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Sent: 21 Jun 2016 13:45:02 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Copies of Briefings (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

If it were up to me, I'd ban PowerPoint from existence. Folks would have to use their brains again.

I'm about to send out the PDF's to everyone in the Agency and everyone we work with at the services and AFDIL. I'll ask others to send to DIA. I will send you a copy as well.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 8:46 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
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I'm afraid you're right, and that would be entirely disappointing, but more to support the widely held view that those in the POW/MIA-related bureaucracy are not cohesive, continue to be dysfunctional and are incapable of a unified, intelligent policy to guide uninformed implementation by newly assigned military personnel. I have to believe that the generally held view can be adjusted. For that reason, every US official will get exactly the same information as the families, veterans and other concerned citizens attending. Yes, I'm always optimistic and expect a lot from those who work this mission, or any other, at taxpayer's expense, but that is what I believe is the right thing to do. Call me foolish, but at least I have principles and know what you and others are capable of doing, if listened to and supported from the top and by the primary "stakeholders" as some call us. Have a wonderful day, and very best for the rest of the week as well, Ann

Ann Mills-Griffiths
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In a message dated 6/20/2016 7:05:45 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

ýYou told them 400 and they agreed to provide 400? OK. Well, I can have 400 by late tomorrow afternoon. We have shut down to give the printers a rest as they overheat from use. I will give you a dollar for every government official that reads powerpoint briefings in hard copy.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 7:01 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Copies of Briefings (U)

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Fern and (b)(6)

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In a message dated 6/20/2016 6:56:55 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Whoever promised 400 is not the person sitting here making copies or offering to help. Send me their name so I can get them working!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
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NO, THEY PROMISED 400, NOT 295, AND WHERE DID YOU COME UP WITH THAT NUMBER? IF THE LEAGUE CAN PROVIDE EVERYTHING TO ALL USG OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE PROGRAM, ARE YOU SAYING DPAA CAN'T? OR REFUSES TO DO SO, OR WHAT?

JUST SEND US THE ORIGINALS AND WE'LL DO THE EXTRA 105 COPIES AND TELL EVERYONE DPAA SHORTED US AGAIN, WHEN YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT MOST US OFFICIALS IN ONE OFFICE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WHAT ANOTHER ELEMENT EVEN DOES. THIS IS A CHANCE FOR SOME COHESION, AND DPAA SHOULD GRAB IT, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT YOUR OWN "LEADER" IS DESERTING FOR A SIMPLER JOB. LATER, ANN

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In a message dated 6/20/2016 6:21:52 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Ann, is it ok if we bring the copies of the briefings over first thing in the morning? We finally have them all and are burning copies tonight on all three printers and should have 295 ready to go by tomorrow morning if the printers don't give up. I know that is 105 less then you asked but I promise I will PDF and send a copy to every US government official that attends! Where should we bring them?

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 21 Jun 2016 13:58:15 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: Friday Briefings (U)
Attachments: Friday Briefs Combined.pdf

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Ann, here are the briefings for Friday. I'm going to send Thursday next if this goes through at 20 megabytes. Let me know! (b)(6)



FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2016

Underwater Archaeology in SEA



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Historian and Underwater Archaeologist

