

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 17 Jul 2015 19:30:37 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)  
**Subject:** FW: WWII SOLDIER'S REMAINS RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER NEARLY 73 YEARS (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Per our conversation....

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 1:57 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: WWII SOLDIER'S REMAINS RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER NEARLY 73 YEARS (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Interesting article. I guess it not worth mentioning how the corpses of the POWs were buried in a mass pit by those that captured them; herded them together like animals; stripped them of all identification; and waited until they succumbed to death from torture and starvation. Liberal media.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 1:41 PM

(b)(6)

Subject: WWII SOLDIER'S REMAINS RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER NEARLY 73 YEARS

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WLS<<http://cdn.abclocal.go.com/assets/news/wls/images/logos/origin.png>>  
By Ravi Baichwal <<http://abc7chicago.com/about/newsteam/ravi-baichwal>>  
Thursday, July 16, 2015 06:28PM  
BOLINGBROOK, Ill. (WLS) --

A lifetime after leaving to defend the United States, Army Private Arthur "Bud" Kelder is home.

"He passed away in a POW camp and we have been trying to bring him home," said Doug Kelder, "Bud" Kelder's nephew.

Thursday's ceremony at O'Hare Airport <<http://abc7.ws/1McCZDC>> was a testament to the courage Kelder displayed after he was taken prisoner in the Battle of Bataan, a fierce fight in the Philippines in which the Japanese captured 75,000 American and Filipino soldiers.

Kelder, who grew up in Chicago's Norwood Park neighborhood, eventually succumbed to disease and starvation in a POW camp. He died on November 19, 1942. His remains, along with 13 others, were buried in an unmarked grave.

Kelder's family had no knowledge of his death and continued to write letters well into 1943. Eventually the burial records were declassified, and it seemed obvious that would be shared with the family. However the U.S. government, for some reason, decided not to acknowledge that information in its own records.

"The last five years spent in a federal lawsuit with the Army and Secretary of Defense and after all this time, we were able to get his body disinterred and bring him back home," Doug Kelder said. "It was just overwhelming."

The head of the organization representing POW families says others can have confidence that the system has improved.

"It's a positive thing but it breaks your heart to think of how many years they had to wait for an answer to that," said Ann Mills-Griffiths, National League of POW-MIA families.

AMG Comment: There was a video clip with this, but it didn't come through in the published copy, and of course I was taped saying a great deal more. The Kelder family DID have to go through what I consider an unwarranted burden imposed by the bureaucracy in getting the grave disinterred and their relative's remains identified. It was another sad, unnecessary and unflattering portrayal of the accounting community, but hopefully, that type of situation is also a thing of the past. At least the report had me saying I was happy for his family, which I certainly am, but nothing was mentioned of the WWII recovery effort being an extension of the Vietnam War accounting, nor that the USG made an extraordinary recovery and repatriation effort post-WWII, but that the science has improved and circumstances are now vastly different. Best to all, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 19 Jul 2015 12:17:01 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: WWII SOLDIER'S REMAINS RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER NEARLY 73 YEARS (U)

Have a good visit with the family! I'm up in (b)(6) myself. Muggy hot. Finally July.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 08:31 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: WWII SOLDIER'S REMAINS RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER NEARLY 73 YEARS (U)

Not yet to anyone except responding to (b)(6) And making sure the msg went to (b)(6) and (b)(6) Ann (at Midway)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2015, at 5:36 PM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
<(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

I will send to (b)(6) and (b)(6) just in case.....

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 06:33 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' <(b)(6)@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: WWII SOLDIER'S REMAINS RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER NEARLY 73 YEARS (U)

Oh yes, I will be at the farewell lunch. I didn't know what you were talking about until I went through my messages. I'm not so sure (b)(6) will be there. Trying to convince her. Have you spoken to (b)(6)? I would think she would want to go too.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 02:31 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: WWII SOLDIER'S REMAINS RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER NEARLY 73 YEARS (U)

??? I thought you considered yourself a liberal from NJ?

See you on Friday, July 31st, for the farewell lunch for the old-timers. WHAT will I do without (b)(6)? And (b)(6)? I'm just thankful at this point that (b)(6) (b)(6) hasn't quit too! And of course you, and other, Ann

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In a message dated 7/17/2015 1:56:47 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Liberal media.



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 28 Jul 2015 15:58:43 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: remains and quest (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Got it! One name is in our PMSEA (but the loss was not in Vietnam) and one name is not. I'm sending to our analysts and they can reach out the guy.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 10:46 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: remains and quest (U)

Thanks (b)(6) Pasted below:

On Thu, Jul 23, 2015 at 1:09 PM, (b)(6)@gmail.com>  
wrote:

I just received a phone call from a man named (b)(6). He said he lived (b)(6). He was looking for someone to notify about a friend he has from Vietnam who is in the United States right now visiting his daughter in (b)(6) til September.

His friend is claiming to have remains of two US servicemen buried in a bag in his backyard. He said that in 1983 he and a friend came across a helicopter crash in the woods. Several people dismantled the helicopter for metal, but he took the 2 dog tags, two helmets and the remains home and buried the. He claims that 2 years later he met a man and asked him to help him turn this over to the US. and gave him the dogtags, then never heard from that man again. He said he has gone to the Vietnam Government several times and has had no assistance.

He said he wants the remains returned to the families before he dies.

Names given:

Irwin, Jimmie  
5891171 usn  
Hosp Corps

Wilson, Harry T  
RA 11855144

Above is what he said was written on the dogtags he no longer has

(b)(6) (man who called) said that his friends name is (b)(6). His phone number in (b)(6) at his daughters is (b)(6) and he will be here til September. He speaks very little English, but his daughter speaks well.  
Phone number in Vietnam is (b)(6)

Sorry if some of the spelling is incorrect, as I was in my car and was having a hard time hearing him

(b)(6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 10:42 AM  
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>  
Subject: remains and quest (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) got your voice mail. I was off last week. You can send me the email and I will get it to the right folks. I think the Quest is now posted. (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 28 Jul 2015 22:46:21 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: VTV's Special Documentary on artifact exchange is being on air this Satu...

Have you seen the pbs special on teddy roosevelt last spring? Pretty darn good. The most interesting part to me was the impact john muir had on him. The funny thing is that when they finally met, roosevelt and muir went camping in yosemite. Roosevelt commented to his staff that Muir was an impressive individual and naturalist but he was dismayed by his lack of ability to recognize various bird calls.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 05:40 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' (b)(6)@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: VTV's Special Documentary on artifact exchange is being on air this Satu...

I can't do that. I'm having beers with (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 05:24 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: VTV's Special Documentary on artifact exchange is being on air this Satu...

(b)(6) I was in Hawaii and hoping maybe you or someone in DPAA-East would watch it, or at least record it, and see it later, Ann

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In a message dated 7/28/2015 7:34:46 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

How did it turn out?

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2015 12:01 PM



**To:** Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); McKeague, Kelly K Maj Gen USAF  
DPAA FO (US)

**Cc:** (b)(6)

CIV DPAA

(b)(6)

CIV DPAA EC (US);

**Subject:** Fwd: VTV's Special Documentary on artifact exchange is being on air this  
Satu...

I have no idea how this will turn out, but it has been an ongoing effort over the past year and I've tried my best to keep it from being exploited as SRV propaganda. God only knows the end result, but I wanted all of you to be prepared and hope to see it at my brother and sister-in-law's home this Saturday evening, as I'll ask him to tape the program for my review. I'd also appreciate your thoughts on the outcome, and thanks in advance.

See you this Sunday, and please ensure that Mark Spindler also receives this alert since I don't yet have his email address. Best to all, Ann (at Kings Canyon National Park's John Muir Lodge)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com

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Sent: 7/24/2015 11:56:16 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Re: VTV's Special Documentary on artifact exchange is being on air  
this Satur...

Dear Minh Le, thanks for the notice, and I look forward to seeing the  
documentary.

Thank you for all the hard work you have done on this 20th Anniversary of bilateral SRV-SU relations, the 20th Anniversary of the first post-war POW/MIA joint field recovery, and the 40th Anniversary of the end of the war between our countries. QUITE a significant year for us all.

I'll let you know my thoughts following review of the documentary which I'll ask my brother to tape for me as I'm traveling at present, including a quick visit to Hawaii for the "Blessing \* Dedication" of our new DPAA building. Best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 7/23/2015 10:57:28 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

Dear my great great brothers, sisters, and friends,  
On behalf of the crew, I'm honor to inform you that the VTV's Special Documentary on the artifacts exchange has been completed and is being on air this Saturday (Jul 25th) at 9:40 PM (Hanoi time), that is at 10:40 AM Washington DC time.  
You can watch online at <http://vtv.vn/truyen-hinh-truc-tuyen/vtv1.htm>  
Please accept my special thanks to all of you who had excellent contributions to the film.  
Best regards,

MINH LE

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**Celebrate Vietnamese Values**

On Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 5:54 PM, (b)(6)@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Minh Le, I'm eager to see the results of your complex effort to meet expectations in your forthcoming documentary and glad I could help in getting you the contacts and support you requested. We're in the run-up to our 46th Annual Meeting June 24-27th, and very pleased that your Ambassador and his wife, political counselor and attache can also join us and the many others who will be in attendance.

I have no current plans to return to Vietnam, having just been received there for very productive discussions with leading senior officials, but having been to your country so often over the last three decades, I can certainly attest to the growth across the board in our bilateral relationship and the economic development with in your beautiful country.

Congratulations and best wishes during this important anniversary year - the 40th of the end of the war that divided us, the 30th of the first joint field recovery accounting operations, and the 20th of the establishing normal diplomatic relations. It is QUITE a record of achievement in which I'm grateful to have played a part to the benefit of both nations and peoples.

Sincerely,

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In a message dated 6/15/2015 9:18:55 P.M. Eastern Daylight  
Time (b)(6) @gmail.com writes:

My great friends,  
Thank you all very much for joining VTV International's efforts in searching for Capt. Sherman's family and his grave and assisting us in filming our documentary. It's our great honour to have you in the circle which involved thousands of people that I can only know from you and the email addresses.  
Your excellent assistance has not only helped returning Capt. Sherman's artifacts but also bringing people together, raising the public awareness of our joined



efforts for the reconciliation, healing the wounds caused by the war (physically and mentally), closing the past and looking forwards the prosperous future of our two nations. This is also the message of VTV International's documentary.

We are now in the final process of editing the documentary which is scheduled to be broadcast by the end of this July. It's hard for us to tell all great stories that we have so far with your assistance in an one hour film. But we will try our best.

After broadcasting the film, we will send you the link for your reference. We will also release all information regarding to the stories.

In this email, we want to express our special thanks to (b)(6) at VVA, (b)(6) at Hawaii University, (b)(6) at VA, Mrs. Ann Mill-Griffith who have been working closely and directly with us so far and helped connecting us to the circle.

Whenever you have a plan to visit Vietnam, please leave me a short notice. We are truly happy to receive you.

Thank you all again and I'm looking forwards to seeing you one day.

Best regards,

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On Thu, Jun 11, 2015 at 6:21 PM, (b)(6)

<(b)(6)@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Dear Steven:

Thank you for your interest in telling the story of John Brooks Sherman and the effort to return his artifacts. Thank you also for The Orlando Sentinel agreeing to the July 27 embargo to allow Minh Le to complete and broadcast his documentary.

Many people contributed to the search and I am using a fragment of an older email as a means to introduce the chronology and insert the contact information of people who were instrumental in the process. I am completing this email at 1:20 in the morning, so I apologize in advance for any mistakes in spelling or facts.

I have copied this email to them so they are aware of your interest and intention to followup. In this chronology, I refer to Captain Sherman as Sherman to keep it succinct. No disrespect is intended. I also have blind carbon copied two of Capt. Sherman's friends out of respect for their privacy and so they can choose whether to speak with you via your contact info in this signature. If granted permission from other classmates, I will forward their emails in a few days.

**Steven Lemongello**

Reporter

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(b)(6)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: (b)(6)@hawaii.edu>  
Date: Sat, May 23, 2015 at 11:53 AM  
Subject: John Brooks Sherman found

Dear Friends and Classmates of John Brooks Sherman:

Yesterday (Friday, May 22) we confirmed the site of John Brooks Sherman's final resting place. It is in Glen Haven Memorial Park Cemetery in Winter Park, FL. He is buried next to his parents, Allan and Mary Sherman. A photo montage of their markers is attached.

Many people contributed to this discovery:

- Brown University's alumni office that sent out the email to the Class of 1962 five days ago;
- John Sherman's roommate who remembered the younger brother Stephen;
- a classmate who had gone to the same prep school (University School) in Shaker Heights, Ohio (yearbook page attached);
- a Brown University library staffer who initiated a search that revealed the parents' names;
- the alumni office of University School that provided more information from their files that led to a street address in Winter Park, FL., where Captain Sherman's mother relocated from Darien, CT, after the death of her husband in 1963;
- the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, that confirmed the identified remains of

Captain Sherman had been turned over to an Orlando mortuary in 1998

>> end email fragment<<

### Chronology

**May 13:** The process began when I got an email from (b)(6) who heads the Vietnam office for the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. She had gone to the Vietnam Academy of Diplomacy, a Hanoi university, with Minh Le, who works for Vietnam Television International that was trying to locate Sherman's family for a documentary about the return of war artifacts as a means of reconciliation. Originally Minh thought Sherman was buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, which is near where I work.

**May 14:** An employee at Punchbowl confirmed Sherman was not buried there, though Sherman's name was listed on the Marines' Court of the Missing for Vietnam, but he could not find out from the American Battlefields Monuments Commission where Sherman was. His hometown was listed as Darien, CT. I asked E. Gene Maestas, the PAO for Punchbowl, if he had a number for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency at Hickam AFB about whether they could confirm where Sherman went after his remains were identified in 1998. Because that information is confidential, they provided a 1-800 number for the Marines Casualty Office office, which then provided me with an email address to make the query. I took photographs of Sherman's name on the MIA wall at Punchbowl.

A memorial website -- <http://tinyurl.com/n4eu4kf> -- said

Capt. Sherman is buried at Glen Haven, so I emailed the cemetery. It also said he attended Brown University. Reported everything to (b)(6) and Minh.

Minh sends my email to (b)(6) whose two sons had attended Brown University. One of them (b)(6) had ended up in Hanoi on a (b)(6) (b)(6) and became acquainted with (b)(6) who had received a (b)(6) for the United States. The son stayed



for

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

He had met (b)(6) during one of the 14 visits he and his wife have made to the country since 1999.

**May 15:** Left a call for Brown University Alumni Affairs office director. Spoke with (b)(6) at Glen Haven. He said there were several Shermans buried at the cemetery (don't remember exact number), but it had no records with John Sherman's name. He said he would check with the administration. Send email to friend at The New York Times Washington Bureau who had been the Pentagon correspondent for 10 years.

**May 16:** Thom Shanker from NYT provides phone number for Pentagon Press Operations. No answer. US Special Forces has attacked ISIS in Syria. Suggest to Minh that VTV reach out to Senator John McCain and members of the Hawaii delegation who are veterans.

**May 17:**

(b)(6)

gets email and reaches out to (b)(6) VP for Alumni Relations at Brown.

Contacts classmates from Tuck Business School at Dartmouth who had gone to Brown at the same time as Sherman.

(b)(6) @brown.edu>

from a  
lumni office agrees to send an email to Class of 1962 to see if anyone has information as it's office doesn't have anything on Sherman's family or friends who had set up a  
memorial fund  
in Sherman's name  
to purchase books for the library.

**May 17** Minh and his crew  
depart Hanoi on  
a two-week videotaping trip  
in  
the United States

with a Washington/Boston/LA/Honolulu itinerary;  
carrying video taping equipment and a small lacquer  
box with  
Sherman's artifacts  
and a letter from the Vietnamese veteran who had  
found the crash site in 1966, buried Lt. Sherman,  
directed the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to  
the site in 1993 and initiated the return of his watch and  
knife in 2014 when Minh Le learned of his story and  
began to assist in the search.

**May 18:** (b)(6) business school classmates  
report an address for Sherman at 60 Buttonwood Lane,  
Darien CT. Email sent to editor and reporter of Darien  
News. Calls the news desk at Orlando Sentinel.  
Prepare text for Brown email blast to Class of 62

**May 19:**  
Le Minh, VTV producer  
(b)(6)  
and camera man (b)(6) arrives in  
Washington, D.C.

All names are spelled Vietnamese style: last name  
first.

Brown reports it's office doesn't have anything on  
Sherman's  
family or friends

Query is turned over to Archives department.  
(b)(6) from Vietnam Veterans of America in  
Washington, D.C., area, which had been assisting Minh  
Le with the initial search for Sherman reports that she  
has been in touch with a Brown University finance  
officer who works at the library. The finance officer has  
information that the parents retired to Winter Park,  
Florida, and are buried at Glen Haven. Still don't have  
their names. Brown sends out email to Class of 1962.

(b)(6) reaches out to staff of U.S. Senator Pat  
Roberts, a Marine veteran, and the  
Chief Operating Officer of  
Glen Haven Memorial Park's  
parent corporation at Service Corporation International, SCI,  
(b)(6)  
(Assistant to the Chairman)  
seeking an update on the search process

(b)(6) calls (b)(6) to provide names and  
numbers of people responsible or formerly responsible  
for Arlington Cemetery and other veteran contacts,  
including Marine headquarters.

**May 19:** Send email to (b)(6) at University School after Brown classmate (b)(6) reports that he and Sherman had attended University School in Shaker Heights Ohio. Request photographs from yearbook of Sherman.

**May 20:** Send email to (b)(6) saying I will pay him to photograph all the Sherman graves at Glen Haven or that I would send a reporter from the Orlando Sentinel or a private investigator from Cocoa Beach who was a Special Forces veteran of Vietnam and friend of Sherman's roommate, (b)(6) replies by phone that he will ask management for more assistance.

**May 20:** photographs of Sherman's high school yearbook received from (b)(6) at University School.

Get information from (b)(6) that Sherman's parents names are Allan and Mary. Forward to (b)(6) at Glen Haven.

Urge Minh to visit Brown University during its alumni weekend May 23-25 as he will be in Boston and the campus may provide footage that may be helpful to his documentary.

**May 21:** (b)(6) at Glen Haven confirms there is a Mary Sherman in its data base. Confirms that she is buried with an Allan W. Sherman. Sends (b)(6) photograph of grave marker.

Ask Brown alumni office and library and archives to try and accommodate Minh Le's documentary team on Saturday, when he will drive down from Boston.

Difficult, but an alumni veteran's group, led by (b)(6)

(b)(6) @verizon.net>

(b)(6)

agrees to help and does so on Saturday, May 23.

**May 22:** (b)(6) at sends text message with photograph of John Sherman's marker. Found it through Stephen Sherman's records as he had purchased the graves for his parents and "at need arrangements" for brother.

(b)(6) said the marker for John was not noticed next to his parents because "maintenance was cutting the grass and I had to clear the grass off the marker to see their names. They had not had a chance to blow off the grass off the markers in that area yet, it was raining also."



**May 23:** Send email summarizing the search, with photographs of the grave markers, to all those who had assisted in the process or been involved.

**May 28:** Seek and get permission for VTV crew to shoot at Punchbowl June 2. The site is selected because John Sherman's name is listed on the Marines' Court of the Missing for Vietnam and because there was no family in Florida who could receive the artifacts. A decision had been made by Vietnam Veterans of America that Brown University would receive (after a vote of the VVA national convention in July) that the Sherman artifacts be given to Brown University for its veteran archives. The ceremony in Honolulu would be the formal VVA acceptance of the artifacts by veterans who would then turn them back to the national chapter.

**May 29:** Learn that Minh Le wants to shoot Arizona Memorial while in Honolulu as it is one of the world's best known monuments to veterans, but the Memorial's landing barge is closed for repairs. Reach out to PAOs for Navy Region Hawaii and USS Missouri Memorial to try and get permission to shoot from Ford Island, which restricts access.

**June 2:** Permission granted to shoot with Navy escort at Ford Island

**June 2:** National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific presentation of artifacts and official letters from Vietnamese delegation, represented by Minh Le, and Vietnam Veterans of America, Hawaii Chapter 858, member (b)(6) who served two tours in Vietnam as an Army Nurse. Luis Parker originally was scheduled to receive the artifacts and present a letter from the VVA national chapter to the Vietnamese veteran who found Lt Sherman.

**June 3:** Shooting near Arizona Memorial

**June 4:** VTV crew returns to Hanoi.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 29 Jul 2015 16:40:26 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV (US)  
**Subject:** email from ann about (b)(6) (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

This is one of the emails. There is another but I can't find it. No doubt the subject line is just as vague....

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:32 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: WWII SOLDIER'S REMAINS RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER NEARLY 73 YEARS (U)

??? I thought you considered yourself a liberal from NJ?

See you on Friday, July 31st, for the farewell lunch for the old-timers. WHAT will I do without (b)(6)  
And (b)(6) I'm just thankful at this point that (b)(6) hasn't quit too! And of course you, and  
other, Ann

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In a message dated 7/17/2015 1:56:47 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Liberal media.



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 3 Aug 2015 15:48:57 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Request to Review the Korean/Cold War Agenda (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

FYI the below that Ann is asking to see the agenda and she will probably hit up the boss.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 11:45 AM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Subject: RE: True Appreciation of Freedom (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

No, it just means that it is not my agenda to share. I think he deserves the courtesy of getting to see it first and then asking for opinions. He may like what we've done.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 11:40 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: True Appreciation of Freedom (U)

DOES THAT MEAN THE AGENDA IS "PRE-DECISIONAL" AND, THEREFORE, CAN'T BE SEEN BY NON-USG EYES? IF SO, MORE DISAPPOINTMENT! JUST MY TWO CENTS AND TRYING TO HELP REINFORCE DPAA, QUIETLY, OF COURSE, ANN

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In a message dated 8/3/2015 10:16:55 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, I recognize the guy and his museum. I think (b)(6) and the Air Force were working with this guy a few months ago when he was looking for a guest speaker to come to his museum for a ribbon

cutting. I may have him confused with another guy. It's tough to tell with the Air Force --- they love to talk about the history of the Army Air Corps so long as they don't have to take responsibility for all the losses. The Korean/Cold War agenda is still being finalized. I don't think the Director has seen it yet.

(b)(7) is back on Wednesday and will know for sure. (b)(7)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(7)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(7)@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 9:37 AM

To: (b)(7) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Subject: Re: True Appreciation of Freedom

(b)(7) this could fit in nicely with your plans for the Cold War NOK at the upcoming Annual Government Briefings for Korean War/Cold War Families, don't you think? And what ARE you calling this DPAA-hosted forum? What IS the program? Why don't you send it over and I'll review to see if I can think of anything, etc., because I do want DPAA to demonstrate to all that things have changed and that there is reason to hope for substantive improvements, just as I'm sure you do. So let me know and I'll try my best to provide helpful input. Have a great week, Ann

Neat article someone's true appreciation of freedom...

<http://www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/611501/yesterdays-air-force-luxembourg.aspx?source=GovD>

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In a message dated 8/2/2015 8:07:11 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(7)@cox.net writes:

Neat article someone's true appreciation of freedom...

<http://www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/611501/yesterdays-air-force-luxembourg.aspx?source=GovD>



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 3 Aug 2015 21:29:19 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6) CIV (US)  
**Subject:** RE: Question from Ann (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

I can't open most of it and I've not heard of it. I do find it interesting in the way the editor abbreviates his rank per the below. This is not like any US military abbreviation I've seen. (b)(6)

Lt. James "EMO" Tichacek, USN (Ret)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 5:23 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Question from Ann

Hey, guys, do you know this publication sent from the Philippines? It has the (b)(6) "victory" over the CIA and a list of Korean War IDs, just FYI, but I hear that this site often carries information, as well as misinformation, as items on their bulletin, just FYI, Ann

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This sums up the "controversy."

<http://www.wfirg.com/frustration>

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I meant to say Ensign Demoss. Harold Demoss.

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**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' <(b)(6)@aol.com>; (b)(6) CIV (US)  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: MIA questions - newspaper story

Ann, this sounds as if it could be the case of LT Demoss. A hellcat pilot who crashed during WWII during a training mission in a remote area of Oahu. His remains were located at the time and buried at the site. We've been there but need an environmental assessment to dig there because it is an a protected area.

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**Subject:** Fwd: MIA questions - newspaper story

Guys, as you can see I've agreed to talk with her tomorrow, but am trying to steer her in a solid direction, and it may be against some odds due to preconceived notions. I'll let you know, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**To:** (b)(6)@tennessean.com



Sent: 8/3/2015 5:45:10 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Re: MIA questions - newspaper story

Yes, of course, and if the remains have been recovered and brought to Hawaii, they are not likely in an remote location but at one of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency laboratories on Oahu, two of them located at Joint Base PearlHarbor-Hickam.

I'd be please to talk with you tomorrow afternoon, between 2:00 - 6:00 p.m., if that suits your schedule.

Best wishes,

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In a message dated 8/3/2015 2:23:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@tennessean.com writes:

Hello,

I'm a Nashville-based reporter working on a story about a WWII ensign from Nashville whose remains have been located but – for reasons the family cannot understand – have not been recovered and returned, although he is on American soil on a remote location in Hawaii. I wanted to see if I could speak with someone at your organization about your perspective on efforts to locate MIAs. Would you be available for a phone interview this week?

Thanks,

Anita Wadhwani

Investigative reporter, The Tennessean

Nashville correspondent, USA Today

615.259.8092 – W

(b)(6) – C

On Twitter @AnitaWadhwani





**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 4 Aug 2015 11:33:11 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV (US)  
**Subject:** Fw: Call from Ann on Professor Victor Cha

FYI the below. I also let (b)(6) and (b)(6) know.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 07:30 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) USAF DPAA FO (US)  
**Subject:** Call from Ann on Professor Victor Cha

(b)(6) Ann called me yesterday and told me she was going to call the boss to ask about the agenda for the Korean Cold War meeting. She thinks we should invite Georgetown Professor and noted Korea Policy author Victor Cha to speak. It happens to be that (b)(6) is at a policy conference this week where Victor Cha is speaking. I'm just letting you know in case Ann calls. I personally think it a great idea though it may need to be cleared at higher levels as Cha was on the NSS under GW Bush (b)(6) could make the intro at the conference if so. Best, (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 05:16 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: Professor Victor Cha (U)

Yes, (b)(6) that is Victor Cha.

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In a message dated 8/3/2015 4:50:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

This is the guy you are talking about, correct? Impressive.

<http://www.harpercollins.com/books/9780062200150>

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 5 Aug 2015 03:59:40 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: DPAA Invitation to NOK Re: Update

Lately, it seems to be the case. The trees are getting too big along the creeks.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 07:27 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: DPAA Invitation to NOK Re: Update

Does that happen often?

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In a message dated 8/4/2015 7:17:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

I think we hit a tree. Minor delay. We are back in Manassas.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 06:54 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: DPAA Invitation to NOK Re: Update

(b)(6) I hope all are OK and as to (b)(6) he'd never say that within your hearing; he thinks, or fears, we are friends, but I have heard him admit that the League is why all are working the issue at this stage, and he is correct about that, thankfully. Let me know all are OK and that the train didn't run off the track, or anything horrible such as that!

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In a message dated 8/4/2015 6:24:49 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

I've never heard (b)(6) say that. He has long remarked that the League and you are the reason we are here. My train just hit something. Damn.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 06:22 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: DPAA Invitation to NOK Re: Update

OK, I'm going to try to leave soon as well; I'm tired of being here, and it is really discouraging to be trying so hard and have people like (b)(6) and (b)(6) warning the new Director to avoid any perception that the League has too much influence. I have a hard time trying to figure out why (b)(6) is so hostile to the League and me, but I have to believe he thinks he is doing a good job, but it does make me wonder if (b)(6) feels the same way and, if so, why? If you know, I'd sure like to better understand, Ann

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In a message dated 8/4/2015 6:18:08 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

I'm on the train.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 06:07 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV (US)  
**Subject:** Re: DPAA Invitation to NOK Re: Update

Glad to know you agree, I tried to call, but couldn't reach you, Ann

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In a message dated 8/4/2015 5:42:28 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Ann, got it. This letter seems to get modified every third month when we send it up for review before we mail them out. I will modify it and see how long it lasts. Your points are good. Best, (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
[mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:44 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV (US)  
**Subject:** DPAA Invitation to NOK Re: Update

(b)(6) though I have no idea who might have drafted the NOK invitation signed by the new Director, I thought you might want to receive some edits I recommend so that the next "batch" of NOK won't receive the same.

A few significant points: Analysts and specialists, as well as NOK, are people and should not be referred to collective as "that" but as "who" did whatever.

Secondly, and as you know, there ARE civilians missing, and they were serving as surely as our military were, and now are around the world, so please don't neglect them in ANY reference to those missing. The inclusive term of "missing and unaccounted-for US personnel" works as does "missing and unaccounted-for Americans" for this purpose.

Third, Try to avoid using the term "closure" when alluding to the uncertainty and the NOK need for answers to bring an end to uncertainty. Some even mistakenly think that "closure" comes with a Memorial Service, rather than a funeral. Not so! As you know, I arranged one as PNOK for my brother, but not because I knew anything at all. It was because I wanted to reserve a space at Arlington just in case remains were ever recovered and ID'd.

A pretty convincing end to our uncertainty came a couple of years later (or 3) when the canopy frame from the aircraft in



which my brother was the RIO was discovered and returned to the Lab. As soon as I was able to get the photos and have LSEL check the records, I knew my brother undoubtedly was killed, as was his pilot, Jim Bauder, when their F4B crashed into the ocean, September 21, 1966. Although nothing further has been recovered to prove this with certainty, and only one partial ejection seat was discovered, I've decided that there will be only one more underwater effort made to recover remains and, if not successful, I will request no further effort and my brother will remain unaccounted-for administratively, though I will also make perfectly clear that for the Mills family, he has been accounted for as fully as possible and we wish USG assets and resources focused on other cases in which NOK have no information/answers.

It is also my hope that the Navy's CTF technology will be used for that last effort, especially now that SRV Sr. LTG Vice Minister of Defense Vinh has told us they are receptive, and I've learned that it is already in use by DPAA in Europe, plus LTG Tony Crutchfield is favorable, as is ADM Scott Swift, PACFLT Commander. All we need to do now is confirm with the SRV, possibly during the visit by McKeague/Spindler in September or, if later, during the Linnington/Cruthfield visit in November, hopefully before the POTUS visit, also anticipated in November.

Yes, all that is a mouthful and, please, NOT for further distribution. I don't want ANYONE called to task or embarrassed by having been responsible for a poorly crafted letter that was signed by the new Director. I also don't want him signing anything that isn't up to par in terms of grammar, inclusion and/or exclusion. His credibility and that of the new agency are at stake and, as you know, everyone (certainly including me) makes mistakes. My confidential note to you two is strictly intended in the best interest of the mission.

Later, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 5 Aug 2015 11:16:56 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER (U)

And (b)(6) attended the year prior to you I believe. Read the front page article in the Post.

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 06:23 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6) @pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6) @pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6) CIV (US)  
Subject: RE: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

I did the NSA Philly a few years ago.

They were very supportive and there was a good crowd.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) @aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 6:05 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) @pow-miafamilies.org;  
(b)(6) CIV (US)  
Subject: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER

How about it, guys, this is close, NOT on the actual National POW/MIA Recognition Day designated, and it is a very good, well-attended Navy venue, and I'm sure (b)(6) used to go now and then, possibly you as well, (b)(6), but how about you, (b)(6) Or (b)(6) Or (b)(6) Surely one of you can fill in this year? But no answer? Or maybe you didn't receive her request?

Can you help these people? I know you've now scheduled the first DPAA Update in Norfolk for September 12th, the Saturday before National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and that means I won't be able to attend as I'm speaking earlier in Beaufort, SC, then Savannah, GA, before returning home to be here for what I presume will be the ceremony at the Pentagon. Otherwise I'd do it, but that entire week is always a very busy one, so a poor choice for DPAA's first Update and, because it is the first one for the new Director, I'd like to have attended to support him.

Let me know if any of you can be helpful to the Naval Support Activity in Philadelphia, and thanks in advance, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com  
To: (b)(6)@navy.mil  
CC: (b)(6)@navy.mil, (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Sent: 8/4/2015 5:18:57 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Re: REQUEST

Hello, (b)(6) and thanks for your note, frustration and all. I certain do remember (b)(6) a fine man and supporter of our efforts for many years. Please give him my best wishes if/when you see him again, hopefully at this year's commemoration.

On that score, I do wish you had contact me sooner. September 15th is close at hand, but I will definitely see what we can do to help, including trying to get you a qualified speaker for your commemoration just prior to National POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 18th, this year. We will ask around for both returned POWs and to see if one of our board members or coordinators might be available to participate.

Toward that outcome, we'll be in touch again soon.

Best wishes and hopefully,

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In a message dated 8/4/2015 4:04:37 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@navy.mil writes:

Hello, Ann Mills-Griffiths!

