "I confirm my faithful and honorable service to the nation during the Cold War Era."

Mail or fax the application to the Cold War Office along with your supporting document to:

**Commander
U.S. Army Human Resources Command
Cold War Recognition Program, Hoffman II, Room 3N45
ATTN: AHRC-CWRS
200 Stovall Street
Alexandria, VA 22332-0473**

FAX: 1-800-723-9262

An acceptable supporting document includes any official government or military document that contains the recipient's name, Social Security Number or Military Service Number or Foreign Service Number, and a date showing at least one day of service during the Cold War era (2 September 1945 to 26 December 1991).

You may also contact us via phone (703) 325-5864 or email the US Army Human Resources Team at cwrs1@conus.army.mil

June 9, 2007

Admiral Timothy J. Keating
Commander, U.S. Pacific Command
Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii 96861-4031

Dear Admiral Keating,

On behalf of Korea-Cold War Families of the Missing, I extend my warmest wishes and welcome you to your new position. I, and the great number of POW-MIA family members that our organization represents, look forward to a successful relationship with you.

Korea-Cold War Families of the Missing, represents the largest number of family members in the US. We are proactive on the issue and go to great lengths to find common ground with those in the Department of Defense, DPMO, JPAC and now, PACOM. I welcome this opportunity.

As you are aware, there are more than 8,100 unaccounted-for personnel from the Korean War. After more than 50 years, the parents of these men have passed on, and a great majority of the siblings have passed as well. Most of the family members still seeking answers and closure are children, younger siblings, nieces and nephews. Time has not been on our side. For years, we have had to take a back seat to Southeast Asia, and to more current conflicts. We recognize that North Korea has remained belligerent and efforts have met with a great degree of difficulty.

However, at this time and place, we are also aware that even with the great number, 8,100, of unaccounted-for, we do not have parity with Southeast Asia. No loss is greater or more painful. As family members, we recognize all too well the pain and devastation that each of us, regardless of the conflict, has been asked to bear. Yet, we must ask ourselves and those vested with the responsibility of accounting, at what point in time do we, Korean War Family Members, with over 8,000 missing, get parity with Southeast Asia? When will sufficient resources be allocated to pursue our cases as vigorously as others? Why is that Southeast Asia, after 30 plus years of aggressive pursuit and with the lion's share of resources and the highest accounting ratio, still exceed Korea with respect to funding, personnel and allocation of resources?

I, and the other family members of our beloved Korean War POWs, MIAs and KIA/BNRs, urge you to re-evaluate how funding and personnel are allocated to each conflict and how best to achieve parity amongst us all.

Again, my warmest personal regards for a successful and fulfilling tenure with PACOM.

Sincerely,

Irene L. Mandra
National Chairwoman
Korea-Cold War Families of the Missing, Inc.

Speech before the VFW July 23, 2007 By Irene L. Mandra; commemorating the 54th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War.

Good Morning Honored Guests, Ladies and Gentleman and Dear Veterans: Today we commemorate the fifty-four anniversary of the end of the Korean War. The Korean War was one of the most important chapters in American history, yet it is the least remembered. To some it a police action, to others, a conflict but to the unsung Americans who fought and died on the battlefields of Korea, it was war, total war. This war broke out in June of 1950 and 17 nations fought that war with additional nations who donated medical units; we had a loss of over 500,000 military personnel from the combined UN forces. Over 36,516 Americans died in this three-year period.

Historically; helicopters were used for the first time, Mash units were set up and segregation of our service men came to an end. Trench warfare took place as in World War 1. A Great General was relieved of his command, and another General was captured and held as a POW. Our country first heard of brain washing of our prisoners of war, a first in our military warfare. Our POWs that were captured at the beginning of the war were not only mistreated by the North Koreans but endured a 100-mile death march under the diabolical murderer called the Tiger.

Our brave men faced a superbly armed and trained North Korean Army, an abundance of Chinese soldiers, and a cracker jack Russian pilots, and yet history will show that the US Forces forth bravely, and courageously at Pork chop Hill, bloody Ridge, Old Baldy, Heart Break Ridge, bunker Hill, Pusan perimeter, Seoul and hills called, Vegas & Detroit where my own brother was lost. Let us not forget the Chosen Reservoir where 15,000 Americans faced 120,000 Chinese soldiers. Whatever your part was in that frozen land so long ago, you as Koreans Veterans, are bound together in honor for fighting one of the most brutal, bloodiest foreign wars this country ever fought.