SEA MDT

24 June 2016



CAPABILITIES OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY



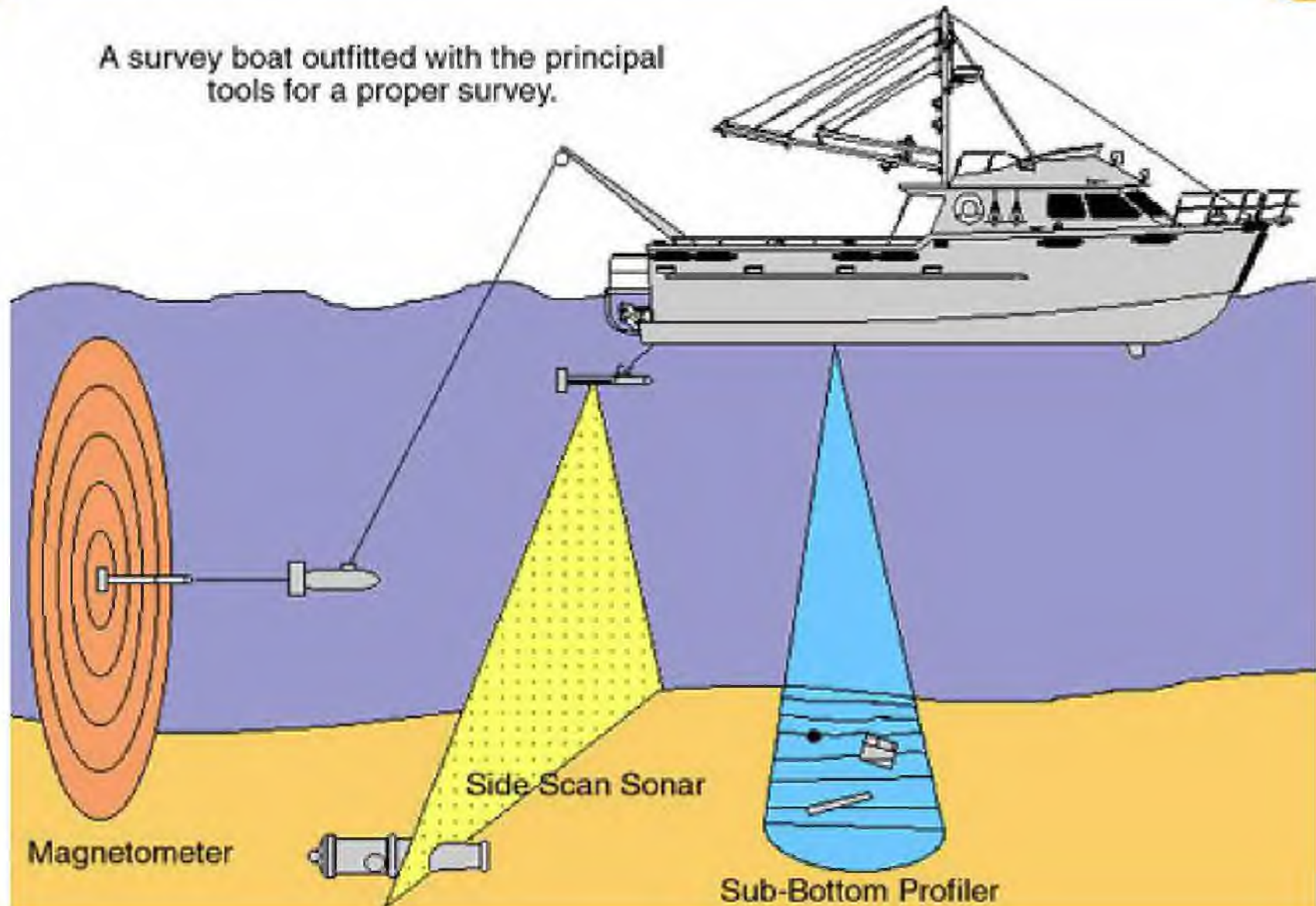
- **Technology**
- **New Ideas**
- **New Ways to Use these Capabilities**



REMOTE SENSING TECHNOLOGY



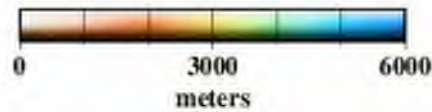
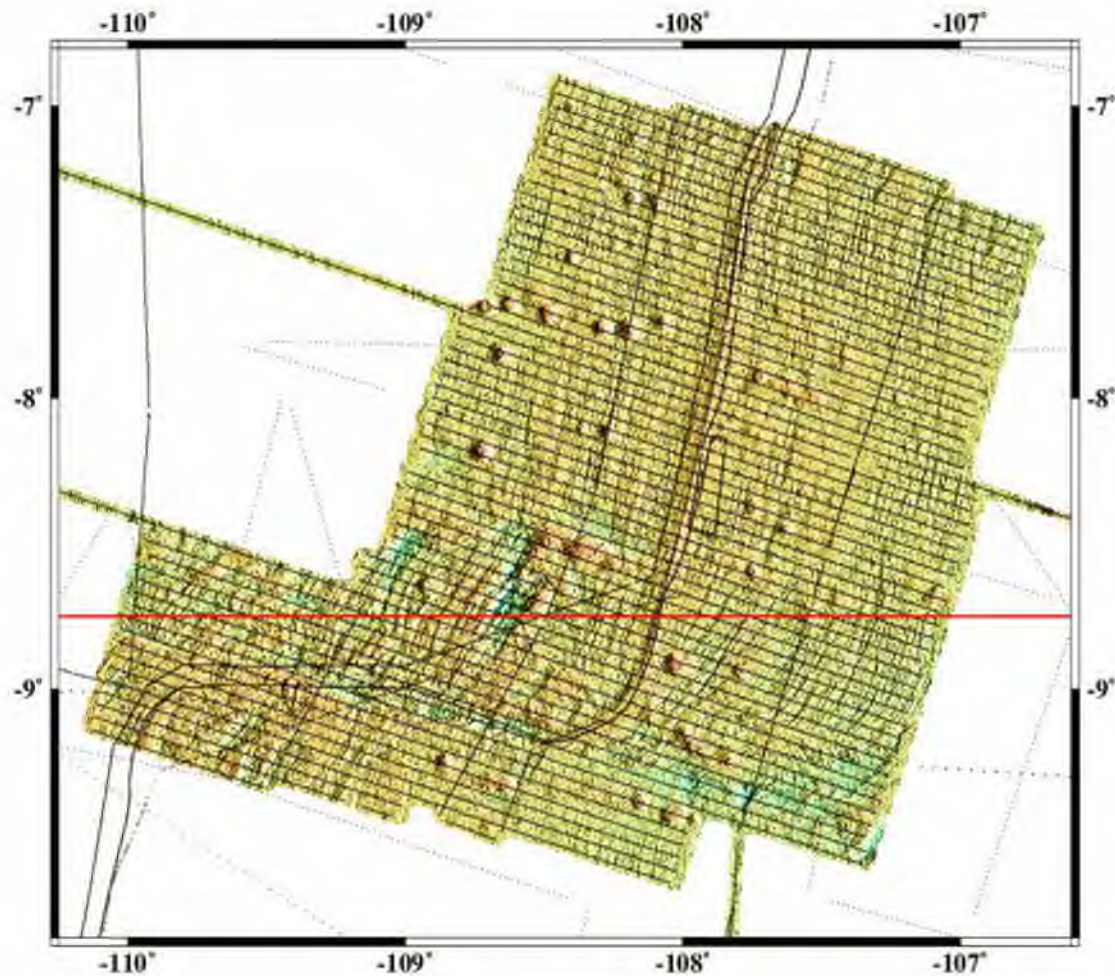
A survey boat outfitted with the principal tools for a proper survey.