I believe that somewhere along the way I've met you....I've certainly heard your name from my previous co-worker, friend and former chair of our committee! If I had to guess, you would certainly remember (b)(6) -- he was here at the Navy compound in Philadelphia for many years. Last year he retired, has come back to visit and attend at least one of our ceremonies. I missed him at our Memorial Day Ceremony since I ended up in the hospital the night before the ceremony.

I was voted in as chair when (b)(6) retired, and I seriously didn't want the position but didn't want to see the committee perish- we are integral in getting the word out through our ceremonies of remembrance and thanking/honoring all Vets past and present.

The most difficult thing that (b)(6) did and always seemed comfortable with was finding and bringing guest speakers to all of our events. He was good at that, I don't seem to be! This has been stressing me out since I took over last year prior to POW/MIA Remembrance in September-- we never acquired a guest speaker but luckily our new Admiral jumped in with both feet and had a speech planned and was terrific.

The bottom line of this email is this--is there anyone you know in our area that could come and speak on the topic of POW/MIAs? If this is possible, I would be eternally grateful.

I have been trying for months now to find someone to speak, and I am not getting any definitive answers and time is going by pretty fast! The date for our ceremony is the 15th of September, here on the NAVSUP WSS compound in Philadelphia, PA. I have contacted DPMO but have not heard anything from them. I have also had a meeting with the Philadelphia Protestant Home which is directly across the street from our compound-- because my dream is person is over there-- a gentleman over in that home who was a POW at one time, but the director of community relations has not given me the green light for this event.

I won't stop trying to have this man's story told, and he doesn't even have to come up on stage-- we can be very creative, I've thought of videography, or even a hand-written/typed account to which I could read or a family member could read.

Any assist would be appreciated!!

V/r,

(b)(6)

NAVSUP Weapons Systems Support  
Fleet Outfitting, Planning and Support Directorate N4  
Aviation Operations N42  
Aviation Support/Readiness, Code N421.21



DSN (b)(6) Comm (b)(6)  
Chair, Philadelphia Compound  
Veterans Committee

Member

(b)(6)  
American Legion Post #440  
Newtown, PA

A Veteran - whether active duty, retired, National Guard or Reserve-is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The People of the United States of America", for any amount "up to and including my life". ~ Author unknown.

(b)(6) has been copied on this email- he is co-chair of our Vets committee.....

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 5 Aug 2015 11:39:47 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
**Subject:** Re: Outreach Box -- Dog Tag Report from (b)(6) (U)

I forgot to include in the last sentence the caveat "if the dogtags do not correlate to a missing individual or a provide leads to case...."

----- Original Message -----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 07:33 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
**Subject:** Fw: Outreach Box -- Dog Tag Report from (b)(6) (U)

(b)(6) what do you think of coming up with language like the below that we can use in our dog tag reports?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 07:31 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: Outreach Box -- Dog Tag Report from (b)(6) (U)

We had the farewell for (b)(6) last friday. I've not heard news of his replacement here or there. I think we need to come up with a boilerplate response that says, "since 1992, we have received xxx of dogtags of servicemen allegedly missing from the Vietnam War. Many of these are provided to us with the best of intentions. We do our best to review and analyze each one on the chance that it is legitimate. Regrettably, less than .2 (?) percent are legitimate. Nevertheless, thank you for providing this information. Our analysts will review it and follow-up as necessary with you and other the source of the information. Regrettably, due to the high number of requests we receive on the dogtags, the analysts will not contact you or provide you a report on their findings."

----- Original Message -----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 01:50 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** RE: Outreach Box -- Dog Tag Report from (b)(6) (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) it is in our mailbox dated Jun 6. I didn't forward this one from this side.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 6:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Outreach Box -- Dog Tag Report from (b)(6) (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) does the email at the bottom sounds familiar to you? We may have forwarded it to (b)(6) whose last day at work was Friday.....damn. Thx,  
(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 12:35 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: Vietnam dog tags (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

I will forward to (b)(6)....

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:41 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: FW: Vietnam dog tags (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

Please see (b)(6) email, but I also call your attention to (b)(6) comment that he sent a message to DPAA via our website and never received a response.

Standing by for advice/guidance.

Thanks

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@sbcbglobal.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:08 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
Subject: Fw: Vietnam dog tags

(b)(6) See the message below from a friend I recently met at a writers seminar. We know that a lot of these "dog tag" scenarios usually do not pan out, do you mind if I give him the OK to ask the Gentleman in Hue to send him the photos---we will then send them to you. One never knows how this might work out. Tailwinds.

(b)(6)

National Advisory Committee, Veterans Business Affairs, U.S. SBA (2002-2011)  
National Veterans Adviser, National League of POW-MIA Families.  
Commissioner, City of Jonesboro, AR  
Advisor, Beck Pride Center for Wounded Veterans, ASU Board of Adjustments,



City of Jonesboro, AR

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LIFE ISN'T ABOUT HOW YOU SURVIVED THE STORM, IT'S ABOUT HOW YOU DANCED IN  
THE  
RAIN.

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015 8:50 AM, (b)(6)@sbcglobal.net>  
wrote:

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015 8:18 AM, (b)(6)@hendrix.edu> wrote:

Dear (b)(6)

I'm writing to see if your connections in the POW-MIA world can help me be  
helpful!

Last May, in Hue, Vietnam, I met a man who has a collection of 200-some US  
dogtags fished out of rivers in and around Hue. He has agreed to send me  
digital photos of them if they would be of official interest to DoD and family  
members.

I have no idea of course if any of the tags belong to a POW-MIA, but if you  
could connect me with the right government office that might want to see them,  
I would appreciate it. I sent an email through the website of DoD's POW-MIA  
Accounting Agency, but I never heard back.

Thanks for your help,

(b)(6)

Professor of English, Hendrix College

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 5 Aug 2015 12:14:09 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER

I would suggest I'm n the bunker because someone is taking shots at us over silly things.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 08:11 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER

OUT OF THE BUNKER, PLEASE?

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In a message dated 8/5/2015 8:04:55 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Wait. The days are a week apart. You owe me a keg.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 08:03 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' (b)(6)@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER

Ok, I know I tend to misread your emails, but if you are suggesting it a terrible idea for DPAA to hold a meeting with 200 family members of missing the day after pow/mia day, you owe me a case of apology beer.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 07:46 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' (b)(6)@aol.com>; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org'  
(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>; (b)(6) CIV (US)

**Subject:** Re: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER

Ann, did he happen to tell you who he contacted at DPMO and when. We will go from there. (If I need to find a contractor to take shots at us or tell me I don't do my job correctly, I can find one much closer than Philly.) Thx, (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 06:04 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>; (b)(6) CIV (US)  
**Subject:** REQUEST FOR SPEAKER

How about it, guys, this is close, NOT on the actual National POW/MIA Recognition Day designated, and it is a very good, well-attended Navy venue, and I'm sure (b)(6) used to go now and then, possibly you as well, (b)(6) but how about you, (b)(6) Or (b)(6) Or (b)(6) Surely one of you can fill in this year? But no answer? Or maybe you didn't receive her request?

Can you help these people? I know you've now scheduled the first DPAA Update in Norfolk for September 12th, the Saturday before National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and that means I won't be able to attend as I'm speaking earlier in Beaufort, SC, then Savannah, GA, before returning home to be here for what I presume will be the ceremony at the Pentagon. Otherwise I'd do it, but that entire week is always a very busy one, so a poor choice for DPAA's first Update and, because it is the first one for the new Director, I'd like to have attended to support him.

Let me know if any of you can be helpful to the Naval Support Activity in Philadelphia, and thanks in advance, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**To:** (b)(6)@navy.mil  
**CC:** (b)(6)@navy.mil (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
**Sent:** 8/4/2015 5:18:57 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
**Subj:** Re: REQUEST

Hello, (b)(6) and thanks for your note, frustration and all. I certain do remember (b)(6) a fine man and supporter of our efforts for many years.



Please give him my best wishes if/when you see him again, hopefully at this year's commemoration.

On that score, I do wish you had contact me sooner. September 15th is close at hand, but I will definitely see what we can do to help, including trying to get you a qualified speaker for your commemoration just prior to National POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 18th, this year. We will ask around for both returned POWs and to see if one of our board members or coordinators might be available to participate.

Toward that outcome, we'll be in touch again soon.

Best wishes and hopefully,

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In a message dated 8/4/2015 4:04:37 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@navy.mil writes:

Hello, Ann Mills-Griffiths!

I believe that somewhere along the way I've met you....I've certainly heard your name from my previous co-worker, friend and former chair of our committee! If I had to guess, you would certainly remember (b)(6) -- he was here at the Navy compound in Philadelphia for many years. Last year he retired, has come back to visit and attend at least one of our ceremonies. I missed him at our Memorial Day Ceremony since I ended up in the hospital the night before the ceremony.

I was voted in as chair when (b)(6) retired, and I seriously didn't want the position but didn't want to see the committee perish- we are integral in getting the word out through our ceremonies of remembrance and thanking/honoring all Vets past and present.

The most difficult thing that (b)(6) did and always seemed comfortable with was finding and bringing guest speakers to all of our events. He was good at that, I don't seem to be! This has been stressing me out since I took over last year prior to POW/MIA Remembrance in September-- we never acquired a guest speaker but luckily our new Admiral jumped in with both feet and had a speech planned and was terrific.

The bottom line of this email is this--is there anyone you know in our area that could come and speak on the topic of POW/MIAs? If this is possible, I would be eternally grateful.

I have been trying for months now to find someone to speak, and I am not getting any definitive answers and time is going by pretty fast! The date for our ceremony is the 15th of September, here on the NAVSUP WSS compound in Philadelphia, PA. I have contacted DPMO but have not heard anything from them. I have also had a meeting with the Philadelphia Protestant Home which is directly across the street from our compound-- because my dream is person is over there-- a gentleman over in that home who was a POW at one time, but the director of community relations has not given me the green light for this event.

I won't stop trying to have this man's story told, and he doesn't even have to come up on stage-- we can be very creative, I've thought of videography, or even a hand-written/typed account to which I could read or a family member could read.

Any assist would be appreciated!!

V/r,

(b)(6)

NAVSUP Weapons Systems Support  
Fleet Outfitting, Planning and Support Directorate N4  
Aviation Operations N42  
Aviation Support/Readiness, Code N421.21  
DSN (b)(6) Comml (b)(6)  
Chair, Philadelphia Compound  
Veterans Committee

Member

(b)(6)

American Legion Post #440  
Newtown, PA

A Veteran - whether active duty, retired, National Guard or Reserve- is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The People of the United States of America", for any amount "up to and including my life". ~ Author unknown.

(b)(6) has been copied on this email- he is co-chair of our Vets committee.....

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 6 Aug 2015 13:19:20 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Indianapolis (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Even Trump would have to agree Colonel (b)(6) is a hero. Maybe.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:57 PM

(b)(6)

Subject: Re: Indianapolis

I just received this notice from our Region 3 Coordinator (b)(6), about the program to be held on September 18th to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day in Indianapolis, Indiana.

It is hard to believe that returned POW Col (b)(6) son is already a retired Navy Commander, just FYI, Ann

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In a message dated 8/5/2015 6:18:35 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com writes:

Hi Ann: Just received this in the mail this afternoon. The use of our logo in this way makes it look very official, doesn't it?

I'll forward to (b)(6) and possibly (b)(6) (think that's her name) They already have a speaker so it's a matter of carrying the banner for the League. I've never heard of this group before so don't know why this showed up with my home address. Probably went on line which means they may already have sent something to (b)(6). Love (b)(6)





**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 7 Aug 2015 20:31:25 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Airman Missing From World War II Accounted For (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Here you go!

<http://www.dpaa.mil/NewsStories/NewsReleases/tabid/10159/Article/612453/airman-missing-from-world-war-ii-accounted-for-biezi.aspx>

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:28 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Subject: RE: Airman Missing From World War II Accounted For (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Airman Missing From World War II Accounted For

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In a message dated 8/7/2015 3:07:34 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@rocketmail.com writes:

Missing From World War II Accounted  
For08/06/2015 05:39 PM  
CDT

IMMEDIATE

RELEASE No.

NR-321-15

August 06,

2015

Airman Missing From World War II

Accounted For The Department of Defense POW/MIA

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 7 Aug 2015 20:45:19 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Press Release for Korean War ID (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

How did you know I was going to Jersey tomorrow?

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Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:41 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Press Release for Korean War ID (U)

Thanks, and we'll post them, but please tell whomever is responsible to please add my email address to their distribution? Thanks, and have a great weekend, plus drive safely to/from new Jersey, Ann

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In a message dated 8/7/2015 4:34:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

And here is the one for the Korean War..

<http://www.dpaa.mil/NewsStories/NewsReleases/tabid/10159/Article/612456/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-accounted-for-butler.aspx>

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I see. Ok. I usually get these too. Our internet has been all sorts of weird this week so it may be the distro lists collapsed.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 11 Aug 2015 12:27:36 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Joint Base Andrews POW/MIA Remembrance Day (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

It's the Air Force. If it was an Army or Marine Corps race, I would say it is too much. The Navy race would be in the bar. Which would be perfect. I think she is great. Smart. Professional. Zero drama.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 5:03 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Subject: Re: Joint Base Andrews POW/MIA Remembrance Day (U)

Yes, I committed to doing this a long time ago and sent it along to you all then, but I'd heard nothing since, and I sure don't know of any R-POW available to participate as they are suggesting. Do they really know how old these guys are? And how much they were tortured? I mean to suggest they participate in the final stage of the run is a bit much, don't you think? No doubt some can and do regularly work out, but the older guys, the ones captured early and tortured for 5-6-7-8- years? They aren't so very mobile these days, though (b)(6) looks really good. Later, and thanks, including for the compliment, Ann

PS: And what do you think of (b)(6)

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In a message dated 8/10/2015 4:43:10 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, I can send it around for folks that live over that way and see who is interested. I heard the keynote knows a thing or two....

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 2:34 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Morgan,



Melinda F Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)

Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org

Subject: Fwd: Joint Base Andrews POW/MIA Remembrance Day

All, have you given any thought to this Joint Base Andrews program on 17 & 18 September as to participation? We're checking on possibly Vets Group setup of a booth with materials to distribute, and would welcome anyone you all choose to send as well.

Also, I'm sending this along to the NAM-POWs, but I think they are fresh out of able/willing R-POWs to speak anywhere, so if you know of anyone, we're all ears and I'm sure (b)(6) would be as well.

Best, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@us.af.mil

To: (b)(6)@aol.com

Sent: 8/10/2015 12:25:38 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time

Subj: RE: Joint Base Andrews POW/MIA Remembrance Day

Mrs. Ann Mills-Griffiths

Good morning ma'am. I apologize it has been a while since our last contact.

Here is the current projected plan:

Enclosed is our flyer and the sequence of events.

There are two particular events that I would greatly appreciate a former POW and/or MIA family members to participate in.

The Brief at the Base Theater at 1400 and the closing run from the Moto area to the Flightline.

Thank you so much for all of your assistance and please let me know if there are any questions whatsoever.

My cell number is (b)(6)

V/r,

(b)(6) 1st Airlift SAP Operations Chief  
Communication Systems Operator  
Comm: (b)(6)  
DSN: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 7:21 PM  
To: (b)(6) TSgt USAF AMC 1 AS/DOP; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org;  
(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Cc: MORGAN, MELINDA F Lt Col USAF DPMO DEF POW/MIA ACCT AG/NCR;  
(b)(6)@mail.mil; (b)(6)@mail.mil  
Subject: Re: Joint Base Andrews POW/MIA Remembrance Day

Dear (b)(6):

I apologize for the delay in responding to your inquiry, but was completely tied up with our 46th Annual Meeting (national convention) and unable to attend to emails, calls or other communications until now.

I'm delighted to be speaking at your event and, yes, I'd love all the details. I will also see if we can man a table with current information and materials to reach out to your colleagues and will see if possibly the newly formed Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) might be interested in such outreach as well. Toward that objective, I'm copying (b)(6) in our office, as well as Lt Col Melinda Morgan, PAO, and (b)(6) and (b)(6) External Communications, at DPAA.

We'll be in touch and would welcome further information as plans are made.

Best wishes, and have a wonderful celebration of our Nation's 239th birthday.

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In a message dated 6/17/2015 5:27:57 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@us.af.mil writes:

POW/MIA Families,

My name is (b)(6). I am the committee chair for an event that we will be hosting 17-18 September, 2015.

Thank you to Mrs. Ann Mills-Griffin. We are excited to have you

speak for us!

Our Air Force Sergeants Association chapter is running a POW/MIA event to remember those who have served before us.

It will be 24 hours of nonstop running on our base with speeches and hopefully a former POW/MIA that will be able to come share their story.

We are inviting American Legion Posts, VFW Posts and POW/MIA organizations to join us for the event.

We plan on having an area blocked off with an infield of sorts in which we would like these organizations to set up shop and share their mission with our active duty members.

Please let me know if your organization would be interested in coming out and supporting this event and do not hesitate if you have questions.

Also, if you are aware of other like-minded organizations that would benefit this event, I would be very interested in contacting them.

Thank you very much.

My personal cell: (b)(6)

We would love to have you!

V/r,

(b)(6) 1st Airlift SAP Operations Chief  
Communication Systems Operator  
Comm: (b)(6)  
DSN: (b)(6)



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 18 Aug 2015 13:25:03 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: HOW DID IT GO? (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Correction, he described his work and role on the USRJC.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:24 AM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Subject: RE: HOW DID IT GO? (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

The NSA tour was a big hit. The whole event went great. There were a few grumblers. Always are. Regrettably, they tend to drown out the folks that are appreciative. JCSD was included. They led the NSA trip. (b)(6) spoke as NARA but described his work on JCSD. Foglesong could not attend due to personal reasons. Invite the CIA? We want to keep the briefings informative and honest!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 5:43 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: HOW DID IT GO?

I mean the visit to the NSA Museum, hoping it went well, but do you also have to go to the Mall on the bus? And is that just to visit the Memorials? Or for a concert? After reading the agenda (that I didn't get from you), it occurred to me that there are several things you could have added to make the agenda more substantive,

For example, why didn't you include JCSD? Even if General Foglesong couldn't/wouldn't come to speak, you could have asked (b)(6) to talk of plans they are discussing and actions now taking place. JCSD also has a Korean War element to deal with counterpart Russian USRJC Commission members.

Was (b)(6) speaking only as Chief of NARA's Archives II? Or as a member of the USRJC?

Finally, perhaps CIA analysts (active or retired) could present assessments on USSR Air Defense Units and the potential for provision of relevant records on both Korean War and Cold War cases of missing personnel? Of course they also have plenty on Vietnam War, though we already have Merle Pribbenow, well known as THE expert, now retired, but our unofficial, very quiet advisor.

I'm sure, given an opportunity, there are many possibilities that would paint a brighter picture of DPAA's ongoing and potential efforts to account for Korean War missing and KIA/BNR cases, and have you asked the Korean War/Cold War NOK for their suggestions?

I didn't want you to get this until after it was over because it was too late to recommend anything by the time I got this to review. And I meant this to be helpful. (b)(6) so please don't get all defensive and offended. At least I'm not copying Lennington or McKeague, or for that matter your resentful "boss" as he

might think I'm trying to dictate what he should do, rather than make constructive suggestions to help improve the reputation of our new, united agency.

Have a good weekend, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 21 Aug 2015 11:55:04 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: POW status ?

Ann, there is no length of time specified. If someone was captured by the enemy, they were considered a prisoner. That said, the term POW is denoted by the Geneva Conventions so if a person was captured and escaped within a day or so, it could be that he was never officially declared a POW. The military would recognize him as having been "missing/captured.". There is a famous case where a soldier was captured by the enemy after his unit got wiped out. He escaped while being led away and got back to friendly forces after three days. His unit did not believe his story and listed him as a deserter which stuck with him for 30 years until (b)(6) found Vietnamese documents in 2002 confirming his story. (b)(6) did an assessment and sent them to the Army and they corrected his record. But 29 days sounds very suspicious. As we both know, the phonies have a dozen excuses as to why they were not listed as a POW. I have never heard that. (b)(6) might know this claim. Have a great trip and that was a very nice little commemoration for Roger Lester and James. (b)(6) is a good guy.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 04:15 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Fwd: POW status ?

(b)(6) do you know the actual answer to his query on POW status? I think what I told him was correct, because I've seen names that were only held captive less than a month, but then realized I'm not sure. Thanks in advance, and off to Orlando shortly. Good to see you last night, and I got home by 7:30 p.m. safe and sound too, have a great weekend, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6)@gmail.com  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Sent:** 8/20/2015 10:52:46 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
**Subj:** Re: POW status ?



Thank you for getting back to me.

The post was made on Facebook by Janice Renee Walker from Westminster Colorado on Vietnam War History Org

The Lady posted in good faith I am sure. The post sparked my interest because we encountered a phoney POW here in Ontario and the guy was a genuine Vietnam Veteran. He was caught by the POW Network when Chuck was living.

Thanks again.

(b)(6)

On Aug 20, 2015 9:32 PM, (b)(6)@aol.com> wrote:

Hello (b)(6)

I think you are correct to be suspect about any claim that being held for 29+ days doesn't qualify one to be recognized by DoD as a POW during the Vietnam War. Unless there were some extenuating circumstances, I can't imagine that being true. I'd think there must be more to the story, so if you have something else on which I could base an informed inquiry, I'd be glad to get an official response or refer you to someone for that purpose.

Best wishes,

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In a message dated 8/20/2015 6:54:06 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

(b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

Hello Ann, my wife (b)(6) and I met you years ago at POW-MIA meeting in DC. We asked about two Canadian Soldiers who went missing in 1965 on a flight from Laos to Hanoi.

I would like to know if there is a certain length of time someone had to be held before being recognized as a legitimate POW during the Vietnam Era. The reason I ask is because someone posted on a veterans Facebook page that her husband had been held 29 days 16 hours but is not recognized as a POW by the DOD. Sounds odd to me so thought I would

ask.  
Thank you.



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 26 Aug 2015 14:34:40 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: posters (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ok! I'll go get the posters.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 10:32 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: posters (U)

On my way - I'll call when I'm there

(b)(6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 10:28 AM  
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Subject: RE: posters (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

I'm tying myself to my desk.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 10:28 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: posters (U)

HAHAHA - me neither! Is now good?

(b)(6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 10:17 AM  
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Subject: posters (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Are you coming over today? Just want to check so I don't repeat my mistake from last time!

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 26 Aug 2015 18:32:17 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: poster recommendations (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Like minds. I just made the same suggestion to move it up top!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 12:13 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: poster recommendations (U)

Thanks (b)(6) - I did just see that now, I had never noticed it before.  
Another suggestion - if they can't raise it - perhaps take the graphic out of the button so it's easier to see - it kind of blends - it would pop more without the background graphic.

(b)(6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 11:25 AM  
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>  
Subject: poster recommendations (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) is going to bring up the posters during the telecon. Also, the link to ordering them in on our homepage but it's at the bottom where someone might have missed it. I'm going to see if we can raise it up a bit higher on the page. Good suggestions! Thx! (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 29 Aug 2015 01:30:54 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: MILITARY MEMORIAL SERVICE--DOUG O'NEILL- -MIA VIETNAM

(b)(6) and (b)(6) are great folks. (b)(6) is a big sailor and has a boat with the same engine as mine up until he replaced it this summer. Thx!

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2015 09:02 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Fwd: MILITARY MEMORIAL SERVICE--DOUG O'NEILL- -MIA VIETNAM

In case you all aren't alerted to Memorial Services, vs funerals, just FYI. I'll be at the SOA Reunion in Las Vegas so I'm really glad that (b)(6) and (b)(6) can attend to represent themselves and the League. Best, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6)@rocketmail.com  
**To:** (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
**CC:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Sent:** 8/28/2015 7:56:29 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
**Subj:** Fwd: MILITARY MEMORIAL SERVICE--DOUG O'NEILL- -MIA VIETNAM

(b)(6) and (b)(6) reached out to Nancy and I to attend this and we are going to do so. (b)(6) brother Doug is MIA and they are from NJ. I've known them since the early 80's...FYI.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)  
Regional Coordinator



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--- On Mon, 8/24/15, (b)(6)@aol.com> wrote:

> From: (b)(6)@aol.com>  
> Subject: Fwd: MILITARY MEMORIAL SERVICE--DOUG O'NEILL- -MIA  
VIETNAM  
> To: (b)(6)@rocketmail.com  
> Date: Monday, August 24, 2015, 4:43 PM  
>  
> Sent from my  
> Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID----- Forwarded  
> message -----  
> From: (b)(6)@aol.com  
> Date: Aug 22, 2015 1:24 PM  
> Subject: MILITARY MEMORIAL SERVICE--DOUG O'NEILL- -MIA  
> VIETNAM  
> To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
> Cc:  
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>  
> YOU ARE INVITED TO  
> A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DOUG  
> O'NEILL  
>  
>  
>  
> THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
> FRIDAY  
> ,OCT. 23 RD, AT 1 PM  
>  
> AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY  
> ,ARLINGTON,  
> VIRGINIA.  
>  
> HE WILL RECEIVE FULL MILITARY  
> HONORS.  
>  
> A LIGHT REPAST WILL BE HELD AT THE  
> WOMENS' MEMORIAL AT  
> ARLINGTON CEMETARY.  
>  
>  
> WE KNOW THIS IS A DISTANCE BUT WE WANT  
> ALL TO KNOW  
> THAT

> EVERYONE IS WELCOME .PLEASE LET US  
> KNOW IF YOU CAN  
> ATTEND.  
>  
> THE O,NEILLS'  
>  
> PLEASE PASS THIS INVITE ON  
>  
>

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 2 Sep 2015 13:41:33 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6)@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
**Subject:** RE: POW/MIA Ceremony (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I might recommend you contact the below organization, American Ex-POWs Organization. They have an extensive listing of former POWs who may be able to assist you or be willing to speak at your event. They also work closely with the American Legion on many issues so they are familiar with your mission to support veterans. The Department does maintain current addresses of former POWs once they return home except in situations where they ask to be kept on invitation lists and we are prohibited from sharing that information for reasons of privacy. Best regards, (b)(6)

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

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 9:23 AM  
To: (b)(6)@yahoo.com  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US);  
(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Subject: Fwd: POW/MIA Ceremony

(b)(6)

There is no way at all that we can be of help in this instance due to our focus on the Vietnam War accounting mission, meaning lack of relevant Korean War specifics, such as being able to provide you with the contact information you requested.

All I can do is copy this message, forwarding your request and its attachments, to two people in our new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), namely (b)(6) and (b)(6). I sincerely hope that one of both are able to assist with your request and can fully appreciate having misplaced a phone number or email address. All of us have had to deal with such challenges.

My very best wishes to you and I hope your program is well-received and well-attended. Thank you for your efforts to support America's renewed focus on standing behind those who serve our country - past, present and future - by supporting efforts to accounting as fully as possible for America's veterans still missing and unaccounted-for from our nation's past wars and conflicts.

Sincerely,

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From: (b)(6)@yahoo.com  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Sent: 9/2/2015 8:54:01 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: POW/MIA Ceremony

Ann,

My name is (b)(6) I am the American Legion Post 69 Service Officer, and I need your help, I am holding a POW/MIA Ceremony Friday September 18. And I had a former POW call me and ask if he could come to my event and I said yes, However I would like to ask him to be my guest speaker but I lost his phone# I was hoping that you guys may have his phone # and if you do please call him and have him give me a call.

Thank You.

The Former POW's name (b)(6) he said he was a POW in the Korean War  
I think he said he was a POW for 34 months and 23 days.

He also said he lives in Sebring FL.

If you know of any other former POW's that live in my area please let them know about my event  
thank you.

Sebring FL  
Avon Park FL  
Lake Placid FL

(b)(6)  
American Legion  
Post 69  
Service Officer  
(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 2 Sep 2015 14:51:12 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Family in NC for Press Interview (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

All is good...

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 10:29 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6)@gmail.com; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Subject: Re: Request for Family in NC for Press Interview (U)

Sure, (b)(6) is one of the best for such interviews, and she is our NC State Coordinator, copied here. (b)(6) I hope you can entertain this request for interview, and there are several Recognition Day ceremonies taking place in NC, and I'd be shocked if Ft. Bragg isn't one of them too, Ann

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In a message dated 9/2/2015 10:10:19 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) just received a request from (b)(6) of Newbern, NC. Her husband was a Marine fighter pilot from Vietnam and she is concerned that no one in her area is recognizing POW/MIA Day. She told her local paper and they are willing to interview a family member if she can find one. She said she contacted the League but you had no one available? That sounded odd to me given how many families must live in North Carolina. We can open this up to the services but I just wanted to check with you first. Her number is (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 2 Sep 2015 22:01:51 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Voice mail

Sorry for not getting back to you. I think he is due back this week perhaps Friday.



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 4 Sep 2015 19:46:14 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Pentagon tour (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Of course. If I get pulled away by work or the front office, I will have someone else step in for me.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 3:25 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Pentagon tour (U)

GREAT, and you'll enjoy them. They can use THIS email address? I don't want to screw up the logistics, and thanks again, Ann

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In a message dated 9/4/2015 3:15:47 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, I will meet them at the Pentagon metro at whatever time they want. It is only crowded when the trains first pull in and then it is sparse. I will have my blackberry so they can drop me a line wherever they are. I'll do my best to find those locations. It will be a first for me as well. . (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 2:59 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Pentagon tour (U)

(b)(6) that's very nice of you and I know (b)(6) will appreciate it too. Take them to the Medal of Honor display, the POW/MIA corridor, the E Ring near that where the SecDef and DepSecDef have their offices, so they can see all the impressive portraits of illustrious military leaders, and that should likely suffice, other than the DoD gift shop on the way out, in case little (b)(6) wants his dad to purchase a souvenir, but take him something from DPAA if you have anything, and where do you want to meet them? At the Hilton

when they check in? Or at the Pentagon after they have checked in at the Hilton? I'll tell (b) and what cell phone do you want them to have? I'll get (b)(6) for you as well, and tell (b) she owes you one now.....have a great Labor Day weekend, Ann

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In a message dated 9/4/2015 2:25:21 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, I will give them the tour. I use the term "tour" loosely as the only corridor I'm familiar with is the POW/MIA corridor and I usually find that after about four tries or less. The rest will be serendipity. Best, (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 12:46 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Pentagon tour (U)

So are you willing? Or not?

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In a message dated 9/4/2015 12:36:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ok, I must have misread. I thought she was arriving on the 19th?

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 12:30 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Pentagon tour (U)

No, on Friday afternoon, as outlined in the email, but you may be taking off on Friday?

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In a message dated 9/4/2015 11:56:56 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, is she looking for a tour on a Saturday? I'm not sure if the Pentagon allows tour/visit on the weekends. I'll have to check. I would not be available as I'm headed to NJ that weekend. Best, (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 11:38 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Fwd: Pentagon tour

This email was sent from a non-Department of Defense email account, and contained active links. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm authenticity of all links contained within the message.

(b)(6) this was the other matter I meant to raise when we finally spoke yesterday. I have the SSNs and already told (b)(6) no cameras allowed. (b)(6) is coming in to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on September 19th. She and her husband, (b)(6) and daughter, (b)(6) won't be in until around 5:00 p.m. that evening, but their son, (b)(6) and grandson, (b)(6) (especially young child prodigy, (b)(6)) want to see the Pentagon. I said I'd see what can be done to get a personal tour and thought first of you, but there may be others who would be willing, at around 3:30 p.m. would be a safe time to go. Of course I



thought of the official "tours," but showing them the highlights personally would be much more meaningful

If you are free and able to help, I know [REDACTED] and all would appreciate it, but if not, that's OK too. Just let me know so I can pull back and punt if needed, and thanks. Any questions, give me a call, Ann

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From: [REDACTED]@columbus.rr.com  
To: [REDACTED]@aol.com  
Sent: 9/2/2015 5:14:01 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Pentagon tour

Thank you so much for your help on this. I really appreciate it.

[REDACTED] is concerned that he won't make a 3pm meeting at the Pentagon ??? plane lands at BWI at 1:05pm, They then ride the train to Union Station, get the Metro to Crystal City, drop bags at the hotel and take a cab to the Pentagon. I have no idea how long that may take, but at least it's not rush hour!

Here is the information you need on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] dob [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] dob [REDACTED]

I will call you with the SSNs as I don't want to put them on the Internet.  
[REDACTED] wants to know if he is allowed to take a camera with him.

Love [REDACTED]

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 8 Sep 2015 15:35:39 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Pow /mia posters for 2015 sept (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

But the job is finally done. He should be pleased by the end of the week.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 11:26 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Pow /mia posters for 2015 sept (U)

Absurd!

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In a message dated 9/8/2015 11:04:11 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

He has sent me more emails in the past 20 minutes about how he can't type then if he had taken two minutes to type in the info. I'm really getting worn out....

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 10:56 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Pow /mia posters for 2015 sept (U)

Then, the hell with him. You know the old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but ....."  
We've tried! Ann

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In a message dated 9/8/2015 10:11:58 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

This is pulling teeth. He won't send me his address and he can't type because he had a knee replacement in July.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 9:59 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@gmail.com

Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org

Subject: Re: Pow /mia posters for 2015 sept (U)

(b)(6) please do exactly as (b)(6) suggested or you will NOT receive any posters in time for use, and it should be done today, so please DO NOT DELAY.