Each of you, as veterans who survived, had a renewed gift of life. You fought against a well-trained enemy whose beliefs and conduct was that of a fanatic- fighting machine, with no conscience. We honor our living; we pay homage to our dead, but what about our missing? When a young man enters the armed services, he understands that, in time of war he may be wounded, he may even be killed, but never does that young man think that he could be a prisoner of war for the rest of his natural life.

I would like to close with this thought about our POW/MIAs. "He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live and grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives and through it he lives- in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men. Let us always remember "all those who did not come back and the families who miss them still. I Thank You, & God Bless.

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command gets new commander
June 15th, 2007 - By Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) _ The Hawaii-based Joint P-O-W / M-I-A Accounting Command is getting a new commander. The chief of naval operations says he has appointed Rear Admiral Donna Crisp to lead the organization. It's responsible for locating and identifying U-S service personnel from past conflicts.

Crisp is currently serving as the director for manpower and personnel at the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

She has served in Hawaii before at Pearl Harbor. She was U-S Pacific Fleet personnel assignment and distribution officer.

The joint accounting command identifies about six servicemen from past wars each month, usually using advanced forensic science.

The command's historians and analysts gather letters, maps, photographs and other information that would help them identify the remains.

Yonhap News Agency

S. Korea in belated campaign to recover war remains

By Lee Chi-dong

SEOUL, June 15 (Yonhap) -- A rusty canteen found earlier this week at the foot of a mountain in Hongcheon, about 100 km east of Seoul, was the only clue that could be used to identify remains discovered in what was a battlefield during the 1950-53 Korean War, officials at the Defense Ministry's task force on searching and recovering war remains say.

They immediately scanned military personnel records to find a match with the serial number on the canteen.

"It was confirmed that the canteen belonged Pfc. Min Tae-shik, who was killed in battle in April 1951," said Col. Park Shin-han, head of the Agency for MIA Recovery and Identification (AMRI). "It is almost certain that the remains are those of Pfc. Min, given various circumstantial evidence."

He said his team will conduct a DNA sample test on Min's family to positively identify the remains.

If confirmed, the remains will be the latest identified by the agency born early this year under the motto of "Unlimited Responsibility," referring to the duty of the living toward those who sacrificed for the country. The AMRI is modelled after the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

In 2000, South Korea initiated the project to retrieve and identify remains from the Korean War, which claimed the lives of nearly 180,000 South Korean and United Nations soldiers. Nearly 1,800 sets of remains here have been recovered so far, and only 53 of them identified.

The Defense Ministry believes the remains of as many as 130,000 soldiers have yet to be recovered, 20 percent of which are estimated to be buried in the demilitarized zone (DMZ) dividing the two Koreas.

Veterans say the campaign began too late.

"The government took a lukewarm approach toward the issue for decades, making it more difficult to recover and identify war remains," said Shin Dong-gyu, spokesman at the Korea Veterans Association. "But it is fortunate that the government has started, albeit belatedly, showing interest in the soldiers who perished and the sorrow of their families."

Officials involved in excavation admit that their work is difficult.

"A long time has already passed since the war. It is also hard to collect DNA samples because many of the bereaved families have also died," Col. Park said.

But he said his team is encouraged by the growing public attention on its mission.

President Roh Moo-hyun visited an excavation site in Pocheon, north of Seoul, on the eve of the June 6 Memorial Day.

The Defense Ministry plans to draw up a comprehensive map in July on the estimated locations of war remains, including the DMZ and North Korea. It also aims to set up a computerized database for the families of the war dead by 2009.

PLEASE CUT OUT THIS LETTER AND MAIL IT TO YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
List of Co-Sponsors as of July 19th, 2007 on other side. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL IN YOUR
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME AND SIGN THE BOTTOM BEFORE MAILING.

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United States House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Please co-sponsor H.Res. 111, introduced by Congressman Peter King of New York. H.Res. 111 calls for the formation of a Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. According to the legislation; "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."

We are aware of past investigations and hearings conducted in both the House and Senate. Those investigations left many "unresolved matters."

Since the last congressional hearings were held in 1996, much new information has surfaced regarding the mis-handling and suppression of POW/MIA information. A former analyst with the Defense POW/MIA Office, provided this information along with many other disturbing details requiring Congressional attention. Specifically, he detailed a report referred to, in house, as the "185 Report," This report discussed the possibility that as many as 185 American POWs were alive as late as 1976. During the same time frame the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) concluded their own study. They found the possibility existed that as many as 57 American servicemen might be alive.

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 for varying lengths of time, one by Vietnamese admission survived three years. The committee never addressed this matter. In an interesting side note, 10 of the nineteen servicemen Vietnamese official acknowledged "survived into captivity" are among the 57 our own (JCRC) concluded might still be alive.