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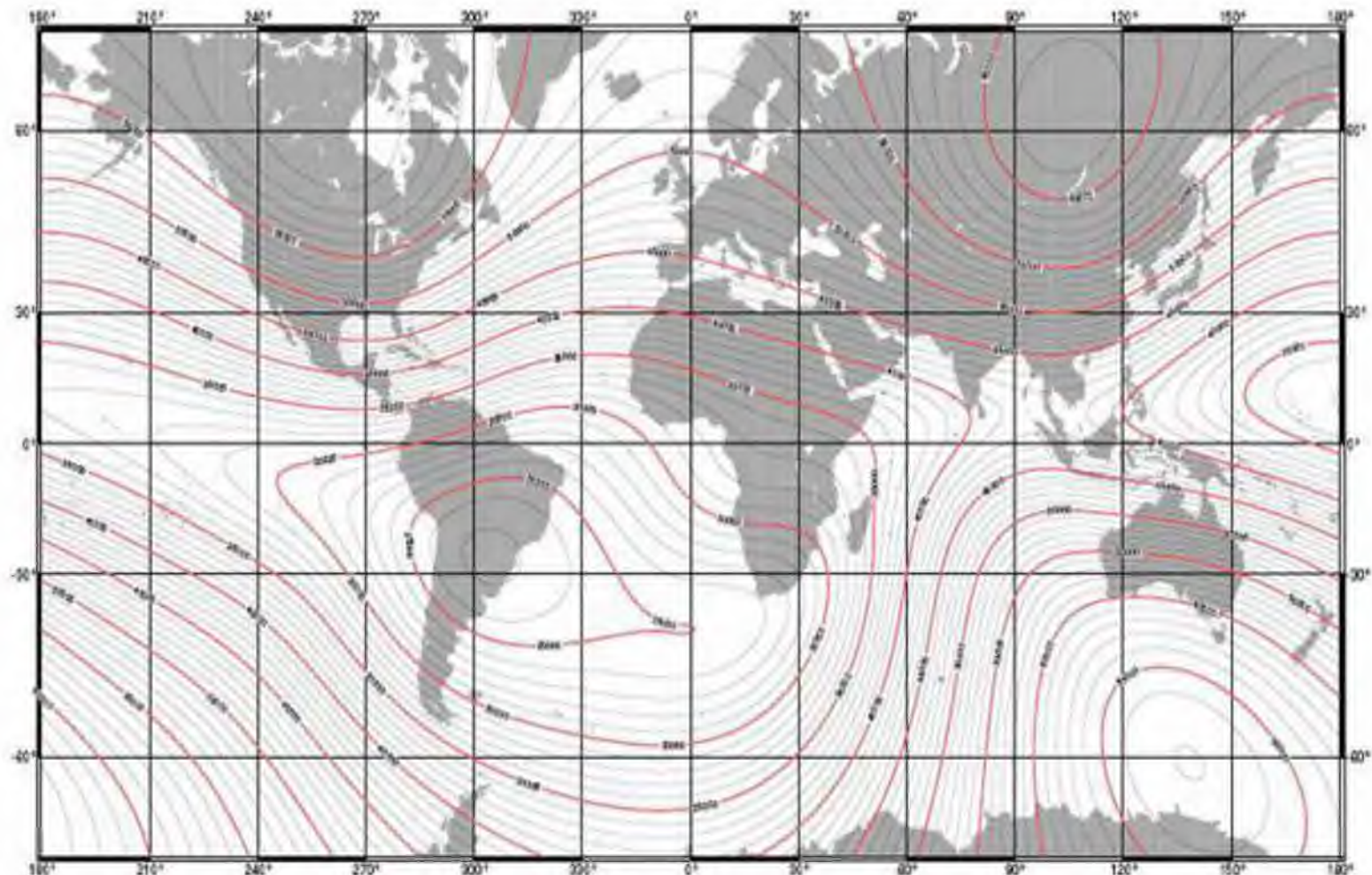
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TECHNOLOGY- MAGNETOMETER