Best wishes,

Ann Mills-Griffiths

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In a message dated 9/8/2015 9:39:39 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) did you get my note below? If you are unable to place an order, let me know, and provide your full name, address, telephone number, and email address and I will enter the information for you. Best, (b)(6)



-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 6:25 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com'; (b)(6)@gmail.com'  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org'  
Subject: Re: Pow /mia posters for 2015 sept

(b)(6) have you placed an order on our website? The link is below. If you are unable to get to the website, please let me know and I will fill in the information for you when I get back to work tomorrow. The printer provided us the posters last wednesday and we are completing the orders as quickly as possible. We apologize for the delay. Thank you. (b)(6)

<https://www.posterorder.dpmo.mil/PosterRequests/AddPosterRequests.aspx>

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 06:19 PM  
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com <(b)(6)@gmail.com>  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US);  
(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org <(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>  
Subject: Re: Pow /mia posters for 2015 sept

Dear (b)(6) I'm so very sorry that you have not been able to order and receive any of the DoD posters for this year's National POW/MIA Recognition Day commemoration, but am copying a couple of people at the recently reorganized Defense POW/MAI Accounting Agency, still headquartered here in the Metro DC area. I will say that public release was delayed, appropriately in our view, by the new Director of DPAA, LTG Mike Linnington, USA (Ret), who has only been in his position for two months. The original poster did not reflect DPAA's mission of obtaining the fullest possible accounting for Americans missing and killed-in-action/body not recovered from our nation's past wars and conflicts. The substitute is somewhat better, but still in our view deficient and doesn't truly portray the important mission DPAA pursues; however, we are confident that Mr. Linnington's influence on the process will ensure the 2016 poster is appropriate to reflect the mission and efforts to succeed. Thank you for our determination to obtain and distribute this year's posters as you have done for years, and we again apologize for the frustration you have suffered in trying to implement requirements you have voluntarily agreed to perform. I'm confident that (b)(6) will ensure you receive the 30 posters you need. I know there is a mechanism they have put on the DPAA website to order posters, but in reality, I don't know what that might be, so you're better off to get that information, or the posters themselves, from (b)(6) or (b)(6). Again, best wishes and thank you for your strong support. Ann Mills-Griffiths Chairman of the Board National League of POW/MIA Families 5673 Columbia Pike, Suite 100 Falls Church, VA 22041 703-465-7432 [www.pow-miafamilies.org](http://www.pow-miafamilies.org) The League is a tax-exempt, humanitarian organization (23-7071242), eligible for donations through the Combined Federal Campaign, #10218 In a message dated 8/25/2015 2:12:46 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@gmail.com writes: I have been trying to order posters for about 2 months I seen to be getting the run around I am the pow /mia vice chair for distribution 10 of the vfw for about 15 years now I just want to order 30 posters my name is (b)(6) (b)(6) somebody please help me ivdo the missing man table all over at schools college's veterans programs

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 9 Sep 2015 11:15:27 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: POW MIA Day

It is something that started about a week ago it seems to me. I'm sure it has something to do with cyber command's fears of dod being hacked.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 07:02 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: POW MIA Day

(b)(6) can you tell my WHY the underlined "caution" is being printed on my email to you? I understand your point, you can't force anyone to hold a ceremony, but it won't matter; there are so many nobody can even count them. Have a good day, Ann

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In a message dated 9/8/2015 10:04:29 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

We've offered to help folks that want to hold ceremonies. I've gone so far as to write remarks for some. But I think they like coming and sitting. It would not come off too well if I told them to get off their butts.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 08:10 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: POW MIA Day

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I've got an idea, why don't you in the new "Outreach & Communications Directorate"

undertake that mission? You have a LOT more people and resources than we do.  
Forgive my cynicism, it is late and I'm tired, Ann

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In a message dated 9/8/2015 6:16:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

One thing I've noticed this year is how many requests we are getting for leadership of  
vets groups to attend the secdefs event. A person might suggest to them that it would  
be far more valuable if the leadership of all these posts and halls actually hold events  
in their communities rather than sit as potted plants at the pentagon.=



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 9 Sep 2015 21:48:25 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: voice mail on stats (U)

I was not in on the discussions that led to the decision so I can't explain it. I did argue against it as it made no sense but the only person who was willing to listen to my ideas back then was (b)(6) who would listen patiently as he mopped.

----- Original Message -----

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 05:40 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: voice mail on stats (U)

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In this case, the ME simply doesn't have the scientific knowledge or ability to "make" the ID.

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
To: Ann Mills-Griffiths <(b)(6)@aol.com>  
Sent: Wed, Sep 9, 2015 1:24 pm  
Subject: RE: voice mail on stats (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

I've heard that argument made by others -- authorizes vs make. As a fan of life-long Democrat, I have to admire folks who can parse the definition of words.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com<mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com?>]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 4:07 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Subject: Re: voice mail on stats (U)

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The ME doesn't MAKE the IDs, he only authorizes them, or so it is supposed to be , and right now he has to be stripped of too much, though inept, authority!

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Message-----  
From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US)  
(b)(6)@mail.mil<mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil>>  
To: Ann Mills-Griffiths  
(b)(6)@aol.com<mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com>>  
Sent: Wed, Sep 9, 2015 1:05 pm  
Subject: RE: voice mail on  
stats (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ok, I don't think  
it was too  
sneaky. The SECDEF and those who advised him made it pretty clear  
that the ME  
would make the ids and therefore congress wrote it into law. I  
will check with  
the legal folks.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Ann  
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[mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com<mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com<mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com<mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com?>>>]  
Sent:

Wednesday, September 09, 2015 4:00 PM

To:

(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC  
(US)

Subject: Re: voice mail on stats (U)

This

email was sent from a  
non-Department of Defense email account, and contained active links. Please  
verify the identity of the sender, and confirm authenticity of all links  
contained within the message.

Well, please figure it out,  
because you  
must, or it will become another cover-up and make all look bad! IT WAS DONE  
WITH SNEAKY PROCEDURES AND LACK OF TRANSPARENCY, AT A  
MIMUMUT.

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From:

(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US)

<(b)(6)@mail.mil<mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil><mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil  
<mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil?>>>>

To: Ann

Mills-Griffiths

<(b)(6)@aol.com<mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com><mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com<mailto:(b)(6)  
@aol.com?>>>>

Sent: Wed, Sep  
9, 2015 12:56 pm

Subject: RE: voice mail on  
stats (U)

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-----Original  
Message-----

From:

(b)(6)  
CIV DPAA EC (US)  
(US)

(b)(6)

Sent:  
Wed,  
Sep 9, 2015 9:20 am  
Subject: Re: voice mail on  
stats (U)

I'm trying

to

figure it out! Vietnam War stats are an art that only you and (b)(6)  
understood. The AFIRB was finished when Chuck Hagel and Congress put the ME in  
charge. I will defer to them on that  
call!

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Original  
Message

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From:

(b)(6)

Sent:  
Wednesday,  
September  
09,

2015 12:10 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC  
(US)  
Subject: Re:  
voice  
mail  
on stats (U)

(b)(6) If the id has been made and  
the number reduced,  
just  
give  
us the name and details, I.e. Repat date and I'd date country of loss so we can  
correct our records and the TPs for the Tech Talks will be  
accurate.  
Enough  
with the numbers manipulation, don't you think?  
And when do  
you plan  
to  
release the news that the VN War AFIRB has been terminated? I  
mean in this new era of transparency?

Sent from my iPhone

>

On Sep 9,  
2015, at 11:47  
AM,

(b)(6) CIV DPAA  
EC  
(US)

(b)(6)

wrote:

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>

CLASSIFICATION:  
UNCLASSIFIED

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CAVEAT: None

>

> I'm checking

with (b)(6) I

think the

person that took over

for (b)(6) made a

mistake and changed the

numbers prior to a family being briefed and the information released. I thought  
it had been fixed but perhaps not. (b)(6) will know. I'll get back to you!

(b)(6)

>





**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 22 Sep 2015 12:37:06 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** voice mails (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, got your voice mails. Sorry, I was off yesterday up in New Jersey. By the tone of your voice, I don't think you were calling to thank me for giving the Pentagon tour to (b)(6) and (b)(6). Best, (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 8 Oct 2015 17:39:28 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** your phone is busy, busy (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 14 Oct 2015 15:51:32 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: LOCAL CONNECTION: Miss. Soldier Accounted For From the Korean War (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

She told me yesterday you had complimented her and she was quite pleased. I told her she had good reason to be very pleased.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 11:37 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Fwd: LOCAL CONNECTION: Miss. Soldier Accounted For From the Korean War (U)

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(b)(6) I wanted you to sec/read this, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com  
To: (b)(6)@mail.mil  
CC: (b)(6)@mail.mil (b)(6)@mail.mil

Sent: 10/13/2015 4:12:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Re: LOCAL CONNECTION: Miss. Soldier Accounted For From the Korean War (U)

Holly, thanks so much for sending this and my compliments on the contents, well done and, in my view, completely accurate. I only hope that more of those known to have been captured are among the suspected 600 fragmentary remains turned over/recovered by the North Koreans can be identified ASAP, for the sake of their families. Such an uncertainty over the life or death of a loved one is so much worse than having known of his death long ago. Again, my compliments on the content.

Best wishes,

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In a message dated 10/13/2015 3:59:47 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Dear Editor,

The family of Army Cpl. George H. Mason, 19, of Byhalia, Miss., missing in action from the Korean War, asked us to send you today's news release on the identification of his remains.

He will be buried Oct. 20, in his hometown.

In early February 1951, Mason was assigned to 2nd Reconnaissance Company, 2nd Infantry Division, and was deployed near Chuam-ni, South Korea, when their defensive line was attacked by Chinese forces. This attack forced the unit to withdraw south to a more defensible position. Mason was reported as missing in action Feb. 14, 1951.

His sister-in-law (b)(6) of Evansville, Ind., is available for interviews if you would like to contact her, at (b)(6)

The Department of Defense has the attached photo of Mason on file.

V/R,

HOLLY N. SLAUGHTER, Lt. Col., USAFR  
Public Affairs  
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency  
241 18th St. South, Suite 800

Arlington, VA 22202

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 8 Oct 2015 19:53:41 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Photo (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Let me backtrack. I don't recall any photographers but there were new folks from Hawaii there as I recall.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:46 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Photo (U)

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That really IS pathetic, not only did they credit the photo wrong, but altered it without permission of the photographer???? They really don't know anything the process for "outreach and communications," so it appears.

I'm sorry you and I are both so inept at saying what we mean, but you're right about the always hectic, hurried nature of immediate response requirements of electronic communication. It is far too demanding!! Oh well, so it is today, Ann

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In a message dated 10/8/2015 3:27:27 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:  
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

I cannot count in a day how many times I write something I did not mean to say. I blame my eyesight and the hurried nature of email. I don't recall any of our folks taking pictures. I think I'm the only one from the government in recent memory who had the audacity to take pictures at a League Meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:22 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Photo (U)

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Apparently I didn't type what I was thinking, but are you sure that a DPAA photographer took that photo? I'm quite sure I got it from (b)(6), Pocatello, ID, as we did several other photos from the 46th Annual Meeting. Did DPAA get/take any? If so, please send. Sorry I screwed up and told (b)(6) to remove me, that honestly was NOT my intention, but I do prefer not having my photo any more widely spread than it is. No longer is there any choice about exposure; it just comes with the territory and EVERYONE is taking photos AT ALL TIMES! I find it disgusting, but unavoidable, Ann

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In a message dated 10/8/2015 3:01:56 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Did you mean to tell (b)(6) to cut you out? I think there was a miscommunication.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:57 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
(b)(6)  
Subject: Photo

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(b)(6) and All, perhaps this photo of Mr. Linnington's first public appearance after being named DPAA Director might warrant inclusion and comment on your web site since he was addressing the Vietnam War POW/MIA families at our 46th Annual Meeting. There is not even a mention of that yearly event on DPAA's web site under "News & Stories" that I could see. Though I recognize some consider anything to do with the Korean War and WWII is much more significant, we well recall the Director's specific assurance that the Vietnam War accounting mission would continue to be the core of DPAA's efforts going forward.

I'm confident there were plenty of photos taken, including by official photographers, and please DO take my part of the photo out. Besides, the 46th Annual Meeting was also part of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Commission events.

We'd appreciate a correction of the record by adding what was likely an omission in the flurry of events surrounding 46th Annual Meeting preparations and implementation, Mr. Linnington's retirement and the announcement of his selection. Best to all, Ann

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To: (b)(6)@aol.com, (b)(6)@aol.com, (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Sent: 9/30/2015 12:05:58 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Photo

Found this photo this morning. Don't know if you already have it or not. Love (b)(6)

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www.google.com/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&ved=0CAcQjRxqFQoTCJjy\_LSRn8gCFYEqPgodbSgIDQ&url=Caution-www.bringingjerryCaution-home.com/&psig=AFQjCNEbpN0FiOVckTY26Qb6SdoLg2EaTw&ust=1443715389551820]<Caution-www.google.com/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&ved=0CAcQjRxqFQoTCJjy\_LSRn8gCFYEqPgodbSgIDQ&url=http%3A%2F%2FCaution-www.bringingjerryCaution-home.com%2F&psig=AFQjCNEbpN0FiOVckTY26Qb6SdoLg2EaTw&ust=1443715389551820>



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**Sent:** 16 Oct 2015 13:38:47 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** FW: id and accounted for (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

FYI the below which she is no doubt going to raise...but she should do so with (b)(6) and (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 16 Oct 2015 13:33:50 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Last Week's Congressional Briefing - A Brief Look (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Yes, (b)(6) sent it to us. As you can imagine, there are some folks that were not invited and they are beating us up for not inviting them, but I've told them it was not our meeting to invite folks. The congressional staffers that arranged this went about this in an unusual way.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 7:04 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@gmail.com  
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FYI, in case you didn't receive (b)(6) initial report. Have a great weekend, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Sent: 10/15/2015 6:07:28 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Re: Last Week's Congressional Briefing - A Brief Look

Hi Ann. Thanks for the good thoughts. This was the first event in a series of events to come. That's the plan anyway. Believe it or not, you did come to mind. Unfortunately, it was my mind; one filled with too many other thoughts for them all to stick. Hopefully you will be interested in observing the next one. Your insights will only help make them better.

As for goals, the primary ones were to have the briefing come to fruition, all the presenters presenting, & a nice turnout. Those goals were accomplished. The next ones will include seeing that results come from it all. We've already begun working on that.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 4 mini™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Date: 10/14/2015 7:27 AM (GMT-05:00)  
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com  
Cc:  
Subject: Re: Last Week's Congressional Briefing - A Brief Look

Good morning, (b)(6) and congratulations on the Congressional Briefing; it looks like it was a great success. I wish I have been invited to attend and observe, but really look forward to reading your upcoming newsletter and hope you all accomplished realistic and timely goals.

Best wishes,

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In a message dated 10/13/2015 11:32:44 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, coalitionoffamilies@gmail.com writes:

Dear Family Members and Supporters,



Last week's Congressional briefing went real well. The event was held inside a hearing room in the Rayburn congressional office building. (No one sat in the big chairs.) (Photo attached.) The briefing was attended by staff members from congressional offices, past and present members of the administration, veteran's service organizations, and the press (including several members of the South Korean media).

The briefing was expertly moderated by (b)(6) Congressman Rangel (Korean War vet) opened with a moving talk about the impact the Battle of Kunu-ri (November 3--Dec 1st 1950) had on his life.

"Since Kunu-ri, I have never, never had a bad day."

Congressman Nugent (11th District, Florida) followed with his commitment to have declassification legislation part of the next defense spending bill. DPAA Director Linnington, as the guest speaker, presented a comprehensive, straightforward look at the agency's transformation and mission's status. (b)(6) then broke down critical issues from the family's perspective. Yours truly closed the event with the emotional context of the mission. There was mingling afterwards, including a buzz about the room. Those of you who reached out to your Representative, consider yourselves a part of the buzz.

The event was designed to be the beginning in a series of Congressional briefings on the Korean War accounting mission. The next one is planned for the Senate side, early next year. We hope to broaden the scope to include the Cold War mission, and will be asking that you contact your Senate offices for that one.

Three flags stand outside each Congressional member's office. The U.S. flag and the member's state flag are two. The third is the member's choice. The predominate third flag is the POW/MIA flag (note the hallway photo attached). As I have mentioned, much of what has been accomplished in the mission has come through Congress; whether it be legislation, hearings, member letters, or simply having a legislative aide copied on an email to an unresponsive agency. They are our guardians in the search for answers to the missing men. Whenever you can, please let them know how important that relationship is to us.

The Coalition's next newsletter is in the works. You may begin looking forward to it.

(b)(6)

(b)(6) Executive Director

(Lt. Hal Downes, MIA)

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(b)(6)

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He that hath found some fledged bird's nest, may know

At first sight, if the bird be flown;

But what fair well or grove he sings in now,

That is to him unknown.

-Henry Vaughan

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**Sent:** 16 Oct 2015 16:08:47 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: id and accounted for (U)

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CAVEAT: None

It would be broken out by war, of course. It's an effort to standardize all the various lists.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 23 Oct 2015 18:07:01 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** At Arlington  
**Attachments:** FullSizeRender.jpg

A perfect fall day. Here is a photo for you.

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IN MEMORY OF  
JAMES CHARLES  
GOKUTHORPE  
W2 USA  
WETNAM  
JAN 9 1942  
FEB 19 1967  
BORN IN ILLINOIS  
PURPLE HEART

IN MEMORY OF  
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WISHART**  
PVT  
CO B 26 REGT  
ILLINOIS INF  
CIVIL WAR  
1863 1865

IN MEMORY OF  
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IN MEMORY OF  
**JAMES B  
MILLS**  
CDR  
US NAVY  
VIETNAM  
AUG 31 1940  
SEP 21 1966  
PURPLE HEART

IN MEMORY OF  
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MELVIN  
SLOAN**  
SGT  
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IN MEMORY OF  
**EDWARD  
JENSEN**  
PVT

IN MEMORY OF  
**HUBERT  
ROUSSEL JR**  
SGT  
USAF  
WORLD WAR II  
JAN 10 1924  
DEC 13 1948  
PURPLE HEART

IN MEMOR  
**ROBERT  
AMSDEN**  
SSGT  
US AIR FORCE  
KOREA  
MAY 15 1950  
MAR 23 1952

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 23 Oct 2015 14:37:40 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Doug O'Neil Memorial at Arlington (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

No public announcement. (b)(6) and (b)(6) are inviting folks individually. It's a memorial.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 10:33 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Doug O'Neil Memorial at Arlington (U)

I may have been and would be going if I were not out of town. Yees, in Vegas for SOAR, but leaving tomorrow. Was there some public announcement? Or not? I have far too much on my mind these days, but you likely would assume as much. Later, Ann.

In a message dated 10/23/2015 7:25:11 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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It's a memorial. I thought you were the one who first told me that (b)(6) and (b)(6) were having it? You are in Vegas, right? I forgot.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 10:10 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: Doug O'Neil Memorial at Arlington (U)

Thanks, (b)(6) and Good morning. Is this a group interment? Was there a DPAA announcement? This doesn't even give time or location, but I'm assuming you meant ANC? I can't go anyway as I am flying back from Las Vegas early tomorrow.

How are things? The absence of any transparency is stunning, but of course there is the upcoming "DPAA-hosted Conference Call" to the masses. Despite the obvious, have a good weekend, Ann

In a message dated 10/23/2015 6:36:45 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Are you going today? The below may assist you if you don't already have.

On 3 April 1972, Chief Warrant Officer Two Larry A. Zich, Warrant Officer One Douglas L. O'Neill, Specialist Five Allen D. Christensen, and Specialist Four Edward W. Williams, all assigned to HHD, 37th Sig BN, departed Marble Mountain Airfield, DaNang, as the crew aboard a UH-1H helicopter,

on a combat support mission near Quang Tri City. They were reported missing in the vicinity of YD 330 530, the general location of the Quang Tri City Airport. The last reported contact with the aircraft was at 0945 hours, by the Hue/Phu Bai ground control approach (GCA) radar. At that time, the pilot reported that he was lost and believed he was in the Quang Tri area. The GCA controller was unable to locate the aircraft on radar, and all communications were subsequently lost at 1010 hours. Normal fuel exhaustion time would have been at 1100. The possibility exists that the aircraft was forced down by the heavy enemy ground fire and/or surface-to-air missile launchings in the area on that date. The following day a search was initiated to cover an area bounded by Hue on the south, Highway QL1 on the west, the coastline on the east and Quang Tri City on the north. The search did not go north of Quang Tri City due to heavy enemy activity. There were no sightings of the aircraft or the crew.



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 24 Oct 2015 00:15:06 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: At Arlington (U)

Ha ha!

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 06:51 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: At Arlington (U)

And good old (b)(6), or Senator Jim Webb? RIGHT!

In a message dated 10/23/2015 3:20:56 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

(b)(6) is available.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 06:17 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: At Arlington (U)

I agree, aAnd just who would you like to see chairing the meetings? With the knowledge to counter BS when it is provided? I'd appreciate the relief, on that you can rely, and I can't put (b)(6) up there, so don't bother to consider him.

In a message dated 10/23/2015 3:14:47 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

That might be the ones. You need to get off the podium more.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 06:12 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: At Arlington (U)

DO YOU MEAN ON ONE OF THOSE BLASTED SLIDES THAT I CAN  
HARDLY SEE FROM THE SIDE ANGLE?

In a message dated 10/23/2015 3:11:42 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

(b)(6) briefing covers memorial services at the end of it.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 06:00 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: At Arlington (U)



Sorry, I don't recall a specific briefing on Memorial Services. What did I miss? And why? I'm glad you were able to help them, as you always do, Ann

In a message dated 10/23/2015 2:00:15 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

I personally recommend the Woman's Memorial for their reception because I think the staff is nice and the location is perfect. (b)(6) and (b)(6) went over and checked it out during the League Meeting. Yes, each service has some nuances as to how the provide memorial services, most notably the Army, perhaps since they have the most cases to deal with. That said, (b)(6) and (b)(6) were extremely appreciative of (b)(6) and (b)(6) who works for (b)(6) for all their assistance and guidance. The briefing that (b)(6) gives at the annual meetings covers the basics of the memorial services and is always well received.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 4:02 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: At Arlington

I'm glad to hear all went well, it was well-attended, and hope the Women's Memorial was a good venue for such a reception. I'd appreciate getting all information related to the who/what/when/how such arrangements can be made, for use in the future. We're often asked, but maybe the SCO would be willing to share the information so you could forward it? Thanks in advance, Ann

In a message dated 10/23/2015 11:43:00 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

It was a perfect day. They had quite the turnout with a food and wine reception at the womans memorial. Dougs marker is 20 feet from Jims.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com  
[mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 02:12 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: At Arlington

Thanks, (b)(6) and I's grateful you have stuck it out, though I'm sure to you it often seems all I do is bitch. This is very special, and I'll share with my family. Have a good

weekend and I assume the O'Neill Memorial Service went well and you were there to represent DoD/DPAA. Thanks for that, too; it is good to have some in DPAA who care and understand, Ann

In a message dated 10/23/2015 11:07:21 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time (b)(6) v@mail.mil writes:

A perfect fall day. Here is a photo for you.=

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 3 Nov 2015 16:01:14 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) Ann Mills-Griffiths (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
**Subject:** RE: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ok, I see the request at the bottom --- a speaker for a Veterans Day ceremony for a private company (EHI Holdings?) in St. Louis. I will see if I can reach out to the PAOs at Scott Air Force Base to see if they have someone available that is familiar with EHI Holdings and their event and would be willing to attend. They would need time, attendance, location, etc.. Best, (b)(6)

<http://www.scott.af.mil/units/publicaffairs.asp>

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From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com]  
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 4:47 PM  
To: 'Ann Mills-Griffiths'; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker

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Yes, you did send it to some of the returned POWs but I assume you have received no reply. Since you've passed the baton to (b)(6) I won't bother (b)(6) Rob at this time. Love (b)(6)

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 3:14 PM  
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com  
Cc: (b)(6)  
Subject: Re: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker

Is this not one I forwarded to the NAM-POW POC? I thought I had, but maybe not; it was a bit hectic over the last few weeks. (b)(6) would (b)(6) have any idea or suggestions? Or could (b)(6) and DPAA Outreach and Communications help with this official speaking engagement?

Over to you (b)(6), can DPAA help out on this one? You all have the people and the budget so can someone be sent ton St. Louis? After all, I'd say it falls in the area of public diplomacy. Though the Director is out, maybe the CoS? Or Deputy CoS could approve it?

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Cc: Ann Mills-Griffiths (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com >>

Sent: Mon, Nov 2, 2015 2:00 pm

Subject: RE: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker

Hi (b)(6) I thought Ann had. We had talked about it - we don't really have anyone in that area, or did you think of anyone Ann?

(b)(6)

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Subject: FW: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker

Can you answer her, please? (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@ehi.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@ehi.com > ]  
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Subject: RE: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker

(b)(6) I have not heard from anyone.

Thanks

(b)(6)

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Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 11:10 AM  
To: (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker

Hi (b)(6) I passed along your e-mail to the League office and you should have heard from them by now.  
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@ehi.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@ehi.com > ]  
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 10:10 AM  
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Subject: FW: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker  
Importance: High

Has anyone seen my email? Is there any way you can assist with speaker recommendations for our 3rd annual Veteran's Day event on November 11th.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 8:17 AM

To: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com> '

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker

Importance: High

(b)(6)

Good morning, I am reaching out in hopes you could provide some recommendations of someone who could speak at our 3rd annual Veteran's Day event on November 11th. I work for the IT (Information Technology) side of EHI Holdings in St. Louis, MO. I am a member of our IT Diversity, Charity and Family committee. Specifically our Family Committee is sponsoring a Veteran's Day event again this year. I am looking for someone to give a 10-15 minute speech on their military service, experiences or similar inspiring topic.

Please let me know if you have any contacts in the St. Louis area who may be qualified and interested.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: LOCAL CONNECTION: Ohio Airman Accounted For From World War II (U)

She is not always right on these WWII cases that she beats us all up every week but it looks like she is right on this one. We could have said "missing" (small m) or better "who was lost during the war and whose remains were never recovered."

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**From:** Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:18 PM  
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Are you going to continue to cite WWII recovered who, per your own statement was reported killed in action, NOT a presumptive finding? If so, why? I keep hoping for some realism and the huge number of KIA/BNR's are being miscast as MIAs, and it is WRONG!

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**To:** Undisclosed recipients;;  
**Sent:** Tue, Nov 3, 2015 3:47 pm  
**Subject:** LOCAL CONNECTION: Ohio Airman Accounted For From World War II (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIEDCAVEAT: NoneDear Editor,The family of ArmyAir Forces 1st Lt. William O. Pile, 24, of Circleville, Ohio, missing in actionfrom World War II, asked us to send you today's news release on theidentification of his remains.He will be buried Nov. 10 in Arlington NationalCemetery, near Washington, D.C.On Dec. 23, 1944, Pile was assigned to the559th Bombardment



Squadron, 387th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force, and was deployed to Germany. Pile was the pilot of a B-26C Marauder, with eight other crewmen, that crashed after being struck by enemy fire while on a bombing mission against enemy forces near Philippsweiler, Germany. Pile and his co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Robert Ward, were reported killed in action. The other seven crewmen survived the crash by parachuting to safety; however, one crewman was captured by enemy forces and was reported to have died in captivity. His remains were later returned to U.S. custody. Pile and Ward were not recovered during the war. His granddaughter, (b)(6), of Oakland, Calif., is available for interviews if you would like to contact her, at (b)(6). The Department of Defense has no photos of Pile on file. V/R, HOLLY N. SLAUGHTER, Lt. Col., USAF, Public Affairs, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, 241 18th St. South, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 699-1169, (b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > Caution-www.dpaa.mil < Caution-http://www.dpaa.mil >

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Enjoy your evening drinks at the tiki bar.

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**From:** Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 06:08 PM  
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Thanks and, like most things, this, too, shall pass!

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CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIEDCAVEAT: NoneYes, in this case 1st Lt Pile was in a missing in action status until such time as the Department received evidence that he had in fact been killed in the crash. At that point, his status was changed to KIA.-----Original Message-----From: (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-



mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com? > ]Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 4:04 PM To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US) (b)(6) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD 83, 0900 ] Fwd: LOCAL CONNECTION: Ohio Airman Accounted For From World War II (U) I understand, then the WW2 release here that stated he and the other guy that was also "reported" killed in action may have been MIA and presumed dead? If so that would make sense, but it reads as if they were reported post incident as KIA/BNR, possibly by the survivors. I think knowing and having battled the PFOD wars made me all too familiar with the language of the relevant laws. Gives me a rash just thinking about that time, and you, (b)(6) Sent from my iPhone> On Nov 4, 2015, at 3:10 PM, (b)(6) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > wrote: > > CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED> CAVEAT: None> > No, I'm not saying that at all. I'm saying that when we tell the world, that of the 73K WWII unaccounted, we assess that # are possibly recoverable, it will provide the realism you are wanting. I have seen quite a few WWII persons who were initially in an MIA status before they were declared dead after the war. One would have to look at all 73K files to be able to come up with a generalization such most were or weren't in an MIA status. So, I don't know, and I suspect whoever told you that does not either.> >-----Original Message-----> From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com? > ]> Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 2:53 PM> To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); > (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] > Re: [Non-DoD 83, 0900 ] Fwd: LOCAL CONNECTION: Ohio Airman Accounted > For From World War II (U)> > This email was sent from an on-Department of Defense email account, and contained active links. All links are disabled, and require you to copy and paste the address to a Web browser. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm authenticity of all links contained within the message. > > > > > So, (b)(6) are you saying most of the 83,000 WWII losses were, in fact, initial status MIAs? Or reported dead from the time of the incident, or 24 hours from that time, as KIA/BNR? Which is it? I've always been told the vast majority were initial status KIA/BNR, unlike Vietnam War initial status of roughly 1,400 and at least the nearly 400 from the Korean War who were captured and not returned. If my perception is incorrect, I would sure appreciate knowing the facts.> > Ann Mills-Griffiths> Chairman of the Board> National League of POW/MIA Families> 5673 Columbia Pike, Suite 100> Falls Church, VA 22031> 703-465-7432> Caution-Caution-www.pow-miafamilies.org < Caution-http://www.pow-miafamilies.org > < > Caution-Caution-http://www.pow-miafamilies.org < Caution-http://www.pow-miafamilies.org > > > > > -----Original Message-----> From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) > (b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > > To: Ann Mills-Griffiths (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > > (b)(6) CIV > (US) (US) < (b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > > (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC > (US) (US) < (b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > > Sent: Wed, Nov 4, 2015 2:17 pm> Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD 83, > 0900 ] Fwd: LOCAL CONNECTION: Ohio Airman Accounted For From World War II (U)> > > CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED> CAVEAT: None> Understand your point--don't agree with it but understand. The realism will come from the list of possibly recoverable when that is completed as it will convey what is realistically achievable vis a vis accounting.-----Original Message-----> From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com? > < Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com? > ? > ]> Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 1:04 PM To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD 83, 0900 ] Fwd: LOCAL CONNECTION: Ohio Airman Accounted For From World War II (U) All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and

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 understanding, but because (b)(6) is striving to bring realism to the overall  
 mission WWII =unaccounted-for, NOT missing or Missing in Action, Korean War,  
 Cold War and VN War = missing and unaccounted-for. I'm hoping soon a policy  
 level decision will be made to refer to most of WWII as KIA/Body Not Recoverable  
 (namely assumed, or presumed, buried at sea. Otherwise, how are you going to  
 convey a more accurate number related to WWII potential recoveries? You can't do  
 that by saying "83,000 missing" from WWII. And, if not now, when? Ann Mills-  
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 in action" should not have been used, sorry. (b)(6) -----Original Message-----  
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(U)CLASSIFICATION:UNCLASSIFIEDCAVEAT:NoneAnn,I don't see howthis news release  
hurts realism..asyou know, werefer to all personnel who did notreturn as missing  
NOT missing inaction asyou suggest. We stated that he waskilled in action and  
his body wasnotrecovered. Just as in the Vietnam Warunaccounted for  
population, there arealot of KIA-Body Not Recovereds that we aresearching for.  
These peopleandtheir families are no less a part of our missionthan other

categories ofthemissing such as the MIAs who were also presumptivelyfound dead  
by theservices.Have a great day (b)(6) From:AnnMills-Griffiths[Caution-Caution-  
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>To:Undisclosedrecipients;;Sent: Tue, Nov 3, 2015 3:47 pmSubject:LOCAL  
CONNECTION:Ohio AirmanAccounted For From World War II(U)CLASSIFICATION:  
UNCLASSIFIEDCAVEAT:NoneDearEditor,The family of ArmyAirForces 1st Lt. William  
O. Pile, 24, ofCircleville,Ohio, missing in actionfromWorld War II, asked us to  
send youtoday's newsrelease on theidentification ofhis remains.He will be  
buried Nov. 10inArlington NationalCemetery, nearWashington, D.C.On Dec. 23,  
1944, Pilewasassigned to the559th BombardmentSquadron, 387th Bombardment Group,  
9thAirForce, and wasdeployed to Germany.Pile was the pilot of a B-26C  
Marauder,witheight othercrewmen, that crashedafter being struck by enemy fire  
while onabombingmission against enemy forcesnear Philippsweiler, Germany.  
Pileandhisco-pilot, 2nd Lt. Robert Ward, werereported killed in action.  
Theothersevencrewmen survived the crash byparachuting to safety; however,  
onecrewmanwascaptured by enemy forces and wasreported to have died in  
captivity.Hisremainswere later returned to U.S.custody. Pile and Ward were  
notrecoveredduring thewar.His (b)(6) of

Oakland,Calif., isavailable for interviews if youwould like to contact her,  
at (b)(6).TheDepartment of Defense has nophotos of Pile onfile.V/R, (b)(6)  
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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 5 Nov 2015 13:15:49 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: DPAA Different Numbers Reported & News Article Link

There is not enough money to go around for all of those that want to give DPAA and all of government a bad reputation. It is quite the national past time of late.