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, requiring congressional attention. It is time to address the volumes of new information available on POW/MIA matters from World War II, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam and the Gulf.

Please add your name as a co-sponsor for H.Res 111, as introduced by Congressman King.

Very truly yours,

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Good news, perhaps we can get JPAC back on track and into Korea with this confirmation.

U.N. verifies closure of North Korean nuclear facilities

July 18th, 2007 - U.N. verifies North Korea has closed all five of its major nuclear facilities

Shutdown is a milestone in efforts to end N. Korea's nuclear weapons programs

Negotiators gathered in Beijing for six-party talks on N. Korea's nuclear weapons

(CNN) -- United Nations inspectors have confirmed that North Korea has closed all of its nuclear facilities at its Yongbyon nuclear complex, the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency told reporters Wednesday.

The report came as negotiators met in Beijing for the latest round of six-party talks on North Korea's nuclear talks.

The participants are the two Koreas, the United States, China, Japan and Russia.

"We now verified that all five nuclear facilities has been shut down and that appropriate measures have been put in place including sealing some of these facilities," International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei told reporters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"We expect that in the next few weeks we will continue to apply necessary monitoring and verification measures, so all the five facility right now are shut down and we verified that."

Earlier in the week, the nuclear watchdog verified North Korea's shutdown of its nuclear reactor at Yongbyon.

The other nuclear facilities at the site include a spent fuel reprocessing facility, a fuel fabrication plant, a radio-chemical laboratory and a reactor under construction.

U.N. inspectors must still seal the nuclear facilities and install closed-circuit TV to monitor them.

As part of an agreement struck in February, North Korea agreed to begin closing down its Yongbyon reactor -- a crucial first step towards ending the secretive regime's atomic arms program -- in exchange for \$300 million in energy and financial aid.

The framework for that agreement was laid out in September 2005.

Three soldiers killed in Korean War identified Stars and Stripes Pacific edition, Sunday, July 22, 2007

SEOUL - The remains of three U.S. soldiers killed during the Korean War were identified and will be returned to their families, according to a Department of Defense news release Friday.

The POW/Missing Personnel Office identified the soldiers as Sgt. Donald C. Trent, of Crab Orchard, W. Va.; Cpl. Robert K. Imrie, of Randolph, Mass.; and Cpl. Samuel Wirrick of Lancaster, Pa.

Imrie is to be buried Monday at Arlington National Cemetery, according to the release. Trent and Wirrick are to be buried there in October.

The soldiers were with the 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division and were fighting near the Chongchon River in North Korea in November 1950. Imrie was killed in action on Nov. 27, 1950, and Trent and Wirrick were reported missing

A joint U.S.-North Korean team led by the Hawaii-based Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command excavated a mass burial site in 2000, according to the release. The team discovered human remains, Wirrick's identification tag and U.S. Army infantry equipment.

The military used DNA and dental comparisons — along with circumstantial evidence — to identify the remains.

July 21, 2007 - Family Update

Local Families Seek Answers About Loved Ones From Department Of Defense

Army specialist Matt Maupin of Batavia went missing three years ago. Til this day his family is holding on to hope he will come home. Just like them there are thousands of other local families praying for the same outcome and some of them get a chance to ask their unanswered questions tonight.

The meeting tonight was for 170 families who lost a service member in the Cold War, World War Two, Korea or Vietnam. Many years have gone by but time has only made the heart grow fonder of learning the truth.

For nearly 40 years, Steve Ross has been searching for answers about what happened to his older brother in Vietnam. Fort Thomas native and Air Force Captain Joseph Ross and his plane were shot down on August 1, 1968. Family members never got closure or answers to the questions they've been looking for in the attack. Family members wonder if he was in a POW camp.

A bridge over interstate 471 in Fort Thomas was one of many dedications to the fallen hero who left a grieving family behind. The need to know and pay a final tribute brought the little brother to meet with Department of Defense officials. This is the third meeting he's been to. Family members are given the opportunity to receive updates face-to-face on a particular case and learn where things stand.

No new information surfaced for Steve Ross today but the search is not over. Ross says he wants closure of finally finding his brother's remains and burying his brother. Ross also says he believes that any government that puts people in harms way..that they have the minimum responsibility to try to make sure they are brought back home.

Officials at the Department of Defense say they are not able to provide enough information as they would like but they are committed to getting closure for the thousands of families. For his service to our country, Captain Joseph Ross received the Purple Heart, The Bronze Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross. As part of today's event, family members submitted to d.n.a. testing so the military can try to match unidentified bodies.

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