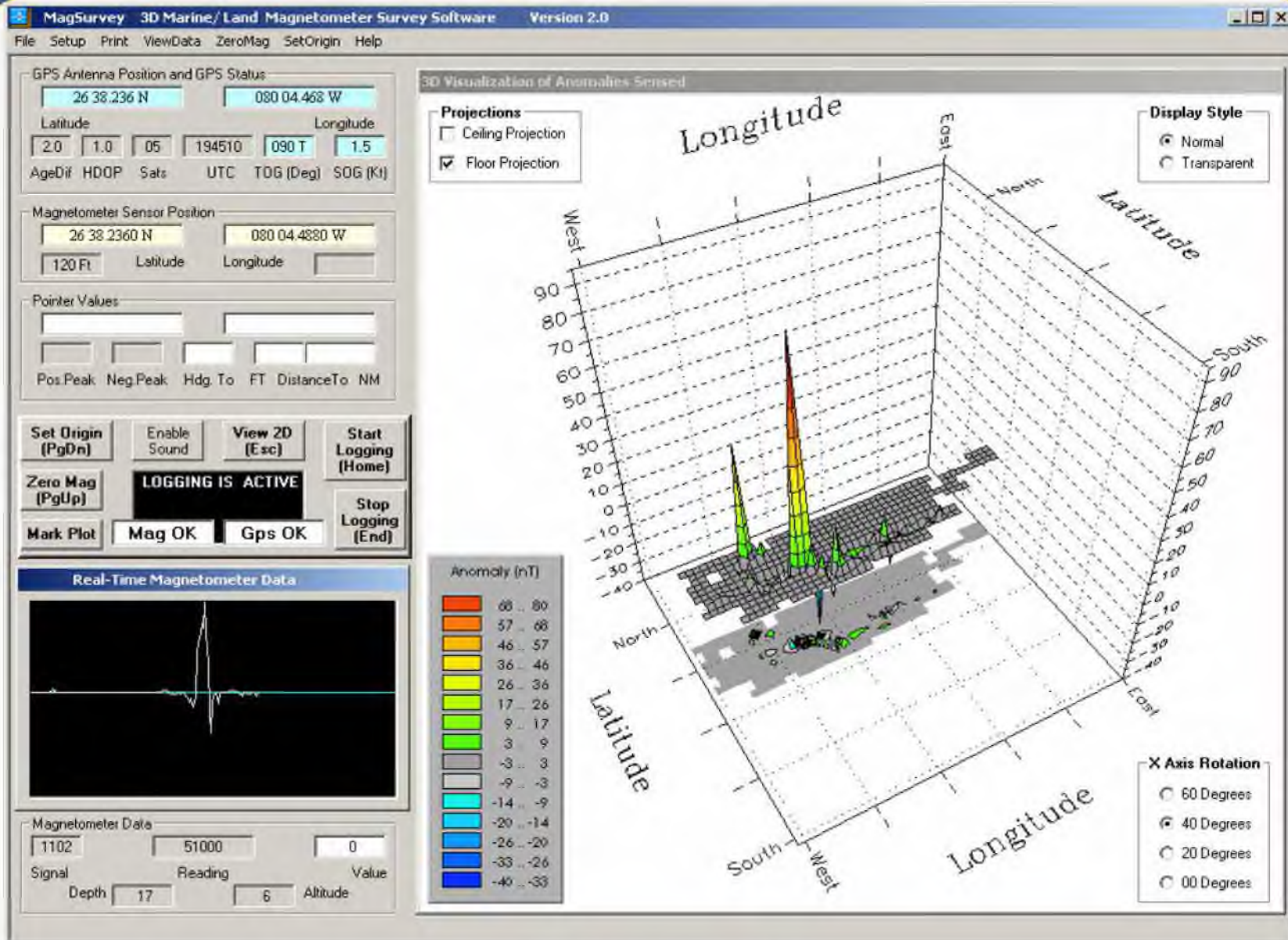


Magnetometers detect a disturbance in the earth's magnetic field. Large iron and steel objects create a disturbance that can be remotely detected.