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**From:** Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 07:48 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: DPAA Different Numbers Reported & News Article Link

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I don't think you need to bother (b)(6) This guy is a members of all the major national veterans organizations, extremely active in Veterans circles, and formerly in GA, he resides in (b)(6) and is the League's Veterans Affairs Advisor (b)(6) I believe he lives in the (b)(6) (b)(6)

Rather than correct (b)(6) numbers, I'd focus on getting DPAA 'leadership' to lean on whomever is giving DPAA a bad reputation, i.e. the contractors. This is NOT the first complaint, but it should be the last, at least for a while, I'd think, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' <(b)(6)@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wed, Nov 4, 2015 6:25 pm  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: DPAA Different Numbers Reported & News Article Link

I presume this good guy is with the VFW? He talks about the VFW and uses "we" and "those we communicate with" so I presume so but let me know if not so I don't confuse (b)(6)



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**From:** Ann Mills-Griffiths [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com? > ]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 06:11 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
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And this is from a GOOD GUY!

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From: (b)(6)@sbcglobal.net < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@sbcglobal.net > >  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > >  
Sent: Wed, Nov 4, 2015 3:59 pm  
Subject: Fw: DPAA Different Numbers Reported & News Article Link

11-4-15 Hey Ann, thought I would share this with ya, don't have a clue is it is accurate. tailwinds, (b)(6)

**Subject:** DPAA Different Numbers Reported & News Article Link

1. DPAA needs to clean up their numbers reporting because in an article in the latest VFW Magazine that came out they provided numbers, reportedly from August 12, 2015 that were 22 LESS than the numbers being reported today on the DPAA Website!

We have been trying to accurately report their progress to all those we

communicate with and this discrepancy indicates that we don't know what is happening at DPAA.

Here are the figures as reported in VFW Mag and those that appear on the DPAA Website Today:

DPAA #'s as of 8/12/15 according		DPAA #'s reported on their site
to VFW Magazine Article Nov 2015		as of today! (22 MORE!!)
WWII:	73,515	73,515
Korean War:	7,846	7,835
Vietnam War:	1,596	1,626
Cold War:	126	126
Persian Gulf War (1991):	2	6 (Iraq/Other Conflicts)
Op El Dorado Canyon (1986):	1	?
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83,086		83,108 (22 more than reported in
Article)		

2. Also, DPAA has a good story about working with volunteers in Italy to locate 1st Lt. Robert L. McIntosh who has been missing since May 12, 1944 who will later be returned to his family for burial in the US with full military honors. Here is the link to the article:

### **A Rewarding Partnership**

By SPC Crystal Madriz

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

October 29, 2015

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mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com >  
To: (b)(6)@AOL.COM < Caution-  
mailto:(b)(6)@AOL.COM >  
Sent: 11/8/2015 7:15:15 P.M. Eastern Standard Time  
Subj: HELP ME PLEASE.

DEAR SIR, MY NAME IS (b)(6) BORN IN 1968 IN VIET  
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MY FATHER IS (b)(6) I HAVE SENT MY LETTER TO HIM BUT NO  
REPLY.

TODAY I SEND MY DNA RESULT TO YOU IN HOPE YOU FIND OUT  
MY FATHER'S RECORDS OR YOU CAN CONTACT WITH HIM FOR DNA  
TEST WITH ME (TELL HIM MONEY FOR TESTING DNA TEST I WILL  
PAY ,MY BROTHER LIVES IN U S A WILL HELP ME TO PAT THE  
FEE FOR DNA TESTING.

HELP ME PLEASE,

THANK YOU AND THANK YOU!

APPLICANT: (b)(6)

09/11/2015

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 9 Nov 2015 17:49:47 +0000  
**To:** Ann Mills-Griffiths  
**Subject:** headed to a meeting (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

I got your voice mail. I will call you as soon as I get out.

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 9 Nov 2015 20:09:18 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

I will have my blackberry with me if she wants to come to the office and send me taskings....

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 3:08 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question (U)

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OK, (b)(6) will be relieved, and pleased, though most likely she'll just stay at home tomorrow as well, Ann

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In a message dated 11/9/2015 2:51:51 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

That is a question that I can answer with ease and joy. Yes it is....

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 2:14 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question



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(b)(7) I remembered what it was and that was to ask if Wednesday is a national holidays for the Fed. Government?

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In a message dated 11/9/2015 12:49:48 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 9 Nov 2015 23:36:56 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Stupid Disclaimer on Emails

We really need to get rid of the goofy disclaimer on all our emails from the public. I can't imagine folks at osd policy or osd leg affairs have to include this bs disclaimer on their emails to the press and staffers. I've ask (b)(6) about this when it came out but he said it was not his folks' call. Ann is not the only person who has complained. And I agree. It gives the impression of both status (as if non-dod folks are lesser importance) and classification of the message (as if we could ever send secret messages on this account). It just adds to the confusion and conspiracy. There has to be an exception for those that routinely work with the public. (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 09, 2015 06:26 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: CBS This Morning on Korean War Families (U)

I try, (b)(6) suspect that I am for not being in the USG bureaucracy. I find that statement now appearing on everything to be nothing short of insulting and offensive, about as inclusive as the purported DPAA transparency program. Again, thanks for sending me the link. I said exactly what I felt, and usually that gets me in trouble, or so it appears. Have a great evening, Ann

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In a message dated 11/9/2015 6:18:55 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,

(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Well stated!!

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 9 Nov 2015 23:19:53 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: CBS This Morning on Korean War Families (U)

You might send the below to the PD as it may interest her or give her insight on someone..

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, November 09, 2015 05:43 PM

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(b)(6)



**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: CBS This Morning on Korean War Families (U)

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I strongly recommend you take the time to watch this "CBS This Morning" program shown on November 8th. It is touching, seems pretty accurate, and obviously was very meaningful to the Korean War POW/MIA families who participated. It is worth the time to watch and makes you thankful that the times and former enemy were different to allow such significant progress to have been made on the Vietnam War accounting mission. The Republic of Korea (South Korea) is to be commended for its effort to pay honor to those who fought to preserve their freedom. It was quite a tribute and it made quite an impact of those of the Korean War POW/MIA families who chose to participate. The South Korean government funded a significant part of the cost, and the family members paid the balance, but clearly, for those who have had little chance to obtain answers, this was an important moment for many. Best to all,  
Ann

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In a message dated 11/9/2015 1:31:44 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,

(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 10 Nov 2015 16:57:21 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Book - Unaccounted

She said he is a good guy and wants us to look good in his book which (b)(6) has reviewed.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:56 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Book - Unaccounted

I just spoke to (b)(6) and she confirms all he says and said he had the ear of asoc.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:07 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Book - Unaccounted

(b)(6) per your request, and copied to (b)(6) and (b)(6) since I'd asked both of them, but talked only to (b)(6). I also sent an email inquiry to (b)(6) late yesterday, but have not yet had a reply. I also confirmed that he's a Vietnam Veteran and has comrades who are missing. He accompanied one of the ITs to Vietnam last year to assist and offered to help with other SE Asia cases and research. Reportedly, (b)(6) has spoken to (b)(6) on several occasions as to how he can assist.

Let me know what you learn, please, as he wants an "endorsement" of some kind for his book. Of course I wouldn't do it unless I can do so in good conscience, but will if the book is accurate in portraying the mission. Later, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com  
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com  
Sent: 11/9/2015 6:08:11 P.M. Eastern Standard Time  
Subj: Re: Book - Unaccounted

Heavens no, NOT Kelly McKeague; I can't imagine that, I mean the now retired Army COL Chief of Staff to Que Winfield and his first name is (b)(6). I simply can't recall him full name; how quickly we forget as some people role in/out of the mission. Later, Ann

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In a message dated 11/9/2015 6:02:56 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,  
(b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

Ann,

I currently work with DPAA, albeit slowly because of my lack of access to case files.

Unaccounted is non-fiction. True story.

If you are referring to Kelly McKeague, then I was not aware he was going to The Clearing. I knew he was retiring soon. I've met Kelly and I have enjoyed the privilege of communicating with him on several occasions. He has requested the book when it becomes available.

(b)(6)

On Mon, Nov 9, 2015 at 2:57 PM, (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > > wrote:

Then you're saying you current work for DPAA? And is your book "UNACCOUNTED" non-fiction, as I assume it must be, with such a title and in light of your background?

Also, I assume you know that the recently retired DPAA (previously DPMO) Chief of Staff is now working for The Clearing and that there is a new contract of some sort? Really hard to believe, in many respects.

I'll get back to you on your book, Ann

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In a message dated 11/9/2015 5:53:16 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,  
(b)(6)@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com > writes:

Thank you, Ann.

Yes, I worked for Alisa Stack and also The Clearing on the PACT  
review. Discouraging in the end.

Now, as I said, I'm the first ever Vietnam Vet to work as SEA  
Veteran Liaison for DPAA. My specialty is ground loss cases.

(b)(6)

On Mon, Nov 9, 2015 at 2:48 PM,  
(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-  
mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > > wrote:

Thank you, (b)(6) I'll do my best to read it ASAP, but I'm  
admittedly always behind.

I was surprised to hear you say that you worked with the PACT,  
that is IF you mean the PACT review chaired by Alisa Stack.  
Are we talking one and the same?

Let me know and I'll be back in touch on the script.

Best wishes,

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Time, (b)(6)@gmail.com < Caution-  
mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com > writes:



Dear Ms. Mills-Griffiths,

As promised, I am attaching a PDF of the book, *Unaccounted*. The cover is not included due to file/size constraints.

This is a proofing copy that is still undergoing grammar review. I apologize for that, but given the timing, I wanted you to be able to review it so I might possibly include your comments before printing.

I must warn you, the language is graphic, as you would expect from infantrymen.

I hope you enjoy the read and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)@gmail.com < Caution-  
mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com >

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 12 Nov 2015 13:12:27 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Message from the Chairman

Pop quiz. Who is the last president to mention the issue in his remarks?

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 08:06 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); Holland, Thomas D (Dr. (ST-SES)) CIV DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Message from the Chairman

I thought you might be interested in this email sent to all League officials. Best, Ann

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(b)(6)

Sent: 11/12/2015 7:21:51 A.M. Eastern Standard Time

Subj: Message from the Chairman

(b)(6) thanks so much and good morning to all. We'd really appreciate a photo that we could post of this tremendously patriotic, supportive tradition that Mission BBQ has established. Would you please take one and send us the name(s) of the owner and street address, not only for posting (good endorsement), but so that we can send them a formal thank-you letter? We'd sure appreciate it.

If any of the rest of you see such actions taking place, especially in your area of the country and if you are participating, PLEASE take a photo and send it to the League office, including the details. League Administrator (b)(6) is the one who maintains the League's web site and Facebook page, and items such as this keep the momentum going in support of our shared mission.

**PERSONAL MESSAGE:** I was very disappointed that President Obama failed to mention our missing men, unreturned veterans all, during his remarks at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day. His otherwise commendable remarks focused on our Nation's duty to our Veterans, in terms of health care, employment opportunity and across the board. This isn't the first time the accounting mission has been omitted, but with recent formation of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), one would think it logical and timely to include a message, an opportunity to make a supportive statement and pledge renewed commitment.

Some may think I'm too critical, or even too negative, but such is definitely NOT the case. I could not have endured some 40 years of ups and downs to continue pressing for answers if I were anything but an optimist. Admittedly, "tilting at windmills" can be very frustrating and, if not careful, cynicism can grow. I encourage each one of you to be hopeful, as I am, convinced that the new DPAA leadership is comprised of the right people, at the right time, with the intellect, dedication and level of commitment necessary to seriously move the issue forward. And, in particular, new DPAA Director Mike Linnington has publicly assured us that he is all in for the long term, at least ten years, possibly more!

The evolution is complex and it isn't over yet, but things ARE looking up. Merging, changing and improving a bureaucracy as large and diverse as that now comprising DPAA (over 600 personnel, civilian and military) is not a short term, easy proposition. The leadership must take into account all manner of rules, regulations and restrictions, while focused on achieving mission success and the people affected by every action, including the POW/MIA families.

More patience may be required, but as Thanksgiving approaches, we all should take heart, say our prayers and be grateful for many blessings.

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In a message dated 11/11/2015 11:40:43 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

Ann...

Today, Mission BBQ set the exact single table at their restaurant here in Roanoke {as they do several times a year}. They also stop all activity at 12:00 noon, have everyone stand as they play the National Anthem, and salute the American flag which hangs from the rafters and flanked with the Virginia State flag AND the POW/MIA flag. This happens each and every single day that the restaurant is open. ...Just thought you'd like to know, this is FYI.....

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 11, 2015 6:57 PM

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Veterans Day news

**Georgia Chick-fil-A restaurant sets a table for missing in action soldiers to commemorate Veteran's Day**

- The 'Missing Man Table' was set up on Saturday and will remain at the location throughout the week to celebrate Veteran's Day
- On Wednesday, Chick-fil-A locations across the country will be serving a free meal to veteran's from 5pm to 8pm

By Ashley Collman For Dailymail.com < Caution-  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/search.html?s=&authname=Ashley+Collman+For+Dailymail.com> >

Published: 12:39 EST, 11 November 2015 | Updated: 15:46 EST, 11 November 2015



A Chick-fil-A restaurant in Georgia is honoring veterans this week by leaving them a place at the table.

Customer (b)(6) shared a picture of the display at one Marietta location - a single place setting atop a white table cloth with a folded American flag placed on top of an empty plate.

Store manager (b)(6) told **WSB-TV** < Caution-  
<http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/chick-fil-honors-veterans-place-setting-photo-coll/npKYF/> > that the 'Missing Man' table was something he and his team decided to do to celebrate veterans before and after Veteran's Day on Wednesday.



One Georgia Chick-fil-A restaurant created this display to honor missing soldiers for Veteran's Day



On Wednesday, Chick-fil-A restaurants across the country will be offering a free meal to veterans and their immediate families from 5pm to 8pm. Above, the Georgia location where the 'Missing Man' table was set up

'Our team just decided we wanted to honor veterans and do a setup honoring military,' (b)(6) said. 'We've had a lot of people who have come in and seen it and been touched by it.'

While Veteran's Day is Wednesday, the display was set up Saturday and will remain at the location for the rest of the week.

A letter at the table explains that it is reserved to honor 'our missing comrades in arms'.

'The tablecloth is white - symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call of duty. The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of the missing and their loved ones and friends of these Americans who keep the faith, awaiting answers.

Note: This was picked up and sent in by (b)(6) MIA son, Texas, and former member of the board of directors and, yes, while much appreciated, I do wonder what happened to our POW/MIA flag? Best, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 12 Nov 2015 13:16:33 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)  
**Subject:** Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Request for List

FYI the below, gents. Ignore my type os. I thought there were 12 no further pursuit cases that have been resolved but perhaps I am wrong. Best, (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 08:04 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' <(b)(6)@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Request for List

Ok, we will have to agree to disagree. These categories have nothing to do with cases that won't be resolved. There are at least a dozen that have been resolved that were at one time considered by the analyst as "no further pursuit." It is an analytical assessment. They don't only apply to vietnam so it is going to be a vast undertaking. I personally think once it goes public, the analysts are going to have a tough time making those tough calls with outside influence because leadership will get second guessed by those out their with axes to grind. So we will just make every case further pursuit and never refocus priorities. I will defer to (b)(6) (b)(6) and the higher powers. I don't get it. But I'm not a smart man.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 07:55 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Request for List

(b)(6) he is in training, and I want him to learn, as he is also in ROTC and wants to go into the military as well after he graduates from college. He is worth some effort.

Also, (b)(6) won't have these lists sitting on his desk, but can easily plug in the format and print it out, then send it over. It will also help Holly and all to know that such opportunities exist and "even" Vietnam War accounting has cases that won't be resolved, thus the rationale for always using "fullest possible accounting" instead of full or complete accounting, or until "every last man" is accounted for, as some politicians and other uninformed candidates will predictably state, even in writing.

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In a message dated 11/12/2015 7:50:32 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Ok, just confused why an intern went to holly when you talk to (b)(6) and me and (b)(6) every day. I didn't think the intern was getting flooded with questions of this nature so it seemed odd. I don't think they have such a list. I will ask them.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 07:45 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Request for List

You can call me later on this to discuss, but there is nothing vaguely sensitive about the categories and it is part of being transparent.

The families have already been notified if their missing relative is in the no further pursuit category, right? So we were assured repeatedly, and there are always changes analytically, including country of loss, that are explained as investigations/surveys uncover additional information. The alpha list by category brings realism, (b)(6) and I know there are at least REFNO lists by category. Please don't let anyone make this more complex than it is. DPAA's marching orders transparency, not secrecy.

I could have simply asked (b)(6) or (b)(6) or any one of the analysts, but we were discussing the categories, so I assigned (b)(6) to write to DPAA's Public Affairs Officer. That's all it is!

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In a message dated 11/12/2015 7:26:02 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Ann, I saw the note your intern sent to Holly asking for an alphabetical breakdown of all the vietnam war missing based on their pursuit category. Let me talk to (b)(6) if you have not already done so. I'm not sure we have such a list broken out this way. I'm also not sure it is something we would want to put out to the public either since it is an analytical assessment and they can change and do change. Not sure the need to provide (b)(6) such a list. What types of questions is he getting? (b)(6) =

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 12 Nov 2015 19:49:13 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: Veterans Day Proclamations and Missing Personnel (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

This is one you no doubt will like or wrote from April 1985.....

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=38597>

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 2:43 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Subject: FW: Veterans Day Proclamations and Missing Personnel (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Here are the Veterans Day proclamations at the American Presidency Project a few years ago so I could educate a new O-5 who thought we were breaking new ground. The website lists all the presidential proclamations since 1789 as well as other records. It's an amazing on-line archive.

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/proclamations.php>

2012: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/11/07/presidential-proclamation-veterans-day-2012>

1997: <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=53518>

1996: <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=52195>

1995: <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=50696>

1992: <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=47414>

1991: <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=20058>



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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 24 Nov 2015 23:57:21 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THIS GUY? (U)

That is him. He would be the first to say that too. .

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 06:53 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THIS GUY? (U)

You're smoking funny cigarettes again, (b)(6) as (b)(6) is a boor, tries to bully people and is offensive, more so than most anyone I've ever met as he tries incessantly to impress people with his knowledge and connections. Most people simply try to avoid him at all costs. At least admit that truly IS the (b)(6) you know and love! I'm out of here, before I get sicker, Ann

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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(b)(6) has redeeming qualities. He is from NY. New Yorkers are all angry and loud. You would be too if you only a stones throw away from escaping their hell and living in New Jersey.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 06:38 PM



**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THIS GUY? (U)

I doubt it, but hope you're right. And why on earth was that idiot (b)(6) re-admitted after he was removed from the list by direction of the Secretary of Defense? Again, absurd, and he monopolized the time as well. What an objectionable person he is. Have a good evening, despite all surrounding you at the office, Ann

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In a message dated 11/24/2015 6:33:37 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,

(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Perhaps that was intentional so you could have the last word! I bet that is the case. I would do it that way if I were him.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 06:30 PM

**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THIS GUY? (U)

Your friend (b)(6) went beyond rude today by purposely not calling on me for any remarks or questions until he had called on EVERYONE ELSE, even including after (b)(6) and (b)(6). Really shows you how much he appreciates and supports the League and cares about the mission, doesn't it?

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In a message dated 11/24/2015 5:58:55 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

No. I was in another meeting. Sorry.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 5:54 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THIS GUY? (U)

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Did you listen to the DPAA Conference Call today? You would have cringed! Ann

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In a message dated 11/24/2015 5:53:03 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

The name does not ring a bell and I like all things (b)(6) as you know.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 4:59 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);

(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6)  
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THIS GUY?

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A (b)(6)? I don't recall hearing from or about him at all, but his letter is a bit unusual and I'm trying to decide how to respond, without encouraging him, but definitely NOT encouraging him to write to anyone on our behalf. Suggestions? Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 1 Dec 2015 12:20:30 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Delaware: Georgetown to dedicate POW-MIA Chair of Honor ...

Not sure about Saturday. When I've gone in the past with leadership, I've been an observer at best. I had plans to be in New Jersey on Saturday morning. I've been heading up there every other weekend to take my mom and brother and aunt to starbucks for breakfast. I started doing it last spring and it has become quite the expected tradition. My brother (b)(6) so he gets in a routine. My mom and aunt just like to tell me about cousins I still don't know and still will never meet.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 29, 2015 08:51 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Delaware: Georgetown to dedicate POW-MIA Chair of Honor ...

Yes, it is widespread, everywhere, an easy thing to do, remember? Honoring and remembering, the easy part. Accounting for them, much harder! However, the continued focus by the public ensures budget and personnel, so I'm grateful. Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We did, and now I'm getting ready for the board meeting. Are you coming? I know you participated in the VTC with Linnington, Spindler, (b)(6) so I figured you might come. You'd be welcome, as I told Linnington. Later, Ann

PS: Did you see (b)(6) Nov. 23rd article quoting BG Spindler? Alarming, and bound to be the subject of questions. He's already predicting "moving forward" from Vietnam War accounting????

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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This is really moving along....wow.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 27, 2015 05:52 PM

(b)(6)



(b)(6)

**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Delaware: Georgetown to dedicate POW-MIA Chair of Honor Dec. 7

## **Georgetown to dedicate POW-MIA Chair of Honor Dec. 7**

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The Town of Georgetown will be dedicating a POW-MIA Chair of Honor at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7, in front of Town Hall. All are invited to attend, and this event is rain or shine.

The POW-MIA National Chair of Honor, One Empty Seat, is an initiative that was created to help recognize and honor more than 92,000 American soldiers who are unaccounted for since World War I. These unoccupied seats are dedicated to the memory of the brave men and women and to the sacrifices each made in serving the country.

The Chair of Honor will remain perpetually empty, symbolizing American prisoners of war and those missing in action who may never return. Mayor Bill West said "The Chair of Honor will be a reminder to all of the sacrifices the men and women serving in the armed forces have made to ensure our continued freedom and way of life."

The first Chair of Honor was installed and dedicated at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on Veterans Day in 2012. Sponsored by the Rolling Thunder organization and Hussey Seating (which makes the chairs) the program has expanded rapidly, with chairs now dedicated in municipal buildings, state capitals, public facilities, professional and college sports stadiums and even the USS Constitution.

According to the National League of POW/MIA Families, of the more than 92,000 service members who are unaccounted, four are Delawareans from different service eras. For more information, call 302-856-7391.

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**Sent:** 2 Dec 2015 22:31:53 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] War History Online Article (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Holy cats. Sick people cross all cultures.

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In Vietnam, a scam has been discovered in which families of soldiers missing in action were duped into believing their loved one has been found, after paying a sizable amount of money.

The Vietnam War occurred in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia from 1 November 1955 to the fall of Saigon on 30 April 1975. This war followed the First Indochina War (1946–54) and was fought between North Vietnam—supported by communist allies—and the government of South Vietnam—supported by the United States and other anti-communist allies.

The Viet Cong, a South Vietnamese communist common front aided by the North, fought a guerrilla war against anti-communist forces in the region. The People's Army of Vietnam, or North Vietnamese Army (NVA), engaged in a more conventional war, at times committing large units to battle.

A coup in South Vietnam resulted in South Vietnamese leader Diem's death and by August 1964, concerned about instability in the area and under the pretence of a torpedo attack, the US government



began bombing North Vietnamese targets. Full military involvement came in 1965, and by the end of 1967 almost half a million US troops were on the ground in South Vietnam.

Three million people died in the ensuing conflict. One million were Vietnamese soldiers. America's involvement was to cost the lives of 58,000 US troops; the remainder were Vietnamese civilians. As of April 2013, 1649 Americans remained unaccounted for, of which 850 were listed as Killed In Action – Body not recovered and 749 are listed as a presumptive finding of death.

Of the million Vietnamese soldiers killed, over 200,000 bodies remain undiscovered, and a further 300,000 are buried in unmarked graves. The Vietnam Bank for Social Policies established a fund to provide poor families with loans in cases of hardship, and a disturbing case of callous fraud has recently come to light.

Difficult as it is to believe, a Central Vietnam National has been systematically extracting money from the families of Missing in Action (MIA) soldiers, on the pretext of locating the remains of their loved ones. The families obtained money from the bank's fund to pay the sums requested by fifty-six-year-old Nguyen Van Thuy, a man who claimed to have supernatural powers that would enable him to locate the remains of their relatives.

Thuy and his family secretly desecrated the graves of over 70 unknown soldiers and removed the remains, including military helmets and other personal belongings. They dug new graves and placed the items inside, marking them with the names of the people whose families had paid him. Thuy fooled 12 families in all, fraudulently netting a total of \$363,000, the International Business Times < Caution-  
<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/vietnam-court-jails-seven-digging-fake-graves-scamming-relatives-mia-soldiers-1524486> > reports.

One of the defrauded victims spoke of her joy when she saw a helmet with her dead father's name on it, and her shock when she learnt she had been fooled. She paid Thuy 4500 dollars for the 'discovery'.

A total of seven people, including Thuy's wife, were involved in the deception, and all were sentenced to imprisonment in October 2015. The sentences varied from five years to life in prison for what the trial judge called a very serious crime, one that hurt the families of the soldiers killed in action and "the nation as a whole".

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Now this is truly stunning development in a fast-rolling movement.....

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By Bridget Bowman < Caution-<http://blogs.rollcall.com/news/author/bridgetbowmancqrollcall-com/> >  
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Lynch introduced the POW/MIA chair bill. (Bill Clark/CQ Roll Call File Photo)

The Capitol will soon have a permanent commemoration to prisoners of war and servicemen and women missing in action.

On Wednesday morning, the House Administration Committee approved a resolution that would direct the Architect of the Capitol to obtain and display a chair in the Capitol building that features the National League of POW/MIA Families logo.

“They deserve to be honored, they need to be honored, in the U.S. Capitol,” House Administration Chairwoman Candice S. Miller, R-Mich., said at the markup.

The development marks the end of a more than year-long effort to instill the chair in the Capitol. Rep. Stephen F. Lynch, D-Mass, first introduced the measure in August 2014 after meeting with Joe D’Entremont, president of a Massachusetts Rolling Thunder chapter, which advocates for POW/MIA issues.

On July 30, Lynch wrote a “Dear Colleague” letter urging members to support his bill.

“These brave men and women served our nation with valor and honor,” Lynch wrote. “This commemorative chair will serve as a reminder to our POW/MIA and their families that we will never forget them.”

At the Wednesday hearing, Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., also encouraged the committee to honor the only prisoner of war serving in the House, Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas, who was held as a prisoner in Hanoi for nearly seven years during the Vietnam War.

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**Sent:** 7 Dec 2015 18:14:13 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** Washington Post Article (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Per your request, here you go. I read the article in the Post.

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/after-74-years-bones-from-pearl-harbor-tomb-ship-may-be-identified/ar-AAg5GEX?li=BBnb7Kz>

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**Sent:** 14 Dec 2015 22:34:39 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 2015 White House Seasons Greeting Cards to POW/MIA ...

Almonds. Same as last year. All my (b)(6) fillings are cracking and splitting.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2015 04:56 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 2015 White House Seasons Greeting Cards to POW/MIA ...

(b)(6)

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Same to you! Welcome back. Hope the graduation was great and the trip easy. I'm up in Jersey.. (b)(6) Long drive back tonight.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2015 03:12 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 2015 White House Seasons Greeting Cards to

POW/MIA ...

I don't know and don't have a clue who he is! Mine arrived last week, and I shared with the board. We don't have a member listed by his name either. Hope you had a good weekend. I'm leaving for Orlando on Wednesday afternoon, returning on December 29th, and I'll be on my cell and email in my absence, should you need anything. In the interim, have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year that is richly blessed, especially with good health, Ann

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What is bs? The cards have not arrived two weeks before christmas and new years? Today is the last day of hannukah?

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 12, 2015 04:21 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)M CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 2015 White House Seasons Greeting Cards to POW/MIA families

Over to you, but this is BS and I have no clue who he is. Good luck! Ann

Sent from my iPhone

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**Date:** December 12, 2015 at 3:01:12 PM CST  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > >  
**Subject:** 2015 White House Seasons Greeting Cards to

## **POW/MIA families**

Hi:

Unless the USPS has allowed it to go astray, we once again have not received a Holiday card from the President in 2015. This happened several years ago, too, and we learned, was deliberate. Only after the issue was raised was the annual mailing of the card restored.

The card means a lot to the survivors - sisters, sons, cousins.

**This is incredibly disrespectful to the families of POW/MIA casualties, who have sacrificed much, and I hope the organization raises the issue with the office of the President at the White House, and with the DNC, who sponsor the mailings.**

Best regards,

(b)(6)

A rectangular grey box redacting the signature of the sender.



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 16 Dec 2015 16:09:00 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** Christmas Gathering (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, hope your trip was easy. Your gathering as described below sounds wonderful. The only thing you will be missing is nasty weather. In keeping with (b)(6) I have not made any plans yet. We celebrate with serendipity. I'm hoping my daughter (b)(6) come home from (b)(6) but she is not sure what she is doing. (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:23 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Question from Ann Mills-Griffiths

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Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 08:17 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Question from Ann Mills-Griffiths

Not yet, (b)(6) I'm so SWAMPED! And leaving tomorrow, I owe so many responses, the pace only increases for me, and I am frustrated by that, you can be assured! Have a good day. Hurriedly, Ann

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Subj: Question from Ann Mills-Griffiths

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 16 Dec 2015 22:46:13 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Christmas Gathering (U)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2015 12:58 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Christmas Gathering (U)

Wherever you are and whatever you decide to do, enjoy having your family or all that can be with you, as Christmas is a VERY special time. If anything comes up, you know how to find me either for a heads-up or whatever. A very Merry Christmas, and a healthy Happy New Year to all in your extended family, but certainly including your mom and brother as well. Bet to all,  
Ann

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, hope your trip was easy. Your gathering as described below sounds wonderful. The only thing you will be missing is nasty weather. In keeping with (b)(6) (b)(6) have not made any plans yet. We celebrate with serendipity. I'm hoping my daughter (b)(6) come home from (b)(6) but she is not sure what she is doing. (b)(6)

(b)(6)



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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:23 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Question from Ann Mills-Griffiths

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Where are you leaving for tomorrow?? I'm sitting at the dentist. Waiting for xray results.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 08:17 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Question from Ann Mills-Griffiths

Not yet, (b)(6) I'm so SWAMPED! And leaving tomorrow, I owe so many responses, the pace only increases for me, and I am frustrated by that, you can be assured! Have a good day. Hurriedly, Ann

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On the topic of distractions, did you have an opportunity to reach out to the folks that lacy forwarded to us who want to discuss a partnership to commemorate the tomb of the unknowns? No worries if not. Thx!

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 06:27 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

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(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);

(b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Question from Ann Mills-Griffiths

(b)(7) as indicated earlier, and I'll let you know what I hear. Have a good evening, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com  
To: (b)(6)@verizon.net, (b)(6)@comcast.net  
Sent: 12/14/2015 6:25:05 P.M. Eastern Standard Time  
Subj: Question from Ann Mills-Griffiths

Good evening (b)(6)

I'm attaching a measure that Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC, 6th District) plans to introduce. If you all are involved and advocating introduction, please know in advance that the League will strongly oppose formation of ANY Select Committee at this time. We feel it important for our new DPAA to be given a chance to succeed, and they need time, both to become better informed about historical perspective - what has worked and hasn't must be included - and put their strategy into practice.

I'm hoping you agree, having met with Mike Linnington just after you came to our office for our discussion. Please let me know your thoughts on this and, if this is something you've advocated, can you possibly walk it back to give DPAA a chance to succeed before undergoing an investigation that will take assets and resources away from the mission?

Thanks in advance for your consideration, and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year richly blessed with good health, productivity and much happiness, plus increased answers about our missing men.

Sincerely, Ann

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**Sent:** 24 Dec 2015 19:11:53 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Green Christmas (U)

Will do. By the way, from what I've seen from James Bond movies, you can walk across their backs if you are careful.

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**From:** Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 24, 2015 02:04 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Green Christmas (U)

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Have a wonderful week off and think NOTHING about this mission. Best to you and your family, Ann

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**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com <(b)(6)@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thu, Dec 24, 2015 1:39 pm  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Green Christmas (U)

Given your present location, you need to clarify if you are referring to "alligators" as issues or reptiles? I had not heard that. I'm on the train home and am off next week.

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**From:** Ann Mills-Griffiths [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com? > ]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 24, 2015 01:36 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Green Christmas (U)

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Thanks, (b)(6) and I'll check it on Monday most likely; I'm up to my ears in alligators today and tomorrow morning, just a quick check for any emergency. By the way, I heard that DPAA pulled its advertisement for the Policy Plans Director. have you heard the same? If so, I'm most grateful since it was focused on personnel recovery, NOT personal accounting. I considered that ignorant, actually inexplicable until I heard the reason. I just hope it's true. Let me know, and thanks, Ann

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To: (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > >  
Sent: Thu, Dec 24, 2015 10:00 am  
Subject: Green Christmas (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, hope all is great for you and (b)(6) and her family down in (b)(6). I assure you that you are not missing anything close to a white Christmas up here. Please see the link below. I just found this website the other day and of all the ones out there, I think it the best, in the way you can search on losses to include "on this date." I'm not sure who these folks are but I'm really impressed, especially , with how they are including summaries of the case as well as photos. There is also a link where a family member could go in and update the summary and include a photo. See what you think. Merry Christmas! (b)(6)

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**Sent:** 31 Dec 2015 13:00:02 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Sgt. Hill Question

(b)(6) I will check when I get back next week. Home of records are notoriously inaccurate on the wall and in memorials. My home of record for the navy (b)(6) That was because (b)(6) (b)(6) that new jersey did not offer..

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**From:** (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2015 01:26 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Sgt. Hill Question

Good afternoon (b)(6) – I hope you had a very Merry Christmas. I think I asked one of these questions but now I have 2 regarding Sgt. Hill. DPAA website has his home of record at Wichita, KS and his unit as the 282nd Aviation Company, 14th Aviation Battalion, 17th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, as a gunner on a UH-1D helicopter. This does not jibe with what the Wall has listed for either one (they have his home of record as Nevada). Can you please confirm? I'd appreciate it.

Thank you and have a wonderful New Year!

(b)(6)

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**Sent:** 4 Jan 2016 12:56:59 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Capt Kenneth Thomas, USAF

Thank you. Well stated. Welcome back to a new year! (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 03, 2016 10:37 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org <(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>;  
(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com <(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com>; (b)(6)@aol.com  
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**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Capt Kenneth Thomas, USAF

Just so you know the brief, non-comprehensive message I'm distributing in this new year in response to general inquiries. Note I didn't bother to point out that he was accounted for some 40 years ago. Apparently her interest waned in the interim? People are strange, and it is likely she was cleaning out a drawer, as many do in/around New Years Day, and discovered her old POW/MIA bracelet, not worn in decades. It takes all kinds, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**To:** (b)(6)@gmail.com  
**Sent:** 1/3/2016 10:32:06 A.M. Eastern Standard Time  
**Subj:** Re: Capt Kenneth Thomas, USAF

*Thank you for your inquiry concerning the status of Captain Kenneth D. Thomas, Jr., listed as missing in North Vietnam on May 5, 1966. His remains were unilaterally repatriated by the government of Vietnam on August 14, 1985, and the identification process was finalized on July 7, 1985. His home of record was Mt. Vernon, Illinois.*



*This statistical data is now available to all by utilizing the web site of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, or DPAA (Caution-<http://www.dpaa.mil/> < Caution-<http://www.dpaa.mil/> > ).*

*Thank you for your commitment to accounting for this American serviceman by wearing a POW/MIA bracelet bearing his name and retaining it all these many years later. From the dates reflected, it appears that the remains of Captain Thomas were among those recovered at the time of loss and retained by the Vietnamese government until serious negotiations for bilateral cooperation ensued in the first Reagan Administration. Directly involved in those negotiations, I can attest to the difficulties then encountered. Due to those decades of experience, I can also attest to the significant expansion of cooperation, both in quality and quantity, that has resulted in accounting for 1,024 US personnel since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.*

*We are most grateful for the leadership provided by President Reagan and the continued commitment of assets and resources since that time, thanks in no small measure to the support we receive from the major National Veteran organizations and the American people. As one of these supportive Americans, please accept our sincere appreciation.*

*I'm attaching a recent update in which you likely will have interest. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.*

*Best wishes,*

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(b)(6)@gmail.com writes:*

*Good morning. Years ago when I was in high school I purchased a pow/mia bracelet. This was most likely 1972 or 1973. I still have the bracelet& was wondering how I can find the status of capt. Kenneth Thomas/5-5-66. I made a pledge to keep this bracelet until we knew of the whereabouts of capt. Thomas. Any info would be greatly appreciated. Thanks ...*

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**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Family Update in LA  
**Attachments:** Slide5.jpg, Slide19.jpg

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**[Redacted]** could you please send me the agenda for the two Family Updates in both LA and Honolulu, as well as the numerical attendance, broken down by the number of cases and families presenting those cases, so that I can sustain a clear concept of the process. I do know that customarily, VN War families comprise only around 20%, a ration I consider positive in light of the MUCH smaller number missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. Thanks in advance, Ann

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- 0900 - 1015 - Introduction + Remembrance Ceremony**
- 1015 - 1030 - Break**
- 1030 - 1200 - Policy, lab, DNA briefs, and Q&A**
- 1200 - 1330 - Lunch**
- 1330 - 1435 - Conflict briefs**
- 1435 - 1450 - Break**
- 1450 - 1530 - Q&A and Closing remarks**
- 1530 - Comp - One-on-one meetings**



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**1800 - 1830 – Registration**

**1830 - 1840 – Introduction and Welcome**

**1840 - 1900 – Leadership Remarks**

**1900 - 1920 – Remembrance Ceremony**

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**1940 - 2000 – Research and Recovery Process**

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The powerpoint slides do not contain names of the briefers. I have hard copy agendas. No surprises in the briefers. The only change is for hawaii where (b)(6) is doing a combined version of the analyst, anthro, and policy briefings for the sake of time..

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I hadn't seen this come it, but thanks, and surely you have the normal breakout agenda, presentation, who presenting, or is this all you give those attending? If so, it doesn't say much, does it? How about "just" sending the entire PPT slide presentation, assuming of course that it isn't classified, and it doesn't appear that it is. Thanks, Ann

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**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Family Update in LA

(b)(6) could you please send me the agenda for the two Family Updates in both LA and Honolulu, as well as the numerical attendance, broken down by the number of cases and families presenting those cases, so that I can sustain a clear concept of the process. I do know that customarily, VN War families comprise only around 20%, a ration I consider positive in light of the MUCH smaller number missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. Thanks in advance, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 18 Feb 2016 16:00:33 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Vietnam Veterans - POW Site Found in LAOS with Graves - 20 Feb in St Lou... (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Here you go. (b)(6) probably cc'd me because I gave him the (b)(6) id package two days ago.)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2016 9:14 AM  
**To:** Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA LAB (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA GC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) Lt Col USAF DPAA RA (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Vietnam Veterans - POW Site Found in LAOS with Graves - 20 Feb in St Lou... (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Sir, (b)(6) runs (b)(6) mission (according to his face book) is to "actively search for clues regarding the disposition of American Combatants possibly left behind in Laos against their will after 1973." He travels to Laos investigating possible loss locations. I believe he does this as a tourist with no coordination with the Lao Gov--which is a concern. He visited Laos first in 2012 on his own (b)(6) (TSgt Louis Clever) was killed when the EC-47Q (call sign CAP 72) was shot down over Southern Laos on February 5, 1969. He went with his wife (Thai/Lao speaker). He found the site and recovered remains which were sent to JPAC and included in the ID memo. In his last trip in Dec 2015, he states he investigated a Pathet Lao POW Camp Site and linked the site to eight American POWs, and believes Capt Appelhans was one of those POWs (Case 0862). He going to present his findings on 20 Feb at the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum, St Louis. He says he has info that strongly suggests more than a couple of American POWs were left behind in Laos. He's contacted us once asking how he can support us...before we had an SP. He said he would contact us again in early 2016. I briefed (b)(6)--so SP is aware. The Appelhans case is not on the upcoming FMU.

V/R,

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2016 12:31 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)  
**Cc:** Gann, Michael J Col USMC DPAA OPS (US); Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US)  
**Subject:** Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Vietnam Veterans - POW Site Found in LAOS with Graves - 20 Feb in St Lou...

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FYI team. Anything you might offer, pls let me know, in prep for this weekend's FMU.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 05:10 PM  
To: (b)(6)@mail.mil <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@gmail.com <(b)(6)@gmail.com>; (b)(6)@yahoo.com <(b)(6)@yahoo.com>  
Cc: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org <(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>; (b)(6) LTC USARMY DPAA OPS TASK LA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA OPS TASK LA (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Vietnam Veterans - POW Site Found in LAOS with Graves - 20 Feb in St Lou...

Morning, all:

This just came into my inbox and I recommend getting ahead of this to learn what's up and be prepared, IF this gets raised as something serious. This is new to me, and please pass to (b)(6)

I'm en route to Elko, NV, in a few minutes and, as earlier noted, on my cell (b)(6) and email.  
Best to all, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@yahoo.com  
To: (b)(6)@yahoo.com  
Sent: 2/12/2016 6:49:56 A.M. Pacific Standard Time  
Subj: Vietnam Veterans - POW Site Found in LAOS with Graves - 20 Feb in St Louis - Pass The Word

POW-MIA Museum at Historic Jefferson Barracks

"Where the Hell is Richard Appelhans, USAF"

Shoot Down - Missing in Action LAOS 16 OCT 67

POW-MIA Prison Camp and Graves Found?

Help USA/MRSEA to Bring Him Home with 7 Others

(b)(6) of MRSEA will present his Mission Debrief from 2015

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Present Documentation and Info on Pathet Lao "Sompoi" POW Camp

Eight US Servicemen Left Behind in Laotian Custody AFTER the War

Saturday 20 Feb – Doors Open 1700 (5 pm) - Program 1800 (6 pm)

VFW Post 4223 – Lemay Memorial Post

215 Military Road – St Louis MO 63125

Please MAKE Plans to Attend and Spread the Word

Info (b)(6)


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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 22 Feb 2016 14:19:41 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** movie recommendation (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, my son recommended a movie to me yesterday. It is called the Water Diviner with Russell Crowe. It is about a father who loses three sons during WWI and his quest to bring them home. It has a few parts which I think are not necessary but overall it is very good. The violence is minimal for a war movie and there is no sex or vulgar language which is refreshing. It's a bit of throwback. It came out two years ago so I may be late in my recommendation. The link to it is below. 

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3007512/>

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 22 Feb 2016 14:47:44 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: movie recommendation (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

For the American Legion meeting?

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 9:46 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: movie recommendation (U)

DC and too early for arrival, but now stuck here. Ann

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 22, 2016, at 9:44 AM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
wrote:

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> CAVEAT: None  
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> Too early for check in? What town are you in?

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> From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
> Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 9:40 AM  
> To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: movie recommendation (U)

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
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> Thanks. It sounds good. I'll look for it. At the WA Hilton, too  
> early it turns out. Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 23 Feb 2016 14:28:47 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] 47th Annual Meeting & Registration Form (U)  
**Attachments:** League Registration Form 2012.pdf

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) her latest registration form is the same as ones in the pass. The costs are for attending the League events and meeting. It just is never exactly clear. I've included the one from 2012 for comparison in case I'm mistaken. See what you think. Best! (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 8:49 AM

(b)(6)  
McfadyenLP@state.gov; (b)(6)@gmail.com  
(b)(6)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] 47th Annual Meeting & Registration Form

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DPAA Director Mike Linnington stated yesterday that he fully supports the attached program and the League is most grateful, as we move forward productively and in increasing partnership.

Last year, we heard numerous comments/complaints from family members who were unaware that the 47th Annual Meeting actually begins on the Wednesday of the week scheduled, not "just" with the official briefings that we do our best to schedule on Friday and Saturday. Many family members were most unhappy that they missed the impressive program at Ft. Myer, and unaware of the important Q \* A session that takes place on Saturday until noon, much less the business session and League-hosted Farewell Reception that occur on Saturday afternoon and evening.

As the attached latest DRAFT program reflects, the customary travel date is Wednesday, unless the individual wishes to participate in supporting DPAA, the Services and the League by visiting Capitol Hill and advocating for the assets and resources necessary to sustain the greatly expanded mission. The customary departure date is on Sunday following the actual close of the annual meeting with the League-hosted Farewell Reception.

It is our sincere hope that this year, family members who rely on COIN Assist travel to attend will be advised of the full schedule and encouraged to attend and participate. It is also our hope that you, as the leaders of the Service Casualty community, will choose to attend all the informative sessions and events reflected in the program.

We are also hoping that Service Casualty leaders will again participate as candle-lighters at the 47th



Annual Dinner and Missing Man Ceremony on Thursday evening, July 23rd. The families were in total agreement in wanting to retain the role of the Service Casualty Officers and, as anticipated, the Board of Directors feels the same and joins me in this request.

The League is sincerely hoping that our new DPAA is the answer to many prayers and will bring about the kind of true partnership that existed between the League and the POW/MIA accounting community pre-1992. The mission has expanded so dramatically in recent years and is a testament to the unified work of many, including our active-duty Armed Forces. We also recognize and appreciate the importance of the commitment and role long-serving US civilians, most but not all of them former military, have contributed to this legacy with their experience and historical knowledge, certainly including those now retired.

We are deeply grateful and urge each of you to participate fully and encourage the same from those who will be attending with you. In many ways, the League's annual meetings are like a family reunion, always interesting, sometimes bordering on dysfunctional, but united in admiration and support for our larger military community, as we are the principles for which we have fought all these years.

Best to all and hopefully, Ann

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POW/MIA FAMILIES**  
**43rd ANNUAL MEETING**

June 13-16, 2012

Hilton Crystal City Hotel

2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202

NAME OF ATTENDEE	RELATIONSHIP TO MISSING MAN	Please check one					
		LEAGUE FAMILY MEMBER	LEAGUE ASSOC. MEMBER	NON LGE FAMILY MEMBER*	CONCERNED CITIZEN	DINNER	
						YES	NO
1) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PHONE: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND RANK/RATE OF MISSING MAN: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND COUNTRY OF LOSS: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Check this box if you are a family member of a missing man, but not currently a member of the League. If you wish to become a League member, send an application form, including membership fee (\$25/yr), with this form & relevant annual meeting fees.*

**REGISTRATION POSTMARKED BY June 1, 2012**

**Meeting & Dinner - \$80 per person (League members)**

**Meeting Only - \$50 (members); \$65 (non-League members) Dinner Only - \$55 per person**

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Make reservations at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel by calling 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667), noting affiliation with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, or go online to [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com), and enter **Group Code "MIA"** to get the special rate of \$141.50, plus tax, per room night, single or double (plus \$20 per night for each additional adult in a room.) **Cut off date for the special rate is May 9, 2012.** Register early to ensure your choice of rooms, as the number is limited. Arrive early if you plan to go to Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian, etc. **Opening Session: Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>; 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner – that evening.** Departure is routinely on Sunday, this year June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**REGISTRATION:** Return this form to the League office, postmarked no later than **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. This form **must** be returned with **payment** in order to obtain credentials necessary for entrance to all League sessions, U.S. Government briefings and special events. **Registration forms received without proper fees cannot be processed.** Those wanting to attend U.S. Government briefings **only** must contact their Service Casualty Office. **Pick up registration credentials on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00 p.m. or 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you require special assistance (visual/audio aids, ramps, etc.) to fully participate in the annual meeting, please check here and indicate the type of assistance required. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 23 Feb 2016 12:20:50 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: 2016 Poster (U)

In (b)(6) defense, she had a book with all six or seven options she was trying to get the boss to take over with him to his meeting with Ann. Someone up front must have waived her off.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2016 11:02 PM  
**To:** Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: 2016 Poster (U)

(b)(6) as distressed as I was at seeing the single poster you sent, it occurred to me that the Director had indicated you would be sending more. What about the other options? Aren't there more? He indicated as much, so please send them. Surely, there is one or more that actually reflect the mission? I sure hope so, Ann

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In a message dated 2/22/2016 6:44:35 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@aol.com writes:

I was so hopeful when (b)(6) told me earlier today that you'd be sending over a couple of drafts for me to look at and provide comments. On a positive note, this is a beautiful design for Memorial Day, not so much for Veterans Day.

Sadly, and with sincere regret, I have to say this poster has nothing whatsoever to do with National POW/MIA Recognition Day, except that the figure is military. It can even be read to offer assurance that DoD is promising all who serve will die and be properly honored at interment.

It also does nothing to recognize any other than ground personnel, fine as they were, are and may be in the future. The truth is that the vast majority of original status POW or MIA, rather than KIA/BNR, were aircrew, whether pilots or "kickers" or flying covey for SF missions. That is simply reality.

My comments are precisely what most who participate and value the true meaning and intent behind National POW/MIA Recognition Day would see. Publishing this would undercut DPAA's seriousness in pursuing our shared mission. I strongly urge you to reject and discard this design. Again, sadly, Ann

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In a message dated 2/22/2016 4:19:47 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Good Afternoon Ann,

DPAA received several idea submissions for the 2016 National POW/MIA Recognition Day poster.

After considering all the options, attached is the poster idea we want to go with.

Mr. Linnington asked me to send it to you for your feedback.

\*\*It is still in draft form...elements can be changed/alterd.\*\*

Thanks so much!

Sincerely,  
-Holly

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 24 Feb 2016 18:57:26 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Incredible Story: Racine resident, 93, reflects on captivity as Japanese...  
(U)  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg, facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

This just came in from Ann.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:56 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Incredible Story: Racine resident, 93, reflects on captivity as Japanese...

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What an inspirational hero this Marine is, and still continuing to serve our country. I'm in awe and eternally grateful for the service and patriotism of our WWII veterans, Ann

Racine resident, 93, reflects on captivity as Japanese POW

U.S. Marine Marvin Roslansky

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U.S. Marine veteran Marvin Roslansky, 93, was held prisoner in a Japanese prison camp for almost four years during World War II. More than 70 years later, he still finds it difficult to talk about the ordeal.

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RACINE — Even Marines — the few, the proud, the first to fight — can cry.

More than seven decades have passed since Racine resident Marvin Roslansky endured exhausting slave labor, intentional malnutrition, filthy living conditions and brutal beatings as a prisoner of war in a

Japanese labor camp during World War II.

While the physical pain has subsided, the emotional wounds still sting. Tears well in Roslansky's eyes when he even thinks about his three long years of captivity in Zentsuji prison camp.

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"I still can't really talk about Japan," says Roslansky, now 93 years old, his eyes red and watery. "We did what we could. We lived one day at a time. There was no place for us to go. We couldn't escape. We were in hell and you had to have a lot of faith."

Faith and dreams of returning home to his native Lakeview, Minn., for the next holiday kept Roslansky alive for his 45 months of hell.

"You could be beaten at any moment for any reason at all," he remembered. "We knew you would have to do what they said or you would never go Caution-home."

Roslansky was one of 147 Marines based on the island of Guam in September 1941. Guam was an idyllic, sought-after destination: tropical climes, white sand beaches, cheap beer. The peace was shattered Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese bombed the island as part of their coordinated attack across the Pacific, including Pearl Harbor.

Two days later, 6,000 soldiers from the Imperial Japanese Army waded ashore. Roslansky helped the short-lived defense before the island was captured.

Roslansky and the rest of the Marines were loaded aboard the MS Argentina Maru, a luxury liner turned into a warship. They were sent to Shikoku, Japan, a small island about 400 miles from Tokyo, and imprisoned in Zentsuji.

For long hours each day, Roslansky and his fellow prisoners loaded and unloaded railroad cars in the Sakaide rail yards. Guards beat prisoners without provocation or reason, he said. By night, prisoners tried to survive on starvation rations, and sometimes no food at all. They got English language newspapers, but those had more paper than news.

"They were cut full of holes," he said.

The most frightening time was the final months of the war. Prison officials knew the end was near. The Army issued orders to not feed prisoners, then directed guards to execute them.

"Our graves were already dug," Roslansky said.

After almost a year of bloody fighting — Marines raised the flag on Iwo Jima 71 years ago Tuesday — Japan surrendered in August 1945. But it took Allied forces another month to liberate all the prison camps. The now-free Marines from Guam hung on for 30 more days without food and little water.

Post-war reconciliation

Miraculously, 103 of the 147 Guam Marines survived their ordeal. They spent months in Guam and San Diego recovering. Roslansky then spent six months at Great Lakes Naval Training Base near Waukegan, Ill., before moving to Racine in 1946.

He used GI Bill money to learn automotive work. In 1949, he purchased Sturtevant Auto Sales and Salvage and operated the yard for 32 years. He retired in 1981. He spent a few years in Arizona, and in 2013 traveled to Japan with a contingent of former POWs.

"At first I refused to go," he said. "But I actually had never seen Japan. They appreciated us being there."

They were sorry it happened. They were bad, bad people during the war.”

During the war, the Japanese held 2,274 Marines in prison camps across Asia, according to the POW Research Network. By the end of 2014, only 200 of those Marines were still alive.

Roslansky is one of them. His story has appeared in several books about World War II. At 93, his mind, eyes and hearing still sharp, he volunteers at various veterans groups and visits veterans hospitals. Each Thursday he gathers with local veterans at the Piggly Wiggly, 5201 Washington Ave., to drink coffee, listen to music and just talk.

“There are not many like him left,” said Racine resident David Kramer, a Racine Marine who is active in the Fourth Fest parade. “He has been a part of history. We owe these men like him so much.”

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#### Marvin A. Roslansky Timeline

1922: Born in Lakeview, Minnesota.

1941: Enlists in Marine Corps, achieves the rank of sergeant.

December 9, 1941: Captured by Japanese soldiers on Guam.

Jan. 16, 1942: Arrives in Shikoku, Japan, and is transported to the Zentsuji prison camp. Spends next three-plus years as a slave laborer.

August 1945: Japan surrenders.

September 1945: Liberated from Zentsuji.

1946: Moves to Racine. Operates an auto salvage yard in Sturtevant.

1981: Retires.

2010: Marries Josephine Plourde. Lives in Mesa, Ariz., for several years.

2013: Visits Japan as a guest of the Government of Japan.

2015: Josephine dies.

August 2015: Moves into Home Harbor in Racine.

Feb. 23, 1945: Flag rises on Mt. Suribachi

On Feb. 23, 1945, United States military forces captured Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, four days after invading the Pacific island.

Five Marines and a Navy corpsman raised an American flag atop the dormant volcanic cone.

The picture of the flag raising, snapped by Joe Rosenthal, has become one of the most iconic images in American history and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1945.

The image was later used by Felix de Weldon to sculpt the Marine Corps War Memorial dedicated in 1954



and located adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery just outside Washington, D.C.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 25 Feb 2016 22:50:18 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] As Discussed (U)

Yes, that is what I meant though my math failed me and it was five months not four.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2016 05:41 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] As Discussed (U)

You'll have to remind me as my mind is friend, that is unless you are alluding to 9/11, as seems likely, now that I think about it. Yes, changed forever!

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Thank you. I will share. Looking back, as tragic as this loss was, it was a simpler time given how much things would change four months later.

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 25 Feb 2016 20:14:20 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] As Discussed (U)

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CAVEAT: None

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attached and please send the other information we discussed when you have it, i.e. names of ALL seven US personnel, and Service, of course, and please make a request for the names of all the Vietnamese, with than

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**Sent:** 26 Feb 2016 00:09:27 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] As Discussed (U)

You are right on all accounts.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2016 06:25 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] As Discussed (U)

Yes, I think he is good as well, except when he is sucking up, but most of the time he is good, though watching CNN is a challenge for me with what I've had to endure over the years, though not as bad as CBS, etc. Later, Ann

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In a message dated 2/25/2016 6:22:53 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,

(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

I've been asleep on the train. I will watch. I watch all the debates. I think the one on ones that anderson cooper did were the best. In fact, I think he does the best job regardless of the format.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2016 06:08 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] As Discussed (U)

Thought so, and are you watching the Republican Debate tonight? I'm dreading it, but likely will. I'm just sicked by the thought of having to choose between an ago-maniac like Trump or an unprincipled, self-important, entitled woman who has convinced herself that US laws simply don't apply to her and despises our military. Surely our

country can do better! I'm disgusted with the whole thing and can hardly stand to have their faces in front of me ALL THE TIME! Ann

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 10 Mar 2016 13:22:28 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hot as Hell article (U)

Perhaps a brief for the league meeting.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 08:22 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' <(b)(6)@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hot as Hell article (U)

I think just as you wrote it is fine.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 07:46 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hot as Hell article (U)

And your recommendation on the subject in the second paragraph?

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It takes a small act of god to get anything up on a pentagon website. I think you recommendation should be pushed to those higher than OC. It would probably fall

on receptive ears as we shake things up in the new agency.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 07:06 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hot as Hell article (U)

So what is holding up the editing and release? By the way, do you know how many individuals are represented by the remains at the Lab? And yes, I know that there can be several accessions from successive recoveries that go, or should go, into the remains associated potentially with one individual, but I'm tired of hearing people claims that there are hundreds of remains jsut sitting on the shelf at the Lab and the other usual accusations.

I'm confident the claims are absurd. I talked with (b)(6) about the need, seriously, for real transparency of what occurs with those remains. They do have a process, but even I, after all these countless years, don't know precisely. I mean the process, and it has never been explained to the families. The only reason I know is I'm always asking questions until I get answers, but that only means I'll talk with more and get more information until the answers are available. You know how that goes, but really hoping (b)(6) and you all in O & C can look at initiatives you can take to tell DPAA's story, what you are really doing and how you are really doing it, such as in that video you're talking about. People need to know, but not in a BS way. Thanks, Ann

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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This is the case where I told you about the video the team shot of them working it. We still are trying to get that edited, approved, and sent out. It would be very illustrative for those who think such work is simple and easy to do.



**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 05:42 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hot as Hell article (U)

Or forever ago.....

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Seems like yesterday.....

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mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 05:20 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hot as Hell article (U)

Thanks, (b)(6) I have it and just think, these guys STARTED in 2008!  
I feel so badly for them!

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 14 Mar 2016 11:46:39 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: UPDATE: March 12, 2016

Ann, this is a bit odd. Every year in May, (b)(6) and I make sure (b)(6) gets his posters. I even fill out the orders for him. Hopefully, he just wanted to chat with you and all is ok. (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 05:36 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)@gmail.com <(b)(6)@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: UPDATE: March 12, 2016

Sure, (b)(6) and I've now forwarded your request to a good guy, (b)(6) and I'm sure he will deliver your request to the right people. The posters are unveiled at the League meeting, but distributed by the new DPAA, successor to DPMO. I'm glad you want them and can use that many to share with colleagues and others in the State of Georgia. Best to you and I hope your son and all are doing well, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6)@gmail.com  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Sent:** 3/13/2016 5:13:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
**Subj:** Re: UPDATE: March 12, 2016

Every year I miss out on getting the Annual POW/MIA Poster.

Can I get on some list to obtain 50 to 100 for this coming September's Recognition Day?

Thanks!

(b)(6)

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On Sun, Mar 13, 2016 at 4:06 PM, <(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > > wrote:

**UPDATE: March 12, 2016**

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR:** The number of US personnel missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam war is now **1,622**. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 961. Most recently accounted for is Major Donald G. Carr, USA, listed MIA on July 6, 1971, in South Vietnam, remains returned August 29, 2014, and identified August 19, 2015. The second officer recently accounted for is 1LT Donald W. Bruch, USAF, listed KIA/BNR on April 29, 1966, in North Vietnam, remains returned December 14, 2011, and identified September 4, 2015. This brings the total accounted for to **961** since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Another 63 US personnel, recovered by the US and identified before the end of the war, bring the total of US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War to **1,024**. Of the 1,622 still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,264 (VN-466, VS-798); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations result in changes to loss locations. Since formation in 1970, the League has sought the return of all POWs, the fullest possible accounting for those still missing, and repatriation of all recoverable remains.

**DPAA DIRECTOR VISITED RUSSIA AND EUROPEAN NATIONS:**

Following coordination with General Robert "Doc" Foglesong, USAF (Ret), US Co-Chairman of the USRJC, and with interagency approval, Mr. Linnington traveled to Moscow February 8<sup>th</sup> to meet with Russian Co-Chairman General Colonel Vostrotin. There he proposed the date and agenda for a US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs (USRJC) Plenary Session later this year in Washington, DC. There is great hope of renewing and restoring the work of the USRJC, especially since the Russian



Federation named its new Chairman and opened its new office in their Embassy in Washington, DC. Recognizing it was past time to get beyond the endless delays that have plagued work of the USRJC, the League welcomes and appreciates these new initiatives by leaders in both countries and looks forward to increased efforts and accounting results. Director Linnington also visited several European countries and senior US officials in the region who will be contributing to the effort to conduct WWII recoveries.

**47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING: June 22-25, 2016, Hilton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia:** Visit the League's web site, [Caution-http://www.pow-miafamilies.org](http://www.pow-miafamilies.org) < [Caution-http://www.pow-miafamilies.org](http://www.pow-miafamilies.org) > , to get additional details, including a form to register for this crucial meeting, the first opportunity to listen to and assess the work of DPAA.

DoD will again authorize **COIN Assist** travel for two family members per missing man; the Services will soon send information to all Primary Next-of-Kin (PNOK) who will be responsible for designating the two representatives. Plan to arrive on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, for registration beginning at 3:00 p.m. If a first time attendee, allow time to check into the Hilton and attend **Orientation** before boarding buses at 5:30 p.m. for historic Ft. Myer and the Twilight Tattoo to be held that evening. **Individual Case File Reviews** will be held in the Service Casualty Offices Wednesday – Saturday during customary business hours. Plan your departure no earlier than Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, to enable you to participate fully throughout the meeting and maximize your time in the Washington, DC, area with access to US officials directly responsible for the accounting mission and to the historic sites in our nation's capital. The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting formally concludes Saturday evening, June 24<sup>th</sup>, with a League-hosted Farewell Reception.

**ATTEND DPAA-HOSTED FAMILY MEMBER UPDATES:** Upcoming dates/locations are March 19<sup>th</sup>, Seattle, WA, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Austin, TX, and May 14<sup>th</sup>, Boston, MA.

**DNA TESTING:** Family members who have not provided a sample for DNA comparison are strongly urged to do so. Check with your Service Casualty Office to determine eligibility.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 14 Mar 2016 17:03:10 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question related to Tommy Clack (U)

I got four copies of your last email.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 12:40 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@gmail.com <(b)(6)@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question related to (b)(6) (U)

What ARE you referring to, (b)(6) "Copies of four?"

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, I think your computer is set for making copies of 4!? (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 10:33 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question related to (b)(6) (U)

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Thanks, (b)(6) for this further clarification and (b)(6), can you check into how (b)(6) is doing? I know how close you two are, and it would be a great relief to confirm he is OK, but something sounds not quite right. Thanks in advance, Ann

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In a message dated 3/14/2016 10:28:03 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Yes, I've been sending him posters every year for the past five or six years. I fill out the form for him. I know he's getting the posters because he usually turns around and asks for more and I put in a second order. In the past, he also sends me emails asking for updated lists for GA which I send to him. I think something might be wrong.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 10:23 AM  
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question related to (b)(6)

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Will do, (b)(6) and I were just worried about (b)(6) not the use of posters sent, and thanks for the quick reply. Love, Ann

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In a message dated 3/14/2016 10:20:17 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

I have shared posters some years with (b)(6) but probably not every year. I use the posters I get to distribute all over Ga/NC wherever I can. I thought (b)(6) got them from (b)(6) himself. Sorry but I am probably responsible for this miscommunication. Tell (b)(6) to send (b)(6) however many he needs. Trust me- everyone will use to our benefit! Tommy is one of our best supporters

Sent from my iPhone


On Mar 14, 2016, at 9:46 AM, (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > wrote:

(b)(6), I got a note from (b)(6) responding to the Update for March 12th that I sent to him, and in it he stated, "Every year I miss out on getting the Annual POW/MIA Poster. Can I get on some list to obtain 50 to 100 for this coming September's Recognition Day?"

I checked with (b)(6) and he said you always work with him to get the posters for (b)(6). (b)(6) was puzzled, but concerned that (b)(6) may not be well. Can you clarify? We'd both appreciate it. Hope all is well also with (b)(6) the kids and grands. Love, Ann

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


**Subject:**

**Attachments:** 20160301 - VM.doc, 20160311 - CB.doc, 20160311 - LA.doc, smime.p7s

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, per your request. These are from last week and are being updated. I still owe you the ones for Korea War and WWII. 