TECHNOLOGY- MAGNETOMETER

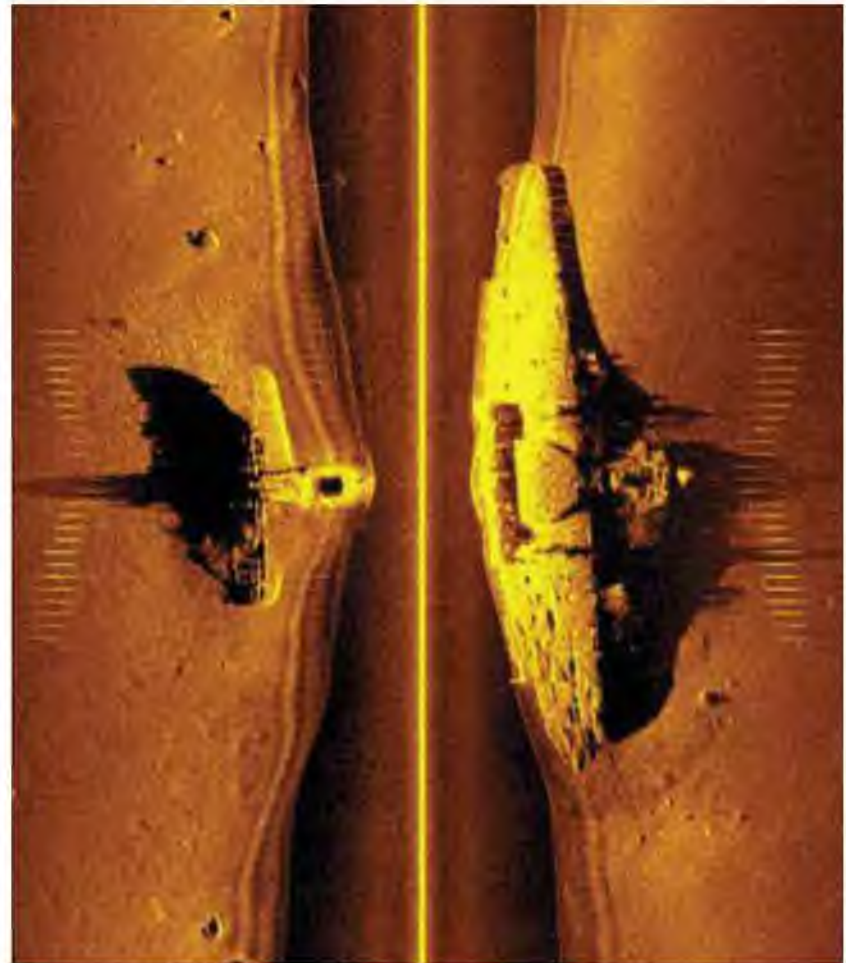
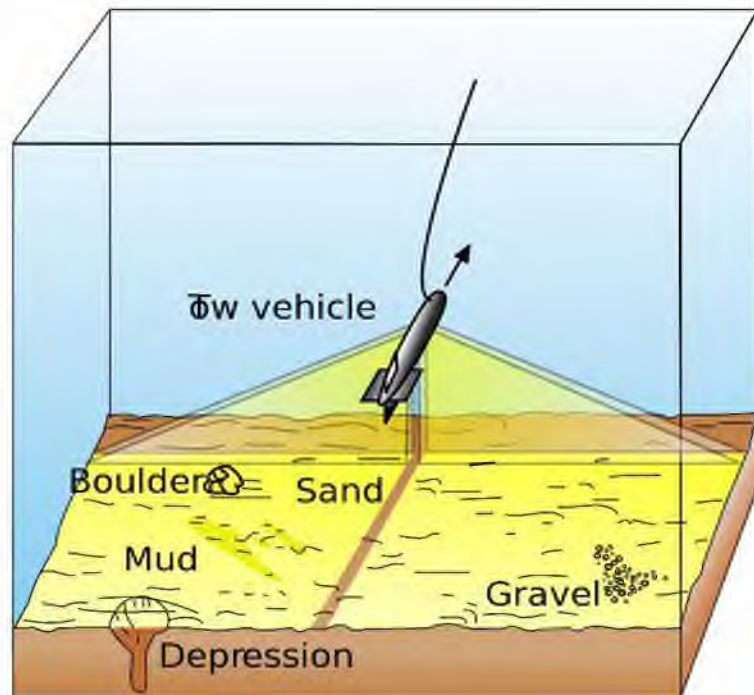




TECHNOLOGY- SIDE SCAN SONAR



The side scan sonar tow fish works like an echo sounder, like a sophisticated fish finder, bouncing a signal off the bottom of the seafloor in a side looking, triangular swath.

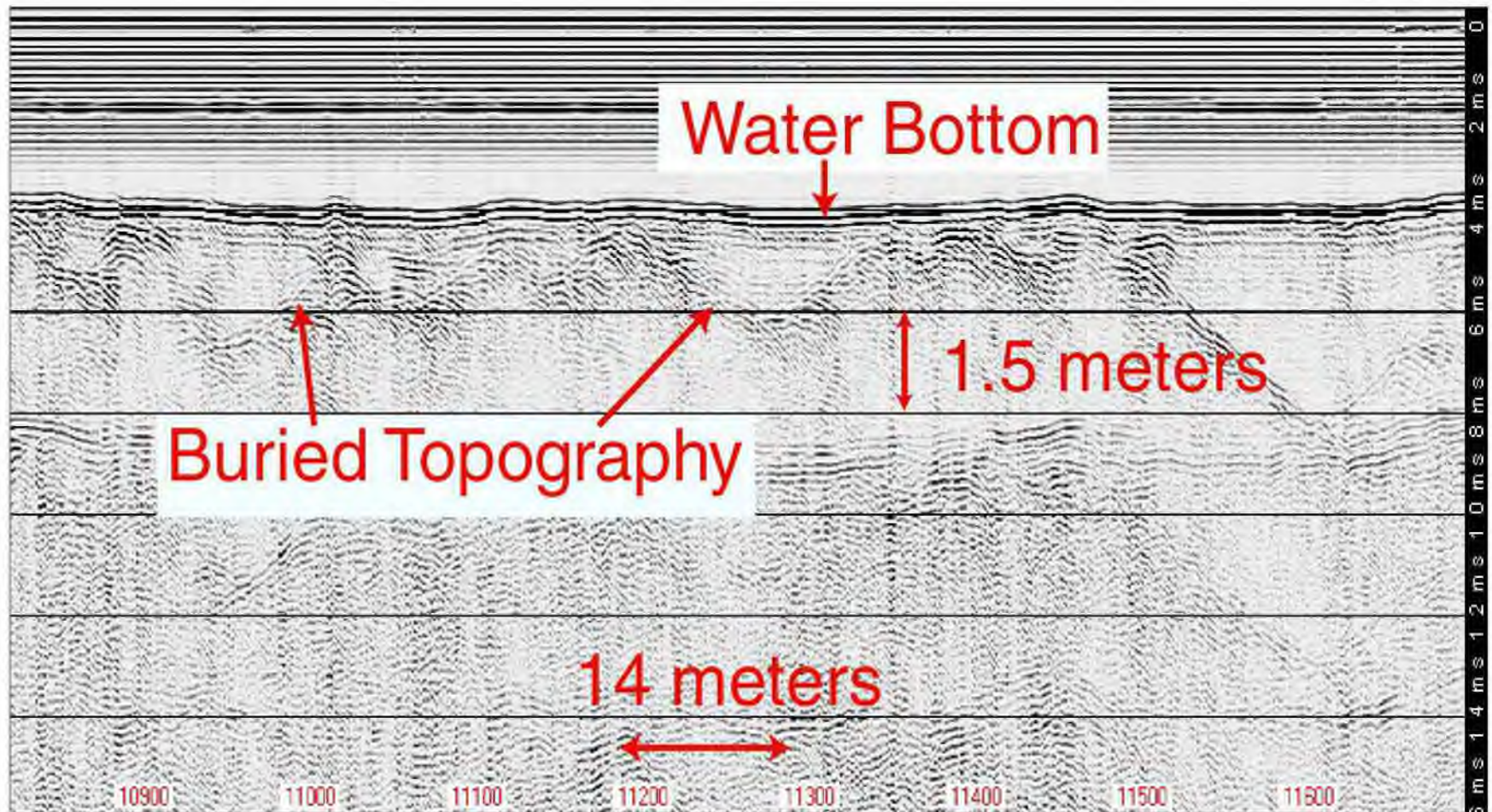




TECHNOLOGY- SUB BOTTOM PROFILER



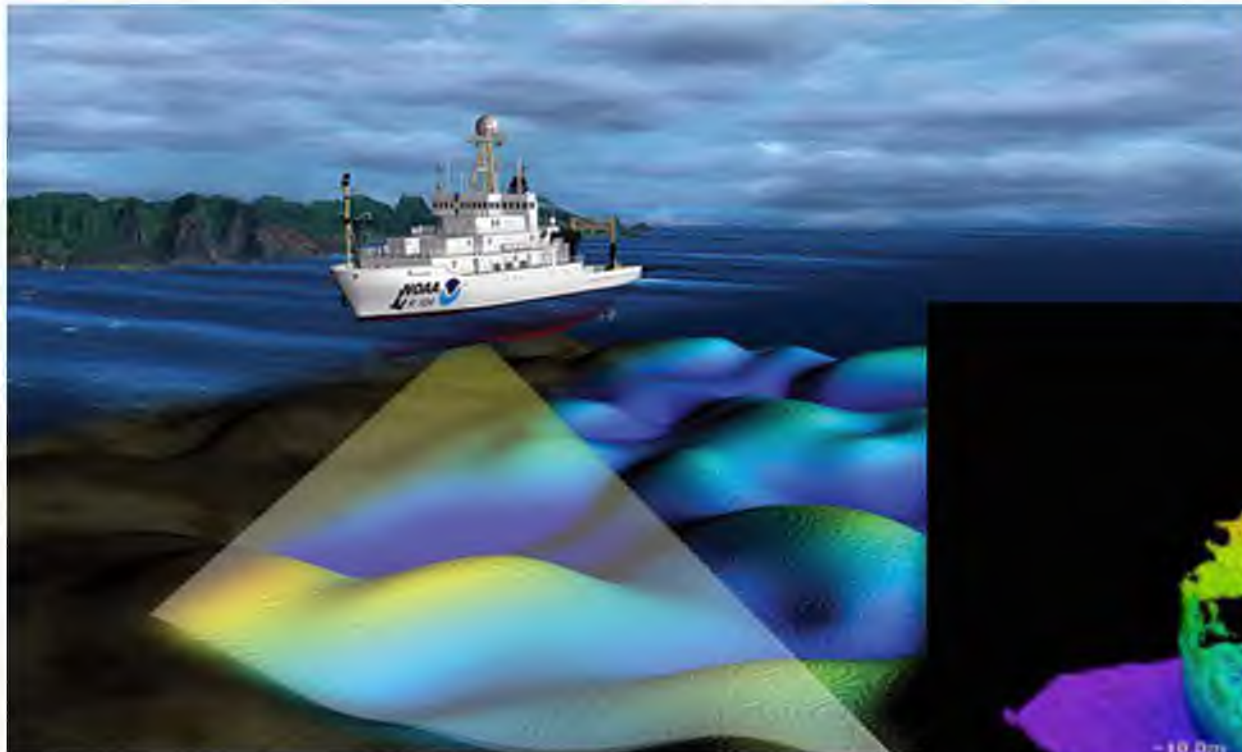
Sub bottom profilers have a very small swath or footprint, but they penetrate the bottom sediment and are very useful for determining the size and position of buried objects.



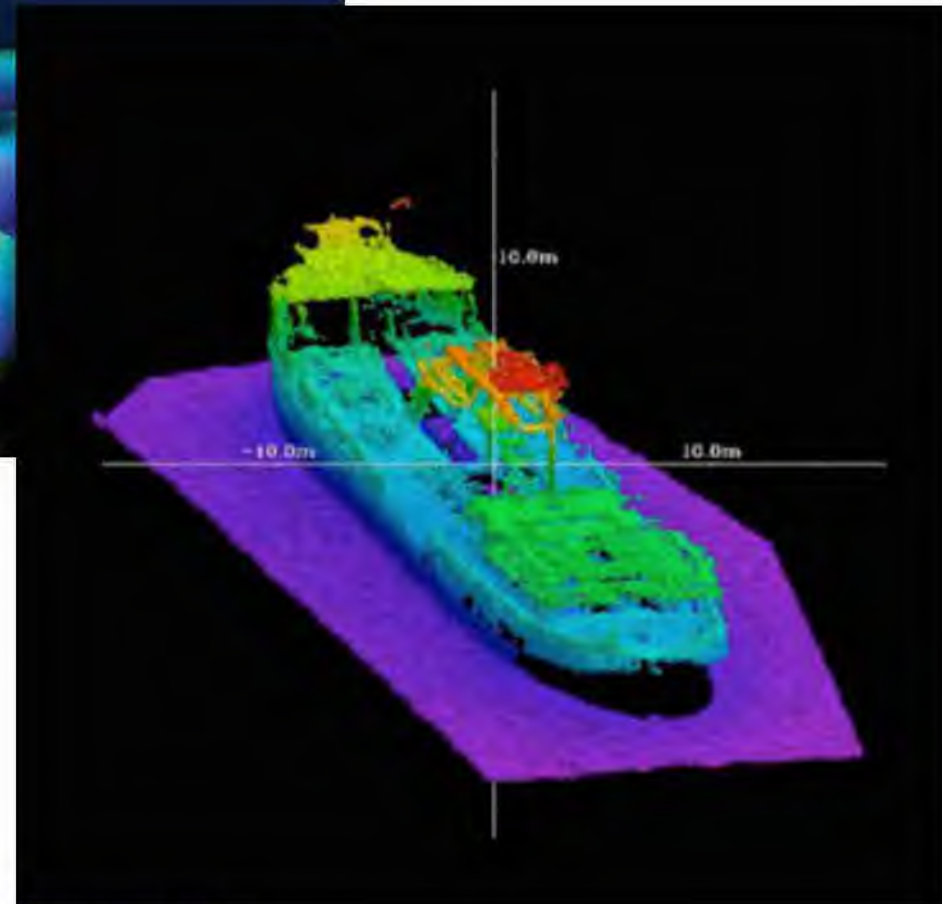


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TECHNOLOGY- MULTI-BEAM BATHYMETRY



Multi-beam Bathymetry works like Side Scan Sonar but as it uses more sensing beams the result is much more detailed.



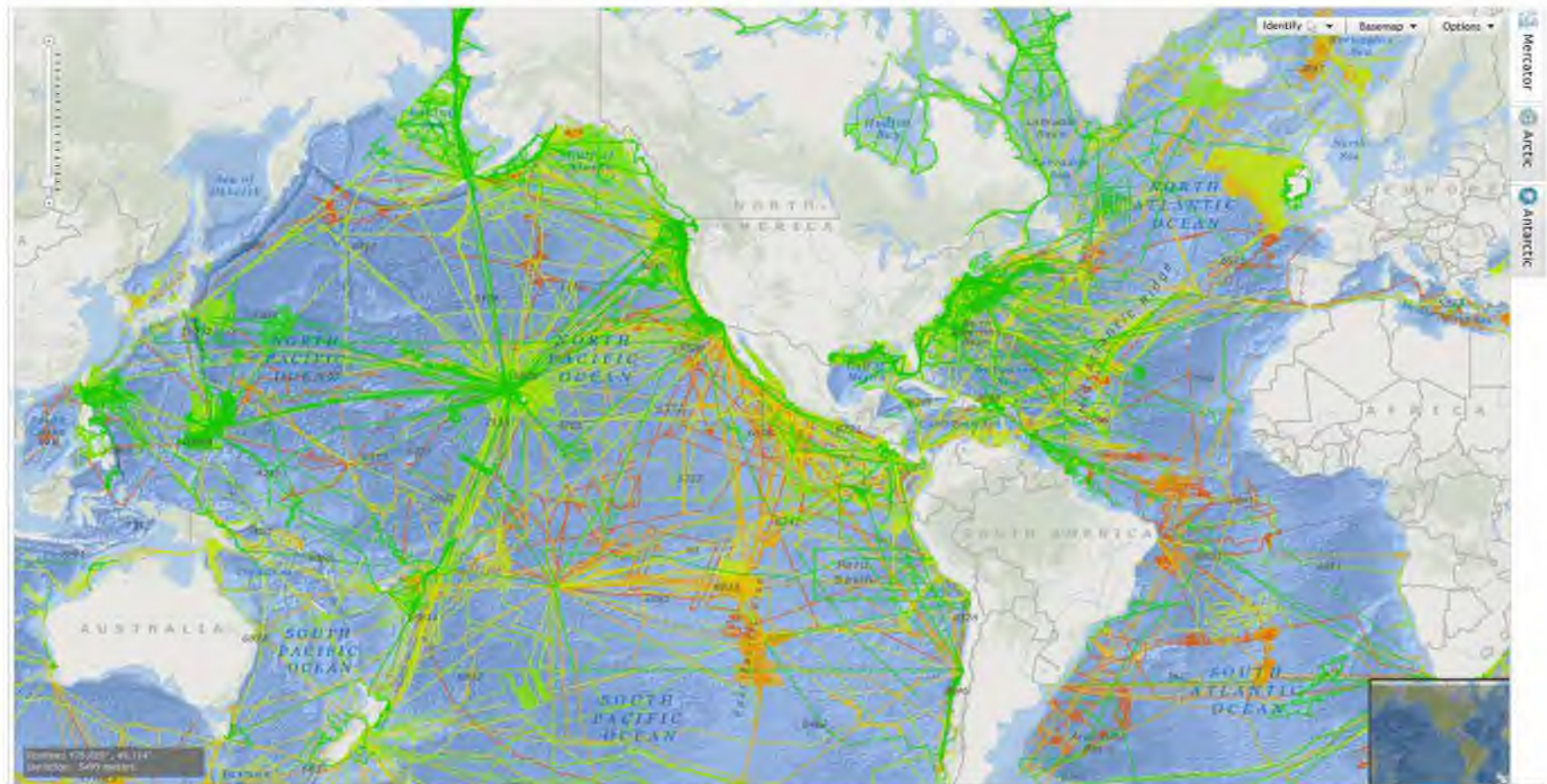
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TECHNOLOGY- MULTI-BEAM BATHYMETRY



DPAA is partnering with NOAA to gain access to all of the bathymetric surveys these oceanographers have already obtained world-wide.





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TECHNOLOGY- DIVER SEARCH