# **Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency**



## **Progress in Vietnam as of March 1, 2016**

### **Current Status of Unaccounted-for Americans Lost in the Vietnam War**

	<u>Vietnam</u>	<u>Laos</u>	<u>Cambodia</u>	<u>China</u>	<u>Total</u>
Original Missing	1,972	574	90	10	2,646
Repatriated and Identified	708	272	41	3	1,024 <sup>1</sup>
Remaining Missing	1,264	302	49	7	1,622

Of the remaining 1,264 Americans still unaccounted for in Vietnam, 478 are in a “non-recoverable” category. This means that as a result of rigorous investigation, we have conclusive evidence the individual perished, but do not believe it possible to recover his remains. On rare occasions, new leads can arise that bring a case back to a more active status.

### **Repatriating and Identifying Remains**

- The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) plans to conduct four Joint Field Activities (JFAs) this fiscal year in Vietnam. Each JFA involves approximately 95 U.S. personnel plus their Vietnamese counterparts. Together, they work on investigations and excavations throughout the country for a period of approximately 30 days.
- American remains are transferred to DPAA’s Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for identification by forensic anthropologists.
- The 121<sup>st</sup> JFA began November 6 and continued through December 15, 2015. Recovery teams excavated sites in Dien Bien, Son La, Thanh Hoa, and Ha Tinh Provinces.
- The 122<sup>nd</sup> JFA began February 25 and continues through April 12, 2016. Recovery teams are excavating sites in Kontum, Binh Dinh, Dac Lac, Khanh Hoa, and Binh Phuoc Provinces.

### **Resolving “Last Known Alive” Cases**

- Of the original 196 individuals “Last Known Alive” in Vietnam (those who survived or may have survived their loss incident and were either alive on the ground, in captivity, or in immediate proximity to capture, but did not return), DoD has confirmed the death of 174, with 22 still unresolved.
- Of the 174 whose deaths have been confirmed, the remains of 51 have been located and identified.
- Cambodia, Vietnam, and U.S. technical experts met in Hanoi in November 2004 to discuss Last Known Alive cases along the Cambodia – Vietnam border. A meeting with Laos, Vietnam, and U.S. technical experts to discuss Last Known Alive cases along the Laos – Vietnam border took place in Vientiane in April 2005.
- U.S. and Vietnam technical experts meet regularly in Hanoi to discuss Last Known Alive cases in Vietnam, as well as in Cambodia and Laos.

### **Research and Investigations**

- U.S. POW/MIA investigators rotate into Hanoi on a continuous basis to pursue leads associated with the remaining 1,264 Americans still unaccounted for in Vietnam.
- A research effort continues in the Ministry of National Defense (MND) central archives. Since May 2012, Vietnam has turned over policy, strategic, and tactical level archival documents regarding unaccounted for Americans.
- In addition to the interviews conducted during JFAs, U.S. and Vietnamese investigators have conducted nearly 300 oral history interviews of Vietnamese government and military officials, including General Vo Nguyen Giap.
- Since Vietnamese troops occupied portions of Cambodia and Laos during the War, the U.S. asked them to cooperate in investigations there. Ninety-three (93) Vietnamese witnesses have participated in operations in Laos (79) and Cambodia (14); most of them have participated more than once.

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<sup>1</sup>This number now includes the 63 Americans who were returned and/or identified from 1973 – 1975.





## **Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency**

### **Progress in Cambodia as of March 1, 2016**



#### **Current Status of Unaccounted-for Americans Lost in the Vietnam War**

	<u>Vietnam</u>	<u>Laos</u>	<u>Cambodia</u>	<u>China</u>	<u>Total</u>
Original Missing	1,972	574	90	10	2,646
Repatriated and Identified	<u>708</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1,024<sup>1</sup></u>
Remaining Missing	1,264	302	49	7	1,622

Of the remaining 49 Americans still unaccounted for in Cambodia, seven are in a “non-recoverable” category. This means that as a result of rigorous investigation, we have conclusive evidence the individual perished, but do not believe it possible to recover his remains. On rare occasions, new leads can arise that bring a case back to a more active status.

#### **Repatriating and Identifying Remains**

- The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) normally conducts at least one Joint Field Activity (JFA) per fiscal year in Cambodia.
- Each JFA involves 25-40 U.S. personnel plus their Cambodian counterparts. Together, they work on investigations and excavations throughout the country for a period of approximately 30-60 days.
- American remains are transferred to DPAA’s Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for identification by forensic anthropologists.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> JFA began January 10 and continued through March 23, 2015. A recovery team excavated a site in Kampong Som Province.
- The 51<sup>st</sup> JFA began January 10 and continued through March 1, 2016. A recovery team excavated sites in Prey Veng and Stung Treng Provinces.

#### **Resolving “Last Known Alive” Cases**

- Of the original 19 individuals “Last Known Alive” in Cambodia (those who survived or may have survived their loss incident and were either alive on the ground, in captivity, or in immediate proximity to capture, but did not return), DoD has confirmed the death of 10, with nine still unresolved.
- Of the 10 whose deaths have been confirmed, the remains of seven have been located and identified.
- U.S. and Vietnam technical experts meet regularly in Hanoi to discuss Last Known Alive cases in areas of Cambodia controlled by Vietnamese forces during the war.

#### **Research and Investigations**

- A U.S. POW/MIA investigator is stationed in Phnom Penh full-time. He pursues leads associated with the remaining 49 individuals still unaccounted for in Cambodia.
- Witnesses have assisted in identifying recovery sites on Koh Tang, the island associated with the Mayaguez incident. Thirteen of the 18 Americans missing from that incident have been recovered and identified.
- U.S. researchers continue to review materials in Cambodian archives. Private researchers studying Khmer Rouge wartime atrocities in Cambodia have shared relevant information they have uncovered.

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## **Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency**



### **Progress in Laos as of March 1, 2016**

#### **Current Status of Unaccounted-for Americans Lost in the Vietnam War**

	<u>Vietnam</u>	<u>Laos</u>	<u>Cambodia</u>	<u>China</u>	<u>Total</u>
Original Missing	1,972	574	90	10	2,646
Repatriated and Identified	<u>708</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1,024<sup>1</sup></u>
Remaining Missing	1,264	302	49	7	1,622

Of the remaining 302 Americans still unaccounted for in Laos, 13 are in a “non-recoverable” category. This means that as a result of rigorous investigation, we have conclusive evidence the individual perished, but do not believe it possible to recover his remains. On rare occasions, new leads can arise that bring a case back to a more active status.

#### **Repatriating and Identifying Remains**

- The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) plans to conduct four Joint Field Activities (JFAs) this fiscal year in Laos. Each JFA involves up to 53 U.S. personnel plus their Lao counterparts. Together, they will work on investigations and excavations throughout the country for periods of between 30 - 45 days.
- American remains are transferred to DPAA’s Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for identification by forensic anthropologists.
- The 139<sup>th</sup> JFA began January 10 and continued through February 16, 2016. Recovery teams excavated sites in Attapeu and Savannakhet Provinces.
- The 140<sup>th</sup> JFA began February 29 and continues through April 6, 2016. Recovery teams are excavating sites in Houaphan, Xiang Khoang, and Khammouan Provinces.

#### **Resolving “Last Known Alive” Cases**

- Of the original 81 individuals “Last Known Alive” in Laos (those who survived or may have survived their loss incident and were either alive on the ground, in captivity, or in immediate proximity to capture, but did not return), DoD has confirmed the death of 62, with 19 still unresolved.
- Of the 62 whose deaths have been confirmed, the remains of 20 have been located and identified.
- U.S. and Vietnam technical experts meet regularly in Hanoi to discuss Last Known Alive cases in areas of Laos controlled by Vietnamese forces during the war.

#### **Research and Investigations**

- A U.S. POW/MIA investigator is stationed in Vientiane full-time. He pursues leads associated with the remaining 302 individuals unaccounted for in Laos.
- The Lao have allowed approximately 80 Vietnamese witnesses to participate in investigating 50 cases in trilateral operations during JFAs in Laos. These witnesses have provided significant information that has led to the excavation of several sites and recoveries associated with as many as 20 individuals.
- The U.S. completed an archival research arrangement with the Lao in 2007. The initiative, begun in June 2004, involved a jointly planned comprehensive effort to locate documents in Lao archives that could contain information regarding Americans missing in Laos during the war. The program did not uncover any information.
- The Lao allowed a Joint Archival Research Team (ART) access to the Lao National Film Archives and Video Center from 1994 - 1999. The ART reviewed over 18,000 photographs, with eight depicting U.S. POWs and nine depicting U.S. aircraft wreckage.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 29 Mar 2016 14:30:12 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] A legislative win for Rolling Thunder's 'chair of honor' ... (U)

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CAVEAT: None

No, just curious if you knew him.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 10:26 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] A legislative win for Rolling Thunder's 'chair of honor' ...

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No, did you want me to? Ann

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Very nice. Have you set up an office call with Congressman Lynch yet?

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 5:31 PM

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] A legislative win for Rolling Thunder's 'chair of honor' dedicated to POWs, those

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A legislative win for Rolling Thunder's 'chair of honor' dedicated to POWs, those missing in action  
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The "chair of honor" — a public symbol of remembrance for POWs and MIAs — always remains unoccupied and now appears in 100 sites around the nation. New legislation has passed in the U.S. House that would also place one ... more > < Caution-Caution-http://www.washingtontimes.com/multimedia/image/3\_272016\_pow-mia8201jpg/ >

By Jennifer Harper < Caution-Caution-http://www.washingtontimes.com/staff/jennifer-harper/ > - The Washington Times - Sunday, March 27, 2016

Rolling Thunder < Caution-Caution-http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/rolling-thunder-inc/ > is known for its patriotic "Ride for Freedom" to the nation's capital each year and an intense interest in veterans' affairs. Now the national motorcycle club has inspired some legislation, based on the organization's unwavering support for the "chair of honor" — a simple but effective public reminder of some 83,000 troops still missing in action or held as prisoners of war.

Each chair bears the stark, familiar POW/MIA emblem and remains permanently unoccupied; currently, there are chairs of honor placed in 100 indoor and outdoor sites around the nation, including several major sports stadiums. But Rolling Thunder < Caution-Caution-http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/rolling-thunder-inc/ > officers wanted to know: Why not one for the U.S. Capitol?

They made their case two years ago to Rep. Stephen F. Lynch, Massachusetts Democrat, who introduced the "National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015," which passed unanimously on the floor of the House last week. The bill has straightforward intent, providing that an appropriate chair of honor be placed on the Capitol grounds as a solemn, enduring reminder of those who did not make it home. A bipartisan companion bill in the Senate < Caution-Caution-http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/senate/ > has also been introduced by Sens. Marco Rubio, Florida Republican, and Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts Democrat.

"When we pass this chair every day, we will be reminded of our commitment to our POWs, our MIAs and their families that we have not forgotten them, we will never forget them, and we will not rest until they all come home," the Massachusetts Democrat said after the bill passed, heartily crediting Rolling

Thunder < Caution-Caution-<http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/rolling-thunder-inc/> > in his own state and elsewhere for championing the idea and pushing for the legislation.

“Though our soldiers are not here, there is still a space for them,” notes Gus Dante, member of the Rolling Thunder, Inc. < Caution-Caution-<http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/rolling-thunder-inc/> > national board.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 30 Mar 2016 00:46:23 +0000 (b)(6)  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: link to story (U)

Considering all the pieces run by stars and stripes and propublica, I think "hollywood" deserves credit for being the only media that is not doing a hatchet job. It's a start.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 08:32 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: link to story (U)

Well, I would think that it makes sense to ask to keep you posted if a decision is made to move forward, at least that is what I always do, and they have been courteous enough to comply. It's worth a try, don't you think?

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I was unaware of the wreath laying event and still am. When did that happen? Holly has half the name but I don't think Hollywood cares enough to keep her updated on their tv shows.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 06:59 PM




**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: link to story (U)

I watched, and I hope the Director is correct about a positive impact on today's younger generation, but the mission was portrayed as strictly remains recovery, and why would that generate their interest? Had it been portrayed as obtaining answers and a couple of those Marines were believed to have been captured? Then you have a story line that might engage interest, but "just" doing the right thing to "recover the remains" of those who died? In today's world? I guess we'll see, but Holly sure should have known that CBS was writing that show and airing it last night and notified all interested parties. .

By the way, I was disappointed to learn that Secretary Carter laid a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, along with Bob McDonald, VA Secretary, and nobody even bothered to notify the League, much less invite us to attend. It sure makes one wonder what a "priority" means to this administration, doesn't it? Have a good evening, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 5 Apr 2016 18:39:52 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** voice mail on flyers (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Just tried calling you back but it did not go to voice mail?

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 6 Apr 2016 15:43:35 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Donald R. Hubbs photos (U)  
**Attachments:** Hubbs, Donald Richard 6 Ready 2.jpg, Hubbs, Donald Richard 2.jpg

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CAVEAT: None

Here you go!

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 10:28 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6) LT USN DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA AP (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Donald R. Hubbs photos

(b)(6)

(b)(6) requested that I send you and/or Lt. (b)(6) a photo of this man for Navy Casualty. I picked these 2 because I liked them the best and they clearly showed his face.

Hopefully they come through okay.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 7 Apr 2016 15:23:58 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Latest DRAFT 47th Annual Meeting Program (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

I have to say that I really like the layout/format of this agenda. Is it new or are my new glasses working?

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 4:04 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: Holland, Thomas D (Dr. (ST-SES)) CIV DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Latest DRAFT 47th Annual Meeting Program

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attached, and you'll note that (b)(6) is unable to make it this year. His imminent departure from Laos as the longstanding CRS prompts a week-long pre-retirement stay in Bangkok for a thorough physical, but I won't be at all surprised if he come to the 48th - 50th League annual meeting from his soon-to-be-new home in Florida. Feel free to share this with colleagues, but also note the League's annual meeting programs most often continue to change somewhat until just before going to print. Best to all,  
Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 8 Apr 2016 22:07:47 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Washington Report - AFSA (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Ok, I'm leaving for the train. Will check once I get on!

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 6:06 PM  
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Yes, they certainly are, Ann

PS: See latest program

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They are great folks over there



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 12 Apr 2016 16:17:57 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) USAF AFELM OSD (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Vietnam War airman's death re-examined after decades of controversy (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Quite a misleading statement without context of time. "The case's long history is riddled with doubts and disagreements within the Pentagon, intelligence community and Congress over whether Matejov died that night in 1973."

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 12:01 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) USAF AFELM OSD (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Vietnam War airman's death re-examined after decades of controversy (U)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 4:59 PM  
**To:** Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA AP (US); (b)(6)@yahoo.com; (b)(6)@comcast.net  
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WASHINGTON — The Air Force closed the case on Sgt. Joseph Matejov when his surveillance aircraft went down at the end of the Vietnam War.

The missing airman was deemed killed in the fiery crash, and more than two decades later a group gravestone was installed at Arlington National Cemetery. A single casket containing bone fragments recovered in Laos was lowered into the ground at the 1996 funeral for Matejov and seven fellow Air Force crewmembers.

Officially, it was the end of the military's accounting.

But the funeral did not bury the controversy over the downed aircraft, call sign Baron 52. The case's long history is riddled with doubts and disagreements within the Pentagon, intelligence community and Congress over whether Matejov died that night in 1973.

Now, the Air Force and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency are re-examining the incident after decades of pressure from Matejov's family and could change his status from killed to missing in action. A decision could be made within weeks.

The airmen's nine siblings, who have pushed for the change, in February presented evidence to the accounting agency of Air Force conjecture over the crash circumstances and a radio intercept about potential American captives. The evidence, spanning 43 years and compiled by the family, contains declassified documents and was shared with Stars and Stripes.

"MIA is not closure, though it is better than this travesty that exists in the file to this day," said his younger brother John Matejov, who is a retired Marine officer. "We shouldn't have to fight for that."

The change would add Matejov to the list of 83,000 servicemembers still missing and require DPAA to embark on a new effort to account for his remains.

An MIA status would be a stunning reversal for the Air Force, which has insisted since 1973 that there is

no proof airmen escaped the Baron 52 crash. It would also be an extraordinary precedent for the DPAA to support the move, giving hope to other families still searching for loved ones lost in the war.

‘That KIA determination was wrong’

For Matejov’s family, the decades of uncertainty and frustration began with a letter from his wing commander a week after his EC-47 aircraft crashed.

“After careful consideration, I feel that there is a possibility that one or more crew members could have parachuted to safety, therefore your son will continue to be carried in a missing status until a final determination can be made,” Col. Francis Humphreys wrote to Matejov’s father and mother on Feb. 13, 1973.

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A Feb. 13, 1973, letter from the Air Force notifying the Matejov family of the termination of the search for Sgt. Joseph Matejov.

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Their hope was smashed days later by another letter from the colonel.

With little new evidence, Humphreys, who retired as a brigadier general and died in 2013, reversed his opinion and listed Matejov and all seven other crewmembers as killed in action.

“My chief concern is that KIA determination was wrong,” said Roger Shields, who was chairman of the Defense Department POW/MIA task group and directed the return of American prisoners of war during Operation Homecoming. “Nobody at the time when this decision was made could have said without any question that these men were dead.”

During the Vietnam War, the military often classified troops as missing in action – and assumed further effort might bring them back alive – even when the facts indicated otherwise, he said. Troops were rated MIA even when witnesses saw their aircraft go down with an intact canopy and no rescue beacon was activated.

“We just saw too many cases where it looked like the chances of survival were not that good but it turned out that people did survive,” he said.

#### Last contact

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Joe Matejov turned 21 in February 1973. He had been deployed 10 months as an electronic warfare specialist with the Air Force Security Service, first to Vietnam and then to an airfield in Thailand. The classified work consisted of eavesdropping on North Vietnamese forces during flights over the officially neutral country of Laos.

His tour was wrapping up – 100 missions under his belt and a Distinguished Flying Cross in the pipeline – and he was ready to get back to the United States.

His EC-47 flew out of Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base just before midnight Feb. 4. The converted cargo plane, equipped with secret surveillance equipment, carried three other electronic warfare specialists from the 6994th Security Squadron and a four-man flight crew with the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron.

Over Laos, the flight left U.S. radar coverage. The airmen flew at a lofty 10,000 feet as they sniffed out North Vietnamese tanks moving south along the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Crews had recently begun flying at the higher altitude to avoid artillery fire. Even so, parachutes were packed and each crewmember carried a survival radio preset to an emergency frequency.

Every 20 minutes, Baron 52 radioed Moonbeam, the airborne command-and-control center also plying the night sky over Laos. At 1:25 a.m., the crew reported 37 mm or 57 mm anti-aircraft fire but no damage.

There were no more updates from Baron 52.

Report: No evidence of survivors

Four days after the last radio contact, an HH-3E Jolly Green Giant helicopter hovered over the Baron 52 wreckage as it lowered two pararescuemen and a radioman. The airmen worked quickly once on the ground. The area was hostile, and approaching aircraft heard gunfire and were targeted by a missile. Two large North Vietnamese bases were just miles away.

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“When we got there one of the PJs set up a perimeter, and the other one and myself were looking for bodies,” the technical sergeant radio operator at the time, Ron Schofield, said in a declassified Air Force oral history interview in 1989.

Schofield and the team searched for crewmembers and ensured the classified surveillance equipment used by the Air Force Security Service was destroyed.

The EC-47 was on its back. The rear of the fuselage – where Matejov and three other electronic warfare specialists were seated – was badly damaged after a heavy load of fuel burned off in the crash.

Still, the bodies of four airmen, including the seated pilot and copilot, were visible, preserved by their fire-retardant flight suits. The team was only able to recover the remains of pilot 1st Lt. Robert E. Bernhardt



during a rushed 15 minutes on the ground.

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Matejov and the other three “backenders” could not be seen in the wreckage.

“There should have been some remains of the backenders in the fire, but there wasn’t anything,” Schofield said in 1989.

The search-and-rescue report found no evidence of survivors. However, Schofield remembered a clue in the burnt fuselage that pointed to crewmembers escaping through a rear door.

“These aircraft flew with the doors on. If that aircraft had crashed with the door on, there would have been a little bit of it left at the top” where the plane had burned, he said. “It was gone. It looked like it had been kicked off.”

‘A certain amount of conjecture’

After the search, Humphreys believed some of the crew could have gotten out of the EC-47 before it crashed Feb. 5 on the jungle floor.

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On Feb. 5, 1973, about a week after the signing of the Paris Peace Agreement, an EC-47Q electronic warfare collection aircraft call sign Baron 52, was shot down over Saravane province, Laos, about 50 miles east of the city of Saravane.

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But pressure was mounting from the families over the missing-in-action status. They wanted progress in finding the airmen.

An Air Force cable from higher command to Humphreys on Feb. 21 said, “The father of one of the missing men has contacted this office” after receiving the colonel’s letter about possible survivors.

A few days later, Humphreys again wrote to the Matejovs and other crew families, this time with a very different conclusion.

“A careful review of all available facts has been made and there is no reasonable doubt that there were no survivors,” the letter said.

The letter was met with enough fear and doubt that the colonel wrote again to the families in March, denying that his decision was premature or lacked a sound basis.

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A letter from Humphreys to the Matejov family denying his decision that there were no survivors was premature or lacked a sound basis.

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“We did employ a certain amount of conjecture in trying to visualize the events as they took place,” Humphreys wrote. “However, we made logical assumptions based on all the available faces and information.”

He said the Baron 52 flight was blown out of the air suddenly, leaving no time for escape. The high-tech equipment on the EC-47 and the crew’s survival radios were key to his determination. The airmen never made contact again in the moments – and then days – after the crash.

“The intensive training of all flying personnel makes it improbable that at least one of the crew members would not have instinctively transmitted on one of the many pieces of communication equipment available in case of an emergency, unless they were all immediately and completely incapacitated,” he wrote.

‘Holding four pilots captive’

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The barracks at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base located on the eastern border of Thailand was the host to Detachment 3 of the 6994th Security Squadron and eventually the Headquarters, 6994th Security Squadron. Detachment 3 operated out of Ubon from Dec. 1, 1972, until Feb. 7, 1974.

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At the time of the Baron 52 crash, a U.S. surveillance plane flying somewhere over the South China Sea picked up an enemy radio intercept.

The initial classified translation was: “Group is holding four pilots captive and the group is requesting orders concerning what to do with them.” A later version used the word “pirates,” which some would claim was a term used for Americans, and also included numerical markers.

The intercept was publicly revealed years later, in 1979, when it became a central – and strongly disputed – piece of evidence. Was it proof Matejov and the three other “backenders” had escaped and been captured by enemy forces in Laos?

It is unclear whether the Air Force command had direct access to the classified intercept in February 1973 when it decided to list Matejov and the other crewmembers as killed in action. Records show the Air Force Security Service discussed the possibility of “sanitizing” a specific piece of classified intelligence so it could be presented to support keeping Baron 52 personnel listed as missing in action.

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A cable on sanitized intel from the Matejov presentation to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Records show the Air Force Security Service discussed the possibility of “sanitizing” a specific piece of

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Lionel Blau was a captain serving as operations officer at Matejov's 6994th Squadron at the time. He was skeptical of the push for a KIA status and pressed Humphreys to look into the intercept.

"I went in and simply told the colonel, 'Please do not make that decision yet until we can get straightened out what this [intelligence] is about,'" Blau said in a declassified 1989 oral history interview. He said Humphreys turned him down because he believed the search-and-rescue evidence showed no one could have escaped the crash.

But Blau continued to believe the airmen had an opportunity to escape.

"I've gone through this in my sleep, awake. It haunted me for quite a while," he said during the interview.

'The science was conclusive'

By spring 1973, Shields, the National Security Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency still believed there was a slim chance that crewmembers escaped the aircraft, a Senate select committee found in 1993 after investigating the case.

An NSA analyst named Jerry Mooney stoked the smoldering doubts with a memorandum in May 1973 about the enemy radio intercept.

Mooney, a fiery critic of U.S. treatment of POWs during the Vietnam War, retired from the agency in the late 1970s and left public service for an isolated part of Montana, where he keeps three telephones but no computer. "Too easy to bug," he joked.

The radio intercept could only be traced to one area – the Baron 52 crash site in Laos, according to Mooney.

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"Everything showed that the target communications that were sent were from that area and in reference to that shoot-down. ... The science was conclusive," he said.

His NSA interpretation of the radio intercept claimed it showed not only the location of the transmission, but also that U.S. crewmembers with burns were given water and transported by truck between particular mile markers along a road in Laos.

"After three months, there was no doubt all this stuff was tied into the EC-47," Mooney said.

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The Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base is located on the eastern border of Thailand.

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Word of the intercept and Mooney's memo spread among airmen in Matejov's squadron. It was startling news to Joe Matejov's father in 1979 when it was made public by the press. The Matejov family had held a funeral, as the Air Force advised, and was coming to grips with the sergeant's death.

Airmen began telling Stephen Matejov, a former Army lieutenant colonel with a Silver Star from the Korean War, about sightings of men herded along dirt roads and radio intercepts about American captives.

"It was 'barracks room' talk, and these men expressed surprise and consternation that those captured would be declared dead in so short a time," he wrote in a frustrated letter to the Air Force.

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Word of the radio intercept and Mooney's memo spread among airmen in Matejov's squadron and was made public by the press in 1979. In response, Stephen Matejov wrote a letter to the Air Force. The service brought him to the Pentagon to review the records in his son's death and lessen his doubts about the KIA decision. When he left the building, Matejov was "as amazed and as puzzled as my son's comrades were."

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Theory or 'musings'

Bob DeStatte, a senior analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency, was handpicked by the White House in 1986 to take another look at the case after years of public controversy and news coverage, much of it over the radio intercept.

DeStatte was an Army signals intercept technician during the Vietnam War and was later recruited by the DIA to investigate Vietnam POW cases. "I knew how to make reasonable judgments," he said.

If Mooney was a believer in the value of intercepts – called signals intelligence – DeStatte was a skeptic.

"In general, I think you should never rely on signals intelligence without some collateral information from other sources to deal with it," he said. "In this case we had one intercept."

DeStatte tracked down the airman on the modified Boeing 707 who had picked up the transmission. He provided flight logs, which often include handwritten notes for analysts.

"The intercept technician sitting on that aircraft added such a footnote ... his comment was, 'Other



transmissions on this frequency indicate that the transmitting unit is located in the vicinity of Vinh city,” on the central Vietnamese coast, DeStatte said.

That put the origin far from the interior of Laos where the Baron 52 wreckage was found.

Sen. Bob Smith, vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, questions Bob DeStatte, a senior analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency, about the Baron 52 intelligence during a 1992 hearing.

DeStatte's investigation resulted in a detailed takedown of Mooney's theory – what DeStatte now calls a page and a half of “musings”—and a DIA conclusion that the transmission had nothing to do with the flight.

In the early 1990s, the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs chaired by John Kerry also investigated Mooney's claims. Relying heavily on DeStatte and the DIA's work, it came back with an equally skeptical conclusion.

“Mooney's analytical judgments regarding the Baron 52 incident are largely speculative and unsubstantiated,” the committee wrote in its final report. “There is no firm evidence that links the Baron 52 crew to the single enemy report upon which Mooney apparently based his analysis.”

‘Get this stuff behind us’

The Senate committee spent 18 months traveling the globe and holding hearings on Baron 52 and other reports of possible POWs from the Vietnam War. In 1993, it concluded there was no evidence that the United States left anyone behind.

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But again, the Baron 52 case would have no clear-cut resolution.

“They started from the premise that it (the evidence) was all bogus,” said Bob Smith, a former New Hampshire Republican senator and the committee vice chairman. “Their goal was to get this stuff behind us, account for as many people as we could, put them on a list and then normalize relations with Vietnam.”

When the committee issued its findings, Smith released a list of POWs he said were still not accounted for by the United States. Matejov and the Baron 52 airmen were on it, despite the Air Force insistence and the doubts raised over the intercept evidence.

The crew should never have been considered killed in action if there was any indication of capture, he said. Instead the Air Force should have assumed they were missing.

“The Matejov family, what they went through is a disgrace,” he said. “They are still not getting all the information from the government.”

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Matejov and his mother, Mary.

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Smith was a controversial figure on the committee. Shields and DeStatte viewed him as a zealot and still hold some bitterness. He and his committee staff were “true believers,” who like military families at the time were ready to assume a cover-up, said Frances Zwenig, a Democrat under Kerry who was staff director of the committee.

“You want to believe your loved one wasn’t killed,” she said.

‘Not my brother’s teeth’

The crash site in Laos was finally excavated in 1993. Examiners uncovered 31 bone fragments and a variety of zippers, fasteners, pieces of flight gear and side arms. The fragments could not be tested – or even conclusively determined to be all human.

The excavation uncovered compelling evidence including metal pieces to account for eight parachutes – enough for all crewmembers. It also found one of Matejov’s dog tags.

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Evidence found at the Baron 52 excavation site from the Matejov presentation to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. In November 1992, the Joint Task Force for Full Accounting was able to conduct an archaeological excavation of the Baron 52 crash site and recovered partial remains.

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The Matejov family and others have discounted the findings. They say crews sometimes carried extra parachutes and airmen had more than one dog tag, leaving open the possibility of escape and survival.

Among the remains was a single tooth.

Sgt. Peter Cressman was a radio operator in the back of Baron 52, just like Joe Matejov. Twenty years after he was declared dead, the Air Force identified the tooth as his.

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Sgt. Peter R. Cressman was serving as an Airborne Morse Systems Operator, on Baron 52.

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His younger brother, Bob, still has doubts. The tooth was identified using dental records instead of DNA testing, Cressman said. But the Air Force records showed two full rows of teeth. Some of Peter Cressman’s teeth had been knocked out and he wore a dental plate.

“Those X-rays are not my brother’s teeth,” Cressman said.

Cressman is a retired law enforcement officer, a former police sergeant who once oversaw a sheriff's office crime prevention division. After clashing with the Air Force over his brother's death, he parlayed his professional experience into investigating POW cases in the 1980s.

"I don't want to sound like a conspiracy idiot because I don't believe in all that crap," said Bob Cressman. "I think from everything I've seen and heard from interviews, I think that he and several people on that plane got out before it crashed."

'What it all boils down to'

Joe Matejov's family filed into a conference room at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in Arlington, Va., in February. All nine of his siblings and other relatives had flown in from across the country – two now using walkers.

Picture - Joe Matejov stands with his parents and nine siblings.<Caution-  
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Joe Matejov (rear row, far right) stands with his parents and nine siblings, his brother John (rear row, center), who have carried on the quest to change his status to missing in action after his mother and father died.

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Stephen Matejov had traveled to the area 37 years earlier and left the Pentagon perplexed by the decision in his son's case. In 2007, the family received what they considered a lengthy run-around regarding a Baron 52 review from the DPAA's predecessor agencies, the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

But the years of persistence finally won them an opportunity to present their case directly to Michael Linnington, the DPAA director, and Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, the deputy director. The Matejovs went prepared with a presentation of witnesses, experts and declassified military documents put together with about a decade's worth of pro bono work by a sympathetic Washington law firm.

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The family quest over the Baron 52 case has fallen mostly to Matejov's brother John, who maintains the evidence and memorabilia from decades of investigations and press coverage.

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"What it all boils down to when all is said and done, however, is right here. ... Sgt. Joseph Matejov, our brother," John Matejov told the DPAA officials as he pointed to the airman's portrait. "Joe put on a uniform and went to fight for his country, a country that has yet to properly account for him."

The DPAA leaders listened for two hours and agreed to send a recommendation on the change of status to the Air Force by mid-April.

The service will make the final decision on whether to list Matejov as missing in action, Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Brooke Brzozowske told Stars and Stripes.

A decision to change the status would mean that DPAA “would seek to account for them as we do with all other individuals who are unaccounted for from past conflicts,” agency spokeswoman Lt. Col. Holly Slaughter told Stars and Stripes.

It would also be an admission by the Air Force that it erred when considering Matejov killed all those years ago.

“I honestly don’t believe he is alive but he didn’t die in the crash,” his sister Theresa Freeze, 56, said. “We just want the truth. We want [the case] to remain open and be looking for him ... because we don’t believe he came Caution-home.”

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The Baron 52 crew was finally laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in 1996 in a communal grave in Section 34, Site 4402.

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Freeze, a West Point graduate who served as an Army captain, said it is unlikely the DPAA would launch a mission to Laos to find her brother, and that the family is not asking for the contents of the Arlington grave to be exhumed for further testing. Instead, she wants her brother’s name to be added to the 83,000 servicemembers the DPAA lists as missing and unrecovered.

As unidentified remains are discovered in Southeast Asia and elsewhere, Matejov would be considered as a possible match, Freeze said.

“Every day now on Facebook, I see them finding remains and bringing them home and giving people closure,” she said.

‘He was denied’

John Matejov was the recipient of the last letter his brother ever wrote, sent from Southeast Asia before the plane crashed. He keeps it in a safe in his home. From time to time, he takes out the letter and reads it, choking with emotion.

Just a year apart, the brothers shared the tightest bond in the family.

They competed in everything and got in trouble together, Matejov said. They planned to enlist in the military together after high school.

“I oftentimes wonder where he would have been, what his career path would have been. Would he have kids?” he said. “And he was denied that.”

The family quest over the Baron 52 case has fallen mostly to John, who keeps the boxes of evidence and memorabilia from decades of investigations and press coverage. He was the one who gave the family’s final statement to the leaders at the DPAA in February.

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#### CHRISTOPHER SIX/STARS AND STRIPES

He has mastered all the details of the case. Every point has been considered and reconsidered in the hope that it will finally, someday, persuade the Air Force to see the family's version of the truth.

It has become a long-running theme in his life, repaying a debt to a brother he loved so much.

"First and foremost is honor. I don't understand why people don't grasp that. The debt of honor," John Matejov said. "We all have our lives, we all have our distractions. I get that. But if we can't uphold honor in the accounting process ... who are we?"

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 13 Apr 2016 15:11:19 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV (US) (b)(6)  
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] WWII Airmen Remains Found In Jungle Flown Home (U)

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CAVEAT: None

I bet at least one family is going to disagree on the below quote.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:57 AM

(b)(6)

**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] WWII Airmen Remains Found In Jungle Flown Home

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11:01, UK, Wednesday 13 April 2016

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In a message dated 4/13/2016 10:17:49 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@alcon.com writes:

Found this on a British website. (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 14 Apr 2016 13:37:49 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: (b)(6) email (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Of course, (b)(6) just responded to me. First time in almost a year. I think he noticed who I cc'd.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 8:20 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: (b)(6) email

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Sure I have it, but will you promise to tell (b)(6) that you can't get any responses from (b)(6). He knows from me, but it will help if he knows from you and, in this case, why don't you call (b)(6). His phone number here in Alexandria is (b)(6) and in DE is (b)(6). His email is (b)(6)@yahoo.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@yahoo.com >. I've talked with him at lengths about how bad things are within Legion HQ, and you should also know that (b)(6) and (b)(6) are working to stop (b)(6) resolution, based on the letter I sent to the IL Department Commander, copied to the Legion National Commander, Linnngton and (b)(6). I've not known you to over-react, so don't on this one. Have a good day, Ann

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In a message dated 4/14/2016 7:26:32 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Do you have it? I'm so very tired of getting blown off by (b)(6). He doesn't respond to

anything but just asks stupid questions.=

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 15 Apr 2016 21:20:18 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6)  
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Update - Contact Made With DPK-Korean  
Perm Mission Representative - Dire... (U)

(b)(6) has about four emails from him on this meeting..

----- Original Message -----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 03:42 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC  
(US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Update - Contact Made With DPK-Korean Perm Mission  
Representative - Dire... (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Should loop (b)(6) in on this...

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**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 1:42 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Update - Contact Made With DPK-Korean Perm Mission Representative  
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Don't know if (b)(6) sent this one to you, but there is NO indication that the DPRK has expressed any wish to meet with (b)(6) at least not in this email transmission. Perhaps on the phone? You might want to check to (b)(6) Ann

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com  
Sent: 4/15/2016 1:39:09 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Update - Contact Made With DPK-Korean Perm Mission Representative - Direction Given -  
Invite to Meet Extended (202) - 972-3105

(b)(6)

Looks like they are interested in meeting with me (TBA).

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 21 Apr 2016 00:42:00 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: League Dinner (U)

Oh thank you for the reminder. Her birthday is next week. This is her present!

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 07:56 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: League Dinner (U)

Give your mom my best; tell her I said you're a good son! That's a LOT, and tell her Happy Mothers Day! (May 8th) Ann

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Ok. I'm headed to jersey tomorrow. Tree limb picking up time. I will be back at work on Monday.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 06:18 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: League Dinner (U)

OK, I'll talk with (b)(6) tomorrow, (b)(6) that is the least of our concerns, and thanks.  
You have a good evening, Ann

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In a message dated 4/20/2016 5:57:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Yes, that is his name spelling. (b)(6) can confirm as he is meeting with him today.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 05:35 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: League Dinner (U)

Nope, I didn't even know about the stupid form, but not to worry, I'll write a letter to the CO and copy the DPAA Director. We'll even enclose the form. Then you can "bug them" if necessary.

I sure hope you like your new boss, Todd Livick? Is that his name spelled correctly? I sure hope he works out well for the good of all, certainly including the mission, but I'm also losing hope, and it is sad for me. Later, Ann

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In a message dated 4/20/2016 5:30:41 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ok, I know you are going to hate me for asking but did you (or (b)(6) submit a request to MDW using a DD-2546? I attached the link to MDW along with the DD2536. (You could use the one from last year and just change the dates.) Once you submit it, we can put a bug in their ear to make sure they are working it, but we can't submit it on behalf of you or they will not support it.

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<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/forms/eforms/dd2536.pdf>

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 5:20 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: League Dinner (U)

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Your note was right on and, no, the only confirmation I have is from Mike Linnington, both on General Milley and the DepSecDec for keynoting the Opening Session. I have learned that (b)(6) has the address for the sister and, I think he indicated, the mother of Nguyen Van Hai, the South Vietnamese who was killed in the helicopter when Capt Rees died. I don't have names or addresses of Capt Rees' wife/family, nor of the seven Americans killed on April 7, 2001. Of course they are all invited to the dinner and we'd be glad to have them for part of the 47th Annual Meeting they might wish to attend, but you are correct about funding. That is not in the cards for us, but Linnington said he was going to work on that.



While we're on the subject, Father Hurley, MG, Army Chief of Chaplains, will again be our chaplain and he is also confirmed. What I don't have confirmed is the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard or the military musical group, but since the Army Chief of Staff is the dinner speaker, I'd certainly MDW doesn't pose any questions this time? Can you ask whomever is working in your office, active duty, to check on these two things? Or do you prefer I send a letter to the MDW Commander? Just let me know, and thanks in advance, Ann

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In a message dated 4/20/2016 5:12:29 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

I hope I captured what you told me when we last spoke about the below. I expect that we will extend the invitation to the families through the services or direct from Mr. Linnington.

So has anyone from Milley's staff reached out to you to confirm his attendance?

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 4:50 PM  
To: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)  
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: League Dinner (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Holly, Ann has told us that she would be happy to extend a personal invitation to the families if she is allowed to have the addresses of the families from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. She has not offered nor can I ever imagine the League paying for their flights or lodging. They don't have that kind of money. I am certain she would not expect them to pay for the cost of the dinner. I know she would be very happy to engage with his staff to discuss this

further as she is expecting them to reach out to her about General Milley's invitation and acceptance. Best, (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 4:34 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Subject: League Dinner (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

Do you know if the families of our fallen DPAA/JTF/CIL-HI members lost in the helicopter crash 15 years ago are definitely invited to the League dinner on Jun 23 that Gen Milley is hopefully speaking at?

If so, do you know if the League is paying for their flights and/or lodging?

Gen Milley's peeps are asking...

Thanks,  
-Holly

HOLLY N. SLAUGHTER, Lt. Col., USAFR

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 25 Apr 2016 13:03:08 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Funeral for SSG Alan Boyer, USA Special Forces (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

What is going on at Arlington today? I may have missed something???

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 8:58 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Funeral for SSG Alan Boyer, USA Special Forces (U)

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Good one! Off to Arlington National Cemetery, and hope things went well at your mom's, Ann

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In a message dated 4/25/2016 8:45:05 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Poor elephant. It's not designed to carry 280 pounds of American hillbilly.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 7:37 AM



To: (b)(6)@comcast.net  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Funeral for SSG Alan Boyer, USA Special Forces

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Sorry, I forgot the photo, and it's a GREAT one! Thanks, Ann

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In a message dated 4/25/2016 5:20:21 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@comcast.net writes:

Ann,

I quick response and sorry to hear of Dorothy. I am in Siem Reap now. In Vientiane I saw an American looking guy sitting out front on my hotel SMOKING in the 102F HEAT. Feel like temp, 116F. Chat finally deduced he was in the Army, based in HI. I asked if he is DPAA and that would be a YES. This morning, he was in the lobby with another guy and likewise.

Army guy does equipment maintenance (b)(6) and safety mgmt. (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Something like that, can't read his printing. How small world is that???

Great trip so far. Manila, Bangkok, Vientiane, now Siem Reap. Overnight in Saigon on the way back to Manila to 're-visit friends there.

See soon, (b)(6)

PS. Please forward to (b)(6) and (b)(6) I don't have their addresses.

On April 25, 2016, at 5:21 AM, (b)(6)@aol.com wrote:



All of you to whom this has been sent are assumed to have known and loved Dorothy Boyer, mother of SSG Alan Boyer, USA/SF, whose remains have not been recovered and identified. All has been planned in coordination with the League and the SF community, both SFA and SOA, plus DPAA.

Though (b)(6) had wanted to hold the funeral in the Old Post Chapel at Ft. Myer, it was not available, so the funeral will instead be held in the Memorial Chapel at Ft. Myer on Wednesday, June 22nd, 1:00 p.m., followed by interment in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. After conclusion of the ceremony, the SFA Trust is hosting a reception at Ft. Myer, but I don't yet know the precise location. My expectation is that it will be in the historic Ft. Myer Officers Club, as the last SF reception was held, but that has not been confirmed.

This email is to learn from each of you, with spouse where applicable, will arrive in DC and have time to check into the Hilton and get to Ft. Myer for the funeral at 1:00 p.m. Frankly, I recommend that you all fly in on Tuesday evening, June 21st, so that you can visit elected officials on Capitol Hill before going to Ft. Myer.

Others simply cannot make it to DC n time and that is understandable, but please let me know your intentions, no later than May 20th, preferably earlier. I have made a commitment to give the SF guys a firm count before the 22nd, and that will occur.

In addition, if you know of other long-time League members who knew Dorothy and/or (b)(6) and also plan to attend the 47th Annual Meeting, please let me know their names and email addresses so that I can contact them and confirm their arrival in time to attend.

This is, obviously, an emotional, but very happy time for (b)(6) and though she certainly wishes this had come before Dorothy passed away, her first reaction was precisely as we all feel and react, "mother finally knows" what happened. I'm sure you are all as happy for (b)(6) and I, and she has been swamped with all the expressions of support she has received.

OK, that's it, and let me know your intentions. Best to all, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 25 Apr 2016 13:05:43 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Latest DRAFT 47th AnMtg (U)

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CAVEAT: None

I personally think it helps when you send out the program to all your POCS here and at the services all at once.... then everyone is on the same sheet of music and no one is wondering or asking who has the latest agenda.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2016 6:47 PM  
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com; (b)(6)@aol.com  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Latest DRAFT 47th AnMtg

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attached is the latest, and please share, especially with those who need it, such as the Service Casualty Offices, or would they prefer the abbreviated version I'm sending out in our upcoming newsletter? Let us know, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 26 Apr 2016 01:17:08 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Letter Sent To North Korean Foreign Ministry of Aff...

Yes, he must send three emails a day with various rants to various folks. I should have guessed you were on the distro. I presume he is ccing (b)(6) too but can't be sure.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 05:21 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Letter Sent To North Korean Foreign Ministry of Aff...

Yes, I knew (b)(6) had sent you and (b)(6) a copy; he blind-copied me on that, but I wanted (b)(6) and (b)(6) to see it too. He is REALLY off the charts this time, resurrected his rabid determination and certainly has no lack of commitment or energy. He has country names and official positions all over the map, though you may be right that the DPRK is bizarre they may even believe he is someone important in The Legion's leadership. God only knows, but glad you are not responding, though BG Spindler did, a mistake in my view. Later, Ann

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Thanks, Ann. (b)(6) sent me and (b)(6) a copy earlier. I sent it to (b)(6) as an FYI because I'm sure the DPRK believe (b)(6) is someone senior within the American Legion based on his signature block. I also told (b)(6) that we have no intention of responding or commenting on these letters because it only seems to encourage (b)(6) that he is working for and/or assisting the US Government in



our accounting efforts when all he doing is creating confusion. Best, (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 4:30 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);  
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC  
(US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Letter Sent To North Korean Foreign Ministry of  
Affairs in North Korea T...

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com

To: (b)(6)@mail.mil, (b)(6)@mail.mil

Sent: 4/25/2016 4:17:44 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time

Subj: Letter Sent To North Korean Foreign Ministry of Affairs in North Korea Today



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 26 Apr 2016 19:54:21 +0000  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Breakout Rooms at League Meeting (U)  
**Attachments:** facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Todd, during your meeting tomorrow, you can expect that Ann will raise the issue of breakout rooms at the annual League Meeting. I just had a long talk with her as we do every year at this time. As background, since 2008, we (DPAA) have paid for the breakout rooms for the services to meet with their respective families -- one each for the Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine Corps and one for the DPAA analysts in which to work and to hold overflow meetings. Prior to 2008, the League picked up this cost as detailed in the email chain at the bottom which I sent to her earlier this afternoon because she could not recall why we (DPMO) took over the breakout room contracts --- the reason we did is because she told us to.

As we have done since 2008, we plan to contract for four breakout rooms for two days (Thursday/Friday). These two days were selected because our past leadership had determined we could conduct all the government business in those two days. As it stands, the four rooms are going to cost us \$2400 (1200/day) for Thursday and Friday.

In addition to doubling the costs, if we are going to host meetings on Wednesday and Saturday, the services are going to face two extra days of travel and per diem and likewise so will our analysts from Hawaii. In the past, we have always worked these outliers by meeting with the handful of families on Wednesday night or Saturday morning. The necessary casualty officers would simply fly in early Wednesday or fly out late Sunday. Ann has a point in that spreading the one-on-one meetings over four days will allow the families to focus more on the government briefings on Thursday and Friday; however, the League hosts non-government business during those two days. This year, she has a new argument-- i.e. in the spirit of new leadership we should be hosting one-on-one meetings all four days.

My recommendation is that you take notes and listen and discuss with the Director when he returns. My recommendation would be to compromise and agree to contract for two rooms (we won't need four) on Wednesday and then we plan to host one-on-one meetings on Wednesday afternoon when most of the families fly into town. We just need to make the sure the Army, Air Force, and Navy can support. The Marines are local and won't be impacted. I would not agree to holding one-on-one meetings on Saturday not for the associated costs but simply for the wear and tear on the analysts. They are beat up and worn out by Saturday.

v/r  


-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 3:06 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: breakout rooms (U)

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Thanks, this is great, historically, so now I know, but please keep track of all your archives. You seem to know how to put your hands on them much quicker than I, so keep them organized in case we need them again,

The only question now is to ensure that they are available for set up by 8:00 am. on Wednesday, June 22nd, and preferred check out on Sunday, June 26th, just as you all do (if you're a distance away) when you travel across the country for FMUs. And whomever is in charge of meeting/coordinating with the SCOs, how about encouraging them to be inclusive, get the TDYs to ensure availability by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd and until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25th, just as the administrative notes and the program indicate.

Thanks in advance, Ann

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In a message dated 4/26/2016 2:38:17 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

I was off a year. Per the below, it was 2008 when the hotel stopped including the breakout rooms in the contract!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 6:22 PM  
To: (b)(6) Mr., OSD-DPMO  
Cc: (b)(6)@randolph.af.mil; (b)(6)@us.army.mil; Johnson (b)(6)  
Subject: Update & Clarifications

In view of a shortage of the color assigned this year to USG officials' badges (red), we have decided NOT to make them for uniformed officials at all levels, since they are reticent to place them on uniforms anyway and many have their names displayed.

(b)(6) please call to discuss format for the materials consisting of the



briefing slide copies to enable the family members and others to follow the presentations.

If any of you wish to provide representatives to escort VIP guests to the reception on the Plaza Level, we'd be glad for such to join the League board members who will be greeting the guests and then each can be escorted to the Crystal Room. Since some of your personnel might enjoy meeting these guests, it is entirely up to you and certainly this is not a demand of any kind. This is simply that some of your military personnel, in particular, might appreciate the opportunity.

In regard to the \$250/day room charge for Casualty Offices and the DPMO office, rooms that the League has historically been able to provide as part of our hotel contract. That is no longer possible, since the League is being charged for all meeting spaces, a charge passed along to each Service for use in holding case file reviews. This was necessary to enable the room rates for family members to be as low as possible.

I understand that DPMO normally pays for the meeting spaces for the "Family Updates" held around the country, as well as costs incurred for DPMO to host the "Annual Government Briefings" for the Korea/Cold War Families. Those charges are undoubtedly much higher than the \$750/three days required for the breakout rooms. Since a flyer was sent to the families stating that the upcoming 39th Annual Meeting was in fact the "Annual Government Briefings," at which the individual case reviews would be available, perhaps this is the means by which tax-payer funds might be legally expended.

We regret that this was necessary, and the League will also be paying for meeting space this year, for the first time, and you can be certain we don't have the funds for such expenses. Best to all,

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 3 May 2016 14:12:06 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Minutes from case categorization mtg of 28 APR 2016 (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Poo (b)(6) She and her team of new thinkers truly believed it would be simple matter to have all 83,000 cases categorized with the new Lumpkin terms within a year.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 8:41 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Minutes from case categorization mtg of 28 APR 2016 (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

The first time in the ring is always toughâ€

**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 8:19 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CDR USN DPAA STRATEGY (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EM (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Minutes from case categorization mtg of 28 APR 2016 (U)

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(b)(6) I added the rest of the meeting attendees, plus (b)(6) since he was invested in the development of the case categorization throughout, or so I understood.

I deeply regret that I apparently was inept in explaining my thinking is several, or most, of the meeting as that was NOT at all my intention. This edited version, using the tracking tool, might best be read by hitting "accept all" as an alternative since there is so much red ink it is off-putting, and I'm sorry.

I also noted in your final paragraph that this would all be given to the Director "prior to a back-brief" of the meeting that I understand is today at 9:30 a.m. If so, I have to assume he has been given the version I had not seen as part of his "read-ahead" that I understand is now required, another apparent change proposed by and adopted as part of the "complete reorganization," but a bit beyond Secretary Hagel's admonition to "build on the existing strengths" that had been effectively applied to and utilized by Vietnam War accounting for decades.

I hope this is helpful and, please remember, my ONLY motivation is to increase positive views of DPAA and its efforts to achieving mission objectives. For myself, I already know what is taking place. It is the other families who are my concern, including the WWII and Korean families. Best to all, and hurriedly,  
Ann

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In a message dated 5/2/2016 3:27:56 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ms. Mills-Griffith,

Please find attached for your review and edit the minutes from our case categorization meeting from last Thursday (28 April 2016).

At your convenience, please review and let me know if I have captured our conversations accurately.

I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

v/r

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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COMM (b)(6)



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 20:36:26 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) Lt Col USAF DPAA FO (US)  
**Subject:** RE: Parking for Friday (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

You just made a friend! Well done. I will have to get the secret from you. (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) Lt Col USAF DPAA FO (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016 3:28 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Lt Col USAF DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA FO (US);  
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Parking for Friday (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ms. Griffiths,

I have a parking pass for you for Friday. If you can give us a call as you are arriving I will bring it down so that you can hang in your car. I believe that this is the same place you have parked in the past but I am attaching a map regardless because I can't confirm it right now (due to folks being out of the office). Please let me know if you need anything else in advance of your visit on Friday.

(b)(6) Lt Col, USAF  
Military Assistant to the Principal Director Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency  
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Washington, D.C. 20301-2300  
(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 12 May 2016 21:42:50 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: President's Visit to Vietnam This Month

Has the ffr left yet?

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2016 05:36 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)@gmail.com (b)(6)@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: President's Visit to Vietnam This Month

(b)(6) why on earth would you say this? Are you saying if Vietnam has more stored remains that they could hand over you would prefer not to receive them? Speak for yourself, of course, but if you think the Vietnamese are that lacking in sophistication, you're way off base. Just my opinion, of course, Ann

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(b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

May 12, 2016

(b)(6)  
CIV - DPAA - EC - (US)  
1000 defense Pentagon Building  
Washington, D.C. 20301-0001

Re: Potential Upstaging With Stored U.S. Remains  
versus Failure to Produce Records On Inspections in or Near  
the Former Wartime POW Camp Sites - Still

Dear (b)(6)

We would hope at this point that there will not be any staging of U.S. remains being handed over in front of the cameras so that the SRV can take more credit.

Please let's not allow this trip/visit to become a circus.  
Having the guts enough to stand up to this past type of performance has brought us to this juncture.  
The same goes for the entire VLC area.  
Enough is enough sir.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

III Marine Veteran

Fmr U.S. Based Vietnam NGO - 11th Engineers-Vietnam Revisited, 89, Ltd

Paid Up Member American Legion

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 13 May 2016 22:02:56 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

I'm on the train and we can send next week. It looks almost exactly the same as the original from my memory with only some minor tweaks. I'm not sure if the ones I saw are the finals though.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2016 05:53 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

Sounds good, (b)(6) but please send me the text of the letter sent so that I'll know and can see the final on what was said. I never got the final copy. And yes, she is not well herself, has several illnesses and is a veteran, but it is the youngest daughter (b)(6) 18 years of age, who is graduating from (b)(6) outside of (b)(6) who her mother feels really needs to be here. She said they left Hawaii so quickly after her husband was killed that their two daughters didn't really get to see any of the honors given to their father and this would be very meaningful. Thanks, we'll have to figure out something, even if it is passing the hat to pay for her room at the Hilton for Thursday, June 23rd. Ann

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, thanks for the phone call. I can't confirm her as the wife as that is not the name I see. For what you've told me, she is a veteran herself and it sounds as if she is still



harboring quite a bit of pain from the loss and she also is in dire straits as far as money but is adamant about making the trip to the dinner to honor her loved one. I know we (DPAA) cannot offer any funding for her trip and/or her stay at the hotel. It may be that we could reach out to the Army and see if they can get a non-profit like the Fisher House to see if they could support her. We can check next week with the Army. (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 5:15 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

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What about (b)(6) widow of (b)(6)? She has called. Didn't she get a letter?

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, per your request, these are the names of the folks that were invited to the league dinner so you can track them if they call. I'm cc'ing (b)(6) who is in Boston in case I missed anyone. Best, (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 17 May 2016 11:34:11 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: For Your Consideration (U)

The only guy who truly supported her view she threw out over boondoggles to moscow..

----- Original Message -----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 01:40 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** FW: For Your Consideration (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Funny how some responses are missing...

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 12:12 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** FW: For Your Consideration (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

All,  
Looping you in for awareness as this one will continue to swirl.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 11:53 AM  
**To:** 'Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Gann, Michael J Col USMC DPAA AP (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Forbes, Christopher S COL USARMY DPAA RA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
**Subject:** FW: For Your Consideration

Mark --

AMG is clamoring for us to publish our criteria for putting a case on the MEL, and putting into writing how we decide which cases get investigated/recovered. Wouldn't doing so cause us MORE work (and lots more cards/letters)? Let's discuss sometime this week.

Vr, Mike

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Director, DPAA, USD(P)

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 11:34 AM  
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)  
Cc: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] For Your Consideration

I do understand, Mike, and am NOT advocating release of any specific, war-by-war, \$\$\$, but the criteria for selection and scheduling on the MEL. I absolutely agree you should not, nor will we, publish the numbers. The war-by-war policy/procedure for scheduling excavations/recoveries is my intent, NOT the numbers, but it will help reduce the impatient inclination to go to a Member of Congress to get political intervention, except by the small percent of Vietnam War families focused solely on their own case.

I know what a drain those congressional inquiries can be, and it isn't fair to DPAA as a whole, much less to you. Publication of criteria on which to base scheduling decisions can help alleviate such pressures, that was the purpose of the suggestion. At least think on it a while. Later, Ann

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To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] For Your Consideration

Good morning, Mike,

As we all anticipated, impatience is growing and will continue to grow in the Vietnam War community as additional assets and resources are required for WWII remains recovery and an "ID-counting" mentality that still seems to motivate some, especially in the Lab. This is somewhat understandable since successful IDs are their sole measurement of success. Cases that have been on the Master Excavation List (MEL) for many, many years are still waiting. In our view, the priority for scheduling should NOT be influenced by political factors, including Members of Congress, but such pressures will increasingly be inevitable.

Families must have total confidence in the integrity of the process, as well as the people implementing it; therefore, I encourage you to determine the priorities for scheduling excavations based on DPAA's reality and in terms that all can and will understand and accept as logical, at least eventually, in the



best interest of the overall mission. I cannot express that same hope for the WWII and Korean War families as they all appear more focused on their own individual cases.

I haven't sent this note or the article below to the families, or even the board as yet, but perhaps you might consider a solution, clearly spelled out, to separate accounting processes and priorities for each war. As related to the Vietnam War, the initial assurance on which confidence was built was directed from the top, and more recently by former Secretary Hagel's direction to "build on the existing strengths" and implement the "complete reorganization" using that direction as a guideline.

I very much appreciate the budget figures and usage of operational funds you showed me in confidence, but to knowledgeable family members and veterans long involved, it is looking increasingly like what was working for Vietnam War accounting, that admittedly would NOT be applicable to WWII remains recovery, is being abandoned in favor of boosting the ID count. That rings much too closely to the Vietnam War media use of "body count" as applied to KIAs, often on both sides.

As in all instances, the decision is yours to make and, if you wish, I'll be more than happy to contribute to the process, quietly of course, either in person or by editing from afar, and welcome back, Ann

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Family of Monett's Cpt. Wolfe wants remains returned Tuesday, April 12, 2016, THE MONETT TIMES By Melonie Roberts [reporter@monett-times.com](mailto:reporter@monett-times.com)

(Photo)<Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.monett-times.com/photos/25/76/44/2576445-L.jpg>>  
Valerie Wolfe, daughter of Thomas Wolfe, the Air Force pilot from Monett who was shot down and killed in Laos in 1966, is pictured with Wolfe's former Air Force roommate and friend, Zack Pryse. Melonie Roberts [reporter@monett-times.com](mailto:reporter@monett-times.com) Daughter believes review will not occur until 2020

Valerie Wolfe was just nine months old when her father, Air Force Cpt. Thomas Wolfe, a pilot, was shot down and killed in Laos in 1966.

She is on a campaign to compel the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to keep its promise to bring her father Caution-Caution-Caution-home.

"My father volunteered for duty in southeast Asia," Wolfe said. "He was there a matter of months before he was killed. Originally listed as MIA, missing in action, that status was soon changed to MIA/BNR, missing in action, body not recovered, due to the official determination that no one could have survived the loss incident."

Zack Pryse, Wolfe's friend and former roommate, described the incident from letters he received from pilots in another aircraft that had observed the crash.

"Tom wanted to see where he thought he had spotted an anti-aircraft gun a few days before," Pryse said. "Chuck Dudley [the pilot] was wounded, but he fought it all the way in. The navigator bailed out on

the left side, but he got out too low. He deployed his 'chute, but landed in a bamboo thicket.

"I think Tom tried to grab the yoke. The plane bucked up but then went in. I think Tom fell out. The left engine hit the ground and the plane caught fire."

There was no rescue mission deployed as it was determined no one could have survived the crash.

The Wolfe family has, for years, kept in contact with military officials in an effort to have the crash site, identified in 1999, excavated and the remains of all three pilots returned to their families.

While the site was approved for excavation in 2006, no effort has been made by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, the military branch tasked with those efforts, to begin.

At each subsequent family update, those same officials would give, for various reasons, an extended five-year timeline before excavation could begin. The first delay on was cited for the possibility of unexploded ordinance making the site unsafe for excavation. Additional attempts to determine the status of her father's case were met with the response that the site had been recommended for excavation, but no other specific information as to why no action was being taken.

"We have attended family updates, written to our casualty officer, requested review information and provided DNA information," Wolfe said. "We have done whatever was asked of the family in a cooperative effort to enhance further progress toward remains recovery."

But one thing they didn't know, until 2012, was a part of the criteria in determining which sites to excavate was based on family involvement.

"Neither my sister nor I wanted to believe that our level of caring was being assessed as a criteria of who they should go looking for overseas. We found out in 2015 that it was, and that the box as a family had not been checked, even though we had kept in regular, consistent contact for decades."

And while her father's case remains near the top of the list, new cases are being added all the time.

"In actuality, my father's case is falling further away from selection, not moving closer, due to a new cluster policy, in which sites geographically located close to one another are prioritized to speed up the process," Wolfe said. "The likelihood of a serious review of my father's case will not occur until 2020."

For Wolfe, that is too long.

"Time is not on our side," Wolfe said. "The longer they wait, the less likely there will be recoverable remains. I was nine months old when my father was killed. I am 50 now. We have been waiting a very long time."

The motto of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is "Fulfilling Our Nation's Promise."

Wolfe now thinks it time -- past time -- for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to keep its promise to bring her father Caution-Caution-Caution-home.

Those interested in joining the campaign to bring Cpt. Thomas Wolfe home may write to Sen. Roy Blunt, 260 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C., 20510, Caution-Caution-Caution-[www.blunt.senate.gov](http://www.blunt.senate.gov) < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.blunt.senate.gov> > , or call 202-224-5721; Sen. Claire McCaskill, 730 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510, Caution-Caution-Caution-[www.mccaskill.senate.gov](http://www.mccaskill.senate.gov) < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.mccaskill.senate.gov> > or call 202-224-6154; Rep. Billy Long, 1541 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C., 20515 or call 202-225-6536.



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 17 May 2016 11:54:40 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Memorial Plaque Review (U)

Here you go... Just like changing the case coordination terms. Don't dance around the gym asking if anyone wants to spar when the heavyweight champ is working out on the speedbag.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 07:46 AM  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Memorial Plaque Review (U)

Todd, my recommendation is make all her changes because she is the only one that will make a fuss. I tried to wave the front office and general milleys staff off this little ceremony given we have already done three others and it was pulling the scab off a wound and causing pain for the families who have tried to move on -- which is another issue that is pending if (b)(6) has not told you ---and causing an endless battle with a certain person at a bad time of the year. Folks have to touch the hot stove a few times to learn....Vr (b)(6)

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**From:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 11:20 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Memorial Plaque Review (U)

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CAVEAT: None

All,  
Not sure I concur with all changes but wanted to get your input.

Todd

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2016 8:14 AM  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
**Cc:** Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Memorial Plaque Review (U)

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Todd, I worked the written language with (b)(6) until last night and came up with what I think is MUCH



better language and, (b)(6) I just added "unaccounted-for" to that final email I sent, knowing you'd probably left for Boston by then.

I also recommend that the April 7, 2001 incident be listed first, then the December 15, 1973, and corrected JCRC with ARVN. Also strongly recommend the Vietnamese military personnel on that fatal flight be listed by their service, NOT the purported contractor Northern Flight Services, a owned and operated MND company. Put yourself in their places, and you'd want your rank/rate and service listed next to your names if YOU had lost your life helping account for missing former enemies. Otherwise, it would be almost insulting, and the SRV knows that we KNOW that company was a front. No secret there.

Also, the 2003 PNG entry should not be listed on this plaque. He lost his life by heart attack, a civilian flying for an actual private company that very nearly cost the lives of US personnel on that mission.

Obviously, the final decision rests with you all, but those are my recommendations in the best interest of the intended purpose of the memorial, as well as the best interest of the mission and SRV perceptions.

I hope no one is offended or insulted by my revisions or recommendations. I have NO idea who drafted this, but clearly, the historical knowledge was lacking, as well as in-depth knowledge of the circumstances. Newly engaged people are not expected to know a lot, in fact little. I spoke at the Ft. Myer Memorial Service held in 2001, along with the Deputy Secretary of Defense at the time, Paul Wolfowitz, with whom I'd been on delegations and known for years. If anyone is offended, I apologize in advance, as it is not my intention.

Perhaps I'll see you in a bit when I come over for the meeting with the Director and whomever else he decides to include. If not, have a good weekend, travel safely, and I hope the FMU is productive for all, and informative, of course. Best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 5/13/2016 7:55:04 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Thanks (b)(6)

Ann,  
Checking to see if you were able to download this one and review.

Todd

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 5:50 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil>; Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col  
USAF DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
Subject: FW: Memorial Plaque Review (U)  
Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann,

See if you can open this attachment.

(b)(6)

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From: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 10:00 AM  
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Subject: Memorial Plaque Review (U)  
Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Good Afternoon Ann,

I'm just checking in to see if you have had a chance to review the DPAA  
Memorial plaque we have designed to commemorate those accounting personnel  
who have died doing this mission.  
It will take about 3-4 weeks for the glass and mounting materials to come in  
and for installation to occur.  
My goal is to get it installed in the Pentagon corridor before your annual  
meeting.

Thanks!

-Holly

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 19 May 2016 11:39:18 +0000  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Subject:** Re: DPAA Web Site Offers Nothing on USRJC (U)

Not at all. Newbs had a lot of good ideas and was a very quick study. He was just a little too headstrong sometimes even when he knew he was headed for trouble. Vr (b)(6)

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From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 07:36 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: DPAA Web Site Offers Nothing on USRJC (U)

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CAVEAT: None

This is good data. Do you mind if I share?

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 7:29 AM  
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
Subject: Re: DPAA Web Site Offers Nothing on USRJC (U)

Chris is spot on in the below. That said, Bob Newberry was a very good man and felt the JCSD team was spending way too much money with little to show for it. The Administration had just formed up bilateral commissions with the Russians as part of the restart -- around 15 of them on various issues. Newbs wanted to move the pow/mia issue out of the usrjc and into a bilateral. We warned him of the political dangers as Newbs was also making enemies by taking on JPAC and trying to hold them accountable. So he called a meeting with all the family and vets groups and brought over a young energetic staffer who turned out to be very arrogant and not ready for prime time. She tried to take on Ann and (b)(6) and things got ugly. Our principal director at the time, Ed Frothingham, asked for a voice vote at which (b)(6) got up and yelled at Ed and Newbs that the meeting was over. Ann and all the major veterans groups wrote a letter to the secdef and Newbs and Ed got fired and DASD Winfield took over. The staffer got fired too. Newbs was right though, in my view. He also was the biggest supporter of Vietnam War issues as he was an F4 pilot with three combat tours. He is still over at USDP. Vr. (b)(6)

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From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 06:08 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Fw: DPAA Web Site Offers Nothing on USRJC (U)

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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From: Forbes, Christopher S COL USARMY DPAA RA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 6:05 PM  
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)



Subject: RE: DPAA Web Site Offers Nothing on USRJC (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Sir,

In talking with (b)(7) years ago there used to be a good amount of stuff on the web page - included briefings on JCSD, USRJC, some links, some of the minutes from Plenums, issues we sought to resolve, etc. It was removed during the DASD Newberry years and DASD Winfield completed the purge. DASD Newberry was attempting to shut down JCSD and this was part of their efforts.

Most of these documents are on the drive in a folder. (b)(7) will seek them out after the Plenum and we can review to see if we wish to update and republish on the web. I would recommend we do this after the Plenum in June or July. It may look odd to the Russians if we start populating now, and we are swamped at the moment with the Plenum itself.

Best,  
Chris

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To: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); Forbes, Christopher S COL USARMY DPAA RA (US)  
Subject: FW: DPAA Web Site Offers Nothing on USRJC

Not sure we want to put all the USRJC stuff on our web site..... do we?

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To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)  
Cc: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] DPAA Web Site Offers Nothing on USRJC

OK, I do understand, but it precisely because of the tensions and the sensitivity on mil-mil bilaterally that makes this the very best time and what I'm referring to on the web site is fact, historical accuracy, the history of the USRJC, rather than great emphasis on this particularly plenary. Why did anyone decide to eliminate the publicly available information on the past related to USRJC? That simply makes NO sense, and isn't at all transparent.

I'm looking forward to the social events, and appreciate being included, but the reality is there is no such thing as a truly social event. These are just a bit less structured, and a more pleasant occasion during which to make the right policy interventions when you're dealing with the SRV, LPDR, former USSR or PRC, as well as others. It's important to know the history, a perspective that they NEVER lose, but the US does. It

puts the US at a serious disadvantage, and we have only ourselves to blame.

I hope that at least you have carefully reviewed the historical files and urge you to get your web site people to immediately put that archival information back onto the DPAA web site. That is NOT hyping anything; it is transparently and accurately reporting history. In the interim, I'd appreciate your asking (b)(6) or (b)(6) to send me the 2006 Plenary minutes, in particular the "do-outs" at the conclusion, so that I can read them before next Sunday evening.

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**Sent:** 23 May 2016 12:05:06 +0000  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: good reading (U)

Todd, The New York Times in my moms house in New Jersey had a whole feature on the President's trip and the recollections of the war from Chuck Hagel to include a photo of the POW MIA flag. Must have been the local edition.... Vr (b)(6)

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**From:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 07:53 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)  
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Thanks, Mike, and it is disappointing, though not surprising, that the NYT and LA Times neglected to mention POW/MIA accounting as part of the President's agenda.

The US media, by and large, has mistakenly considered the POW/MIA mission as an obstacle to normalization of relations, rather than the bridge Vietnam accurately and consistently considered it to be. The lack of mention could be also attributable to his staff's failure to raise the mission as anything of importance, but I hope not, especially in view of Ambassador Nguyen Ba Hung's deliberate, issue-related requests. I guess we'll see.

Best to all, and see you at 7:00 p.m. at the Army Navy Country Club. Ann

Ann Mills-Griffiths

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In a message dated 5/22/2016 2:12:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

first time since the chaotic helicopter evacuation from Saigon that is seared in the American memory.



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 23 May 2016 18:51:01 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] (b)(6) (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Got your voice mail. I was in a meeting. I won't tie you up. Thanks for the call and the update though. I was just up in New Jersey visiting my mom. She just turned 88 and is doing great at least for my family, but she's middle aged by (b)(6) standards. (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 11:56 AM  
To: (b)(6)  
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] (b)(6) (U)

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I just saw the below. How is everything? Anything you need or I can do for you?? (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2016 7:56 AM

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(b)(6)

Please keep (b)(6) nearing (b)(6) and her family in your thoughts and prayers. She is one incredibly strong person, and I would describe her as amazing, just like our (b)(6) and a few other MIA parents who are beloved by all and such dedicated people.

You can send a get well or thinking of you card/note to:

(b)(6)

A rectangular grey box redacting the contact information for the card/note recipient.

I look forward to seeing all of you in a month, and do your best to arrive by early afternoon on Wednesday, June 22nd, to ensure obtaining your badge and annual meeting registration materials between 3:00 0- 5:00 PM, prior to boarding buses for Ft. Myer and the impressive Twilight Tattoo. Have a great weekend, Ann

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**Sent:** 1 Jun 2016 12:46:11 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Cc:** (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] 47th Ann Mtg Registrations? (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I'm working on the list for attendees to the meeting. Always herding cats as you know. I should have a first draft this afternoon but would prefer to wait longer to try and verify it and not create extra headaches for you when folks forget to register or don't appreciate that they need to register to attend the meeting. As to the dinner, I've passed out all the info to everyone and folks should be signing up individually. Best! (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 8:46 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] 47th Ann Mtg Registrations?

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(b)(6) wanted to check in with you and see what is going on with the registrations (and those attending the dinner) from DPAA? Our deadline is Wed. June 1, 2016 ! By the way, your new boss, Todd Livick asked Ann in front of Mike Linngton last week if DPAA staff could attend our meeting!

We should have a count for you for those registered for the meeting by new week, and I will let you know so you can get the materials DPAA wants in our packet of materials.

Also, what will the cut-off-date be for numbers?....hopefully around June 15th ??? please let us know when you decide.

Thank You,

(b)(6)  
National League of POW/MIA Families  
Assistant Annual Meeting Chairman  
(b)(6) (cell)  
703-465-7432 (League Office)  
Caution-www.pow-miafamilies.org

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 1 Jun 2016 16:14:58 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Crosby ID article (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) the attachment won't open for us due to some security protocol? (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:28 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV USN COMNAVPERSCOM (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Crosby ID article (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) this is one of the messages that went awry in the system last week.  
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:20 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USN COMNAVPERSCOM (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)  
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Crosby ID article (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)  
Did you guys notify the Crosby family of the ID last week? We haven't heard anything if so. Thanks.  
(b)(6)  
[http://www.citizen.com/news/2016-05-31/Front\\_Page/Remains\\_of\\_Vietnam\\_MIA\\_found\\_coming\\_home\\_for\\_burial.html](http://www.citizen.com/news/2016-05-31/Front_Page/Remains_of_Vietnam_MIA_found_coming_home_for_burial.html)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:15 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Crosby ID article

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Twitter < Caution-<https://twitter.com/powmiafamilies> >

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 2 Jun 2016 14:02:08 +0000  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: LTC George D. Martin III picture (U)  
**Attachments:** Family Sign-up List SEA 2016.xls

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Todd, the families from the April 7 loss are RSVP'ing directly to the League and Ann is back-briefing me and (b)(6). The only list we have wired tight are those families that are attending the annual meeting which I've attached. As an FYI, we can expect Ann's registration numbers to be much higher than what we report after the meeting -- she counts all League members. We only count families. We do not have insight into the dinner attendance nor do we (OC) track which government officials are attending her dinner though Ann expects our leadership to "encourage" folks to attend which was done in the past but was not ethically supportable given the dinner can be time/cost prohibitive for many in the Agency, especially those that are not on per diem. v/r (b)(6)

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From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:50 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6) LT USN DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: LTC George D. Martin III picture (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

Do we have full SA on what families are attending this event?

Thanks.

Todd

-----Original Message-----

From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)  
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:18 AM  
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
Cc: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: LTC George D. Martin III picture

Todd -- in the coming week or so, let's discuss RSVPs for the dedication events at the Pentagon, and at the Candlelight dinner. Need to ensure Ann's preparations (and the Pentagon's) are wired tight. Thanks --

Please visit our website at <http://www.dpaa.mil/>

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Mike Linnington  
Director, DPAA, USD(P)  
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:03 PM  
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: LTC George D. Martin III picture

I am eager to meet (b)(6) she sounds charming, and I'm so glad she and her daughters, as well as a friend, want to attend the Twilight Tattoo. We'll accommodate and support them in any way we can. I'd appreciate receiving the confirmed accurate list (as it will appear at the plaque dedication in the Pentagon) of the 17 US and SRV personnel who lost their lives trying to account for our missing men. Thanks in advance, and onward, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com  
To: (b)(6)@siemens.com  
Sent: 5/31/2016 8:59:56 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Re: LTC George D. Martin III picture

(b)(6) I am sorry for the delay in my reply, but things are really getting hectic, as you can imagine with the 47th Annual Meeting only 3 weeks from now.

In response to your specific question, yes your daughters and their friends are welcome to attend the Twilight Tattoo, but we will need the full name of each to ensure they have credential badges that ensure boarding the buses, 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22nd.

I'm so please that you and your daughters are able to be with us, as I know all will be. Please make a point of coming to find me (usually up front at all meetings, as the Chairman), let me know if you have any questions on the attached, latest draft of the comprehensive program.

Best wishes, Ann

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In a message dated 5/31/2016 10:01:23 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@siemens.com writes:

[cid:AA3E8B40-35A8-4B00-80B2-43B4DC4E3674]

[cid:9BC7F1AC-5D25-4369-9404-7259B16FAA88]

I am attaching a black and white and a color picture of Marty. Let me know if these will be ok. I also have made plans to arrive in DC Wednesday June 22 in hopes of attending the Tattoo Ceremony. My daughters, (b)(6) and (b)(6) will also be joining me. There is a possibility that (b)(6) friend (b)(6) will join us as well. I will send the registration form as soon as I return home this week. Please let me know if they will be able to attend the Tattoo Ceremony as well as the dinner.

With kindest regards,

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 2 Jun 2016 15:54:07 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

She wants us to confirm the final version is the same as the one she saw. I think.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:49 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)  
Below I sent Ann the list of who was invited and the text of the invitation--she thanked me.  
(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 12:21 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

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Thanks, much appreciated, and can you please check the Service affiliation to fill in the couple of blanks and double check the others that I THINK are correct. Ann

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In a message dated 5/16/2016 11:45:01 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ann,  
These are the people invited and their relationship to those lost.

(b)(6)

Invitation text:

Dear Mrs. (b)(6)

At the request of the National League of POW/MIA Families, I would like to forward you an invitation to attend a special dinner they are hosting that will include a ceremony honoring the eight American and ten Vietnamese personnel whose lives were lost while trying to account for U.S. personnel missing from the Vietnam War. The dinner will be held on June 23 from 7-9 pm at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

The National League of POW/MIA Families is a non-profit organization composed of families of servicemen and civilians missing from the Vietnam War. Each year they hold a three-day meeting to update the families on our government's efforts to account for their loved ones--this year's meeting is the 47th since the League was established in 1970. The League chose this year to especially recognize and honor those who have died serving this mission because it marks the 15th anniversary of the April 7, 2001, tragic loss (b)(6) and his six fellow Americans and their nine Vietnamese team members while on a mission in Vietnam.

The ceremony will also honor a U.S. Army officer and a Republic of Vietnam noncommissioned officer killed in Vietnam on December 15, 1973, while on an unarmed mission to recover a missing American. More than 250 family members of America's Vietnam War missing, as well as 100 senior U.S. and foreign diplomatic and military officials will also be in attendance. Please contact (b)(6) of the National League of Families at (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org for more information and to R.S.V.P.

I recognize it may not be possible for you to make this trip, thus I may not be able to meet you to personally convey my appreciation. Therefore, as the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, whose 700 men and women are dedicated to accounting as fully as possible for those not yet returned, and on their behalf, please accept our deepest gratitude to you and your family. It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of (b)(6) as we work to bring home our missing from battlefields around the world. His dedication and sacrifice are remembered and honored.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 5:12 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Ann, per your request, these are the names of the folks that were invited to the league dinner so you can track them if they call. I'm cc'ing [REDACTED] who is in Boston in case I missed anyone. Best, [REDACTED]



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 3 Jun 2016 11:29:32 +0000  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA (b)(6)  
(b)(6) LT USN DPAA (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Useful POW/MIA Contacts - FINAL CHECK BEFORE PRINTING

Todd, all looks fine as far as attachments. She is correct that the initial invitation from our DASDs used to include about six attachments on various issues to include a bunch of bureaucratic forms. It would also include an invite and registration form from the League, namely the one I sent to all the Directors that includes the costs of the meeting and the dinner. That form, of course, was always a huge sticking point with the lawyers who did not want it included unless we included a statement in the DASDs invite that DoD was not endorsing the League and the dinner. Naturally, the caveat was not well received by the League and things always got difficult. A few years later, some other families asked us to include their information in our invite citing the fact that we were doing it for the League. The solution we opted for under DASD Bob Newberry was to go with a single clean invite from him with just the basic information in the letter and zero attachments. The services would provide the details to their families when the families called and/or in follow up reminders. Some of the services still provide everything that Ann asks. Others push back and make modifications or cut out certain things that they say their lawyers cannot support. It is a tough issue for all. Vr (b)(6)

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**From:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2016 06:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6)  
LT USN DPAA (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Useful POW/MIA Contacts - FINAL CHECK BEFORE PRINTING

All,  
Can I get a read out on this one this morning?

Todd  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 2, 2016 6:49 PM

(b)(6)

**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Useful POW/MIA Contacts - FINAL CHECK BEFORE PRINTING



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Good evening to all, and sorry to bother again, but this is the final, pre-printing check. Any changes will be necessary by COB tomorrow, 3 June, and thanks in advance.

Also, for Army and Navy, it would be VERY helpful to have your Service lists, whether or not complete, so that we will have them for working over the weekend. In future years, we'd very much appreciate all submitting the lists as things move along, starting in late April/early May, as soon as a significant number have responded to your mailings.

It is also important that all relevant information be included in your mailings, especially the Twilight Tattoo at Fort Myer, on the Wednesday BEFORE Opening Session, this year on 22 June, so that the families who wish to attend can plan their travel accordingly. This also applies to the performance at the USMC Barracks, 8th and I Streets, in DC, as it does to the workshops on 24 June, before and after the Service-hosted Luncheons. The mailings used to be coordinated with DoD and the League, but such coordination seems no longer to apply, though I'm unaware of any rationale, so please reconsider. I've tried to keep you all informed about the program which has been in DRAFT form since December last year, and we already have dates for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Finally, I'd really appreciate the names of the SCO representatives from the MC, NA and AR who wish to participate (6) in the Missing Man Honors Ceremony at the dinner (placing the Service Covers at the Missing Man Table), and the additional SCO representatives to help with the candle-lighting, preferably 4 in addition. The families loved having you all participate and we were so pleased that you all felt the same. This year is very special with the Army Chief of Staff speaking and participating, along with the Vietnamese Ambassador, in reading the names of those killed April 7, 2001 and December 15, 1973 while conducting accounting missions.

Special thanks to SF Casualty for the responsiveness in providing timely lists, as well as highlighted changes to follow-ups, all very helpful. You'll find the "semi-final" program attached as well, just FYI, and see you all soon, plus travel safely, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 6 Jun 2016 11:17:39 +0000  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Decision Needed on Final 47th Annual Meeting Program

Todd, Ed told me last week to add (b)(6) to the registration list last week so I presume (b)(6) is the briefer? Vr (b)(6)

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 05, 2016 06:02 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Decision Needed on Final 47th Annual Meeting Program

(b)(6)

Looping you in for SA.

Todd

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

**From:** Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 5, 2016 5:59 AM  
**To:** Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)  
**Cc:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Decision Needed on Final 47th Annual Meeting Program

Mark, please get with (b)(6) and pick someone to present at the league meeting, and CC Ann directly on who it is. Thanks brother --

Vr, Mike

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 04, 2016 10:27 PM  
**To:** Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Decision Needed on Final 47th Annual Meeting Program

Mike, I hope you are having a good weekend. We're working to finalize the program and we still have a major question on what you, as Director, want in terms of someone from the Lab to speak. We had pretty much agreed that (b)(6) with much experience in the field and a Lab Manager, would be perfect. I later learned that she is scheduled to conduct her first joint Forensic Review in Vietnam. She is quite excited about this prospect, and it is vital to the accounting process.

I would not want, under any circumstance, to intervene and prevent her this experience, nor undercut the best option for such an important role in the accounting process. For that reason I called (b)(6) and she recommended (b)(6), and I later had another good suggestion, (b)(6) Forensic Anthropologist. The decision is yours, so it would be most helpful if you could please

make a decision ASAP, and thanks in advance. Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 4 Jun 2016 14:23:13 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA Registration for League Meeting (U)

The funniest thing is that is how I sent them out to everyone in the agency for folks to check and no one noticed...hang in there (b)(6)

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com]  
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 10:21 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA Registration for League Meeting (U)

I loved the titles you gave some of your fellow DPAAers - made me laugh in a very busy day. Thank you, and see you soon! (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]  
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 5:30 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@aol.com  
Cc: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com  
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA Registration for League Meeting (U)

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CAVEAT: None

I have no idea of which you speak, Ann? Will do on the rest! (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 5:11 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@aol.com  
Cc: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA Registration for League Meeting (U)

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(b)(6) you obviously knew we could use a laugh or three today! Thanks for the humor and we've now corrected and can sort for (b)(6) alpha requirements since many have already sent in their Registration Forms, nothing attendance at the dinner. Please tell DPAA-DC Staff that they would all be welcome and can give their taxpayer-funded check to (b)(6) and the other ladies passing out credentials and materials. Love, (b)(6) and Ann

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In a message dated 6/3/2016 4:46:42 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,  
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) attached is the list. Sorry for the delay. First, I know it's not last name/first name but I can switch the columns if you want. It makes it much easier for me to read and verify if I read it as "rank, first name, last name, service (if appropriate). Also, as always, I don't have the home states. It is pulling teeth to get folks to give me personal information even to include home state. Besides, the only state that matters to me are those folks from New Jersey. The rest are just jealous wannabees. I have no doubt that someone may pop up and change their mind and decide they want to come and/or find that they can't attend due to some issue at work or in their family. But I've scrubbed this listing at least six times and I think it is going to be 98% accurate. Best, (b)(6)

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Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 8:46 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] 47th Ann Mtg Registrations?

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(b)(6) wanted to check in with you and see what is going on with the registrations (and those attending the dinner) from DPAA? Our deadline is Wed. June 1, 2016 ! By the way, your new boss, Todd Livick asked Ann in front of Mike Linngton last week if DPAA staff could attend our meeting!

We should have a count for you for those registered for the meeting

by new week, and I will let you know so you can get the materials DPAA wants in our packet of materials.

Also, what will the cut-off-date be for numbers?....hopefully around June 15th ??? please let us know when you decide.

Thank You,

(b)(6)

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Assistant Annual Meeting Chairman

(b)(6)

(cell)

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 6 Jun 2016 11:21:42 +0000  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Acronyms Update

I can update it. The only possible change would be to omit PACT as it had/has very little historical relevance given its short life span and the acronym never made sense. (b)(6) may have some terms the operators may want to add. I think they are changing some terminology out there and you both may have some new terms this week from the folks in the field. Vr (b)(6)

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**From:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 05, 2016 12:48 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Acronyms Update

(b)(6)

Who has the lead on this one?

Thanks  
Todd

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 5, 2016 6:19 AM  
**To:** Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Acronyms Update

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Please? Of course we'll re-date it, but you can use the tracking tool. Didn't know which of you should be asked, so sending to all, and thanks in advance, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 6 Jun 2016 11:24:57 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Question for you

(b)(6) is his deputy in crystal city.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 07:24 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' (b)(6)@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Question for you

I meant to say Colonel Mike Gann is the asia pacific director.

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 07:23 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com' (b)(6)@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Question for you

(b)(6) works in Asia Pacific under Colonel Chris Forbes. Chris's deputy is (b)(6) who oversees all wars in the asia pacific region.

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 04, 2016 06:57 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Question for you

(b)(6) Ann asked me to contact you for the name of the Director - Office of Mainland SEA ....I would appreciate any help you can give me.... (b)(6)

**Thank You,**

(b)(6)  
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**Assistant Annual Meeting Chairman**  
(b)(6) (cell)  
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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 10 Jun 2016 14:16:28 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF  
DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** AMG Requesting Names on the Plaque (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) and Holly, FYI the below. Have you already sent this information to Ann by chance? Thx, (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 8:41 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: voice mail (U)

(b)(6) Ann would like a copy of the names exactly as they will be on the plaque at the Pentagon... both American & Vietnamese names....thank you in advance... and hope you enjoyed getting out of the office... it was a beautiful evening... (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/10/2016 8:36:12 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Just got your voice mail. What is up? -- (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 13 Jun 2016 19:37:30 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Message to NOK of US and SRV Personnel Attending 47th AnMtg Dinner (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 3:13 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Message to NOK of US and SRV Personnel Attending 47th AnMtg Dinner

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Dear \_\_\_\_:

We were delighted to hear that you are able to be with us for the League's 47th Annual Meeting and Commemorative Dinner and the special dedication at the Pentagon of the plaque honoring your loved ones who lost their lives while undertaking operations to account for our men missing from the Vietnam War.

In that vein, please also accept attendance as our guest(s) at the invitation-only VIP Reception, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, in the Crystal Room, Plaza Level. Both events are at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Attached is our final program that you'll likely find of significant interest since it covers all aspects of the mission focus for Vietnam War accounting. We will have special credential badges prepared and awaiting pick-up from the DPAA Office in the Luray Room, First Floor.

I very much look forward to meeting each of you and thanking you in person for the tremendous service and sacrifice that you and your family suffered on behalf of our nation's commitment to accounting for those who are captured or become missing while serving our country.

Sincerely,

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 15 Jun 2016 11:19:45 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Request from Ann (U)

Ann, we have navy officers and I think some are coming. Its not the league in paritcular, its formal dinners in general that young officers and enlisted avoid like the plague. In my last two commands, I subsidized the costs of all O3s and below to attend an annual dinner. (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 06:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Request from Ann (U)

(b)(6) they get treated very well by the families they presumably serve in their role, even if TDY, to assist the Navy Casualty Office. Frankly, I'm pretty disgusted with (b)(6) at this point, for the materials he distributed to at least SOME of the Navy families. I didn't even receive the material and God only knows how many others didn't, since the number of Navy attendees this year is much lower than even the Marine Corps, usually the lowest other than the civilians. The lack of cohesion among the Service Casualty Offices is apparent and very unbecoming, even unworthy, sadly. Have a great evening and, again, thanks for wanting to be part of the Missing Man Honors Ceremony. I know the families will be pleased to see you doing it, as will I, and all will appreciate it very much. Later, Ann

**PS: Don't you have any Navy officers in DPAA? Or should I ask (b)(6)? He is coming in from HI and he'll undoubtedly be in uniform, so what do you think?**

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, I do think formal dinners are less appealing to the junior officers. They don't get treated very well when the flags are running around. It may have something to do with that. (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 11:23 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Request from Ann (U)

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Thanks, (b)(6) and we really appreciate it, plus I think I like your Coast Guard buddy, and am sorry he can't be here to represent them. We stopped inviting the Coast Guard leadership when we accounting for their one, single Coast Guard missing guy. It was QUITE a deal for the entire Coast Guard.

The only thing I can think of is to ask the Honor Guard Coastie from MDW, but I'm really worried about Navy Casualty. I just learned that NONE of the active duty, i.e. uniformed Navy, guys who routinely come to DC for the League Annual Meetings are planning to attend the dinner. Undoubtedly, they are actively pursuing their own social agenda using maximum TFY funding throughout, but don't care enough to represent the Navy, even before the Army CoS or the many other senior official, current and former, who will be present, not to mention the Navy POW/MIA families, of which I am one, who will not see their missing loved one's service represented in the Missing Man Honors ("hat") ceremony. (b)(6) has agreed to do it, thankful, but I'm appalled and when doing my Navy brother's case review, I'll be interested in how many Naval officers are around. I'm sure the CNO will be interested in my follow-up note. Ann

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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:



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CAVEAT: None

Ann, I'd be honored too. Thank you for the consideration! As to the Coast Guard, I sent out a note to everyone asking if they had any Coast Guard background. So far nothing. Do you invite any senior folks from the Coast Guard? I'm curious. I had a great friend from hockey that was an O-5 helicopter pilot but he just moved to Alaska two years ago to take over a command. The command that is in that reality show, but they never feature my buddy. He's too nice of a guy for a reality show and he's not good at faking drama .... (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 10:13 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6)columbus.rr.com; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Request from Ann

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(b)(6) After thinking over possibilities, we'd really appreciate you being the one to honor missing civilians (both actual and CIA/Air America) at the dinner, participating in the Missing Man Honors Ceremony by placing the civilian cap on the table at the beginning of the dinner. We would consider it both a favor and a way of honoring your continuing service to the mission as a civilian, but also know you recently retired from the US Navy Reserve, so you know precisely how this is done and won't mess it up. Will you do it? Thanks in advance for considering this additional "duty" to the mission for the Vietnam War families.

Also, any luck on a Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve person to handle this for the Coast Guard? (b)(6) reminded me that last year, the Coast Guard Armed Forces Color Guard representative stepped up and offered to participate.

Let us know ASAP, please. Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 15 Jun 2016 15:14:35 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA PP (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Question Relayed to You from (b)(6)  
(U)  
**Attachments:** facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) it seems to me that (b)(6) sent us the response from Ambassador Osius and (b)(6) himself, also sent us the response with all his edits and comments scribbled all over it as he did with the response he got from (b)(6) on the died in captivity list? If so, I can remind Ann she has seen it already. I'm looking for it. (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 10:03 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@mail.mil.inwriting  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA PP (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Question Relayed to You from (b)(6)

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I certainly understand and agree. I think (b)(6) is likely off his meds, but (b)(6) question was in an effort to support DPAA, we need to know something you have earlier responded to in by letter or email, and thanks. If you have nothing, perhaps (b)(6) can get one from State since (b)(6) claims to have received a letter from Ted Osius. Later, Ann

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Ann, did you mean to say "why" are we responding vice "what" are we responding? I'm not responding to him. He sends me four rambling letters and emails a week most about his ongoing dialogue with the DRPK. As much as some like to talk down our country and our government, something is way off kilter when an American citizen is actively promoting a personal dialogue with a brutal dictatorship while talking down the US Government. There is nothing I can think of that such a person would listen to. Best,  
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 06:46 PM  
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)  
CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PP (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Question Relayed to You from (b)(6)

See attached letter from the prolific (b)(6) to (b)(6) who had to first "tame" (b)(6) in 1982, something he did with evidence proven by actions of President Reagan's seriousness about placing priority on the accounting mission. I've told (b)(6) that (b)(6) writes to someone almost daily, whether the North Koreans, Vietnamese, Chinese or US officials.

Now he is asking, as am I, the same question: What is DPAA's position and what are you responding to (b)(6)? How can any of us be helpful when we don't know what DPAA and others might be saying, i.e. the US Ambassador to Vietnam, for example? Samples would be appreciated and most helpful, Ann

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 15 Jun 2016 20:39:57 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** DPAA Registration for League Meeting -- two additions and one deletion (U)  
**Attachments:** Copy of Copy of DPAA Registration for League Meeting.xlsx

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) we have two late additions. (b)(6) I highlighted them in Yellow. We also had one deletion (b)(6) I highlighted him in Red. Let me know if any issue. Thx! (b)(6)

BG	Michael Mark Fern	Linnington Spindler Sumpter Winbush	USA	Director Deputy Director Principal Director
(b)(6)			USAF USAF USA	Chief of Staff Military Assistant Senior Enlisted Advisor
				Staff Action Control Officer Executive Assistant
Col	Michael	Gann	USMC	Asia Pacific Director Asia Pacific Deputy Director
(b)(6)				Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) USAF Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) USN Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) USN Asia Pacific Directorate (Vietnam War) USN Asia Pacific Directorate (Korean War) USN Asia Pacific Directorate (Korean War) Central Identification Laboratory Central Identification Laboratory
COL	Chris	Forbes	USA	Europe Mediterranean Director Europe Mediterranean Deputy Director
(b)(6)				Europe Mediterranean Directorate Europe Mediterranean Directorate Europe Mediterranean Directorate Europe Mediterranean Directorate USAF Europe Mediterranean Directorate Europe Mediterranean Directorate
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(b)(6)	Catherine	Knowles	Esq. Esq. USA	General Counsel Deputy General Counsel Judge Advocate General
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**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 15 Jun 2016 21:33:36 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: League Bios (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, trying to call but busy. I don't have my blackberry until Monday. They are upgrading all of them. I'm going to be out tomorrow and Friday for some things at home. My email is (b)(6)@yahoo.com for any emergency from you. Please keep close hold. Thx! (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 5:19 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: League Bios (U)

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You're welcome, and attached is the one, with photo, that we put together and (b)(6) just sent to (b)(6) for the Chief of Staff's Ceremony at the Pentagon in the midst of our 47th Annual Meeting. I don't know if you've seen the invitation (b)(6) just sent out, apparently to all on the DPAA conference call list to attend the Pentagon Ceremony? How insulting can they be? And, sadly, they likely don't even know it. Later, Ann

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In a message dated 6/15/2016 4:27:12 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Forgot to thank you! (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 4:53 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: League Bios (U)

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Nothing has changed, (b)(6) but I did add the longer one for me, just in case the request is for Milley's office.

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In a message dated 6/13/2016 3:25:27 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, do you have updated bios for the League board that I can use/share? Thank you! (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 20 Jun 2016 21:29:13 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Cc:** (b)(6)@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

We are bringing over the briefings tomorrow morning. We can discuss then! (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 5:24 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

(b)(6)...YOU owe me much more than all your briefings !!!!.....we can discuss when I see you !!!!.....(b)(6)

In a message dated 6/20/2016 11:57:21 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Thx (b)(6) For that I will do my best to get you ALL the briefings this year not just the ones I personally like. (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 5:56 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

(b)(6) YOU owe me big time !!! I have a room for you for Thurs June 23, at OUR rate !!!!..... will send you the confirmation # tomorrow... (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/14/2016 7:22:33 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

(b)(6) can a guy change his mind a third time? My oldest son will be home so no reason for me to stress. Can I still get a room? Thx and sorry. (b)(6)

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 03:32 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com <(b)(6)@aol.com>  
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

You are the queen among queens; however, Ann is the empress!

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 3:26 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

LOL.... sure would not want that to happen.....so I will not get you a room at the Hilton... (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/13/2016 3:24:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) belay my last! I just remembered I have to be home by midnight on Thursday or my youngest will not be home at all!! (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:26 AM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) many thanks. Any room will work for me. I prefer twin queens but anything that is available. King or peasant, in my name. Thx! (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 8:53 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

(b)(6)... do NOT call over to the Hilton....we will arrange for the one night if possible... I am assuming you want a King room and under your name???... (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/13/2016 8:43:21 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) is it too late to book a room at the Hilton for Thursday night? I spaced and forgot. I'm about to call over. Thx, (b)(6)



**From:** (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
**Sent:** 20 Jun 2016 22:38:15 +0000  
**To:** (b)(6) USAF AFELM OSD (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Q&A for the Family Portal Workshop (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Plan for the Q&A on Saturday.....

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 5:07 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com  
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Q&A for the Family Portal Workshop (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Sorry, I think the classified title is "Maximizing Your Benefits from DPAA's Website." I got your voice mail and will get that date fixed. (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 4:37 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Q&A for the Family Portal Workshop (U)

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(b)(6) in an attempt to be responsive, IS THERE A BRIEFING ON THE "FAMILY PORTAL" CONCEPT? If so, where is it on the program? And no, there won't be any questions during the presentations, but if your contractors can't work when you need them to work, why are they DoD contractors? I don't see any mention of a "Family Portal" briefing.

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In a message dated 6/20/2016 3:50:49 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

Ann, a quick question I've been asked to make but I know the answer.... would it possible to take Q&As during the briefing on the "Family Portal" workshop? We have three contractors that are the designers of the system that will be there for the briefing but may not be available on Saturday. I know the room and microphones are not set up to take questions until Saturday, but I promised them I would ask you. Thx, (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 12:12 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com'  
Subject: DPAA Registration for League Meeting --- one more name of Tom Holland's Intern (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I just received an additional name of a person that wishes to attend --- (b)(6) s of Strategic Partnerships.

(b)(6) is an intern that works for (b)(6) He just reported two weeks ago. He is very young befitting his status as an intern and (b)(6) thought it good that he gets over to see the briefings at the League. (b)(6) also promised to make a hefty donation from his personal bank account if that helped grease the skids. Let me know what you think. Thx! (b)(6)

Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 4:40 PM  
To: (b)(6)@aol.com'  
Subject: DPAA Registration for League Meeting -- two additions and one deletion (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) we have two late additions. (b)(6) and (b)(6) I highlighted them in Yellow. We also had one deletion (b)(6) I highlighted him in Red. Let me know if any issue. Thx! (b)(6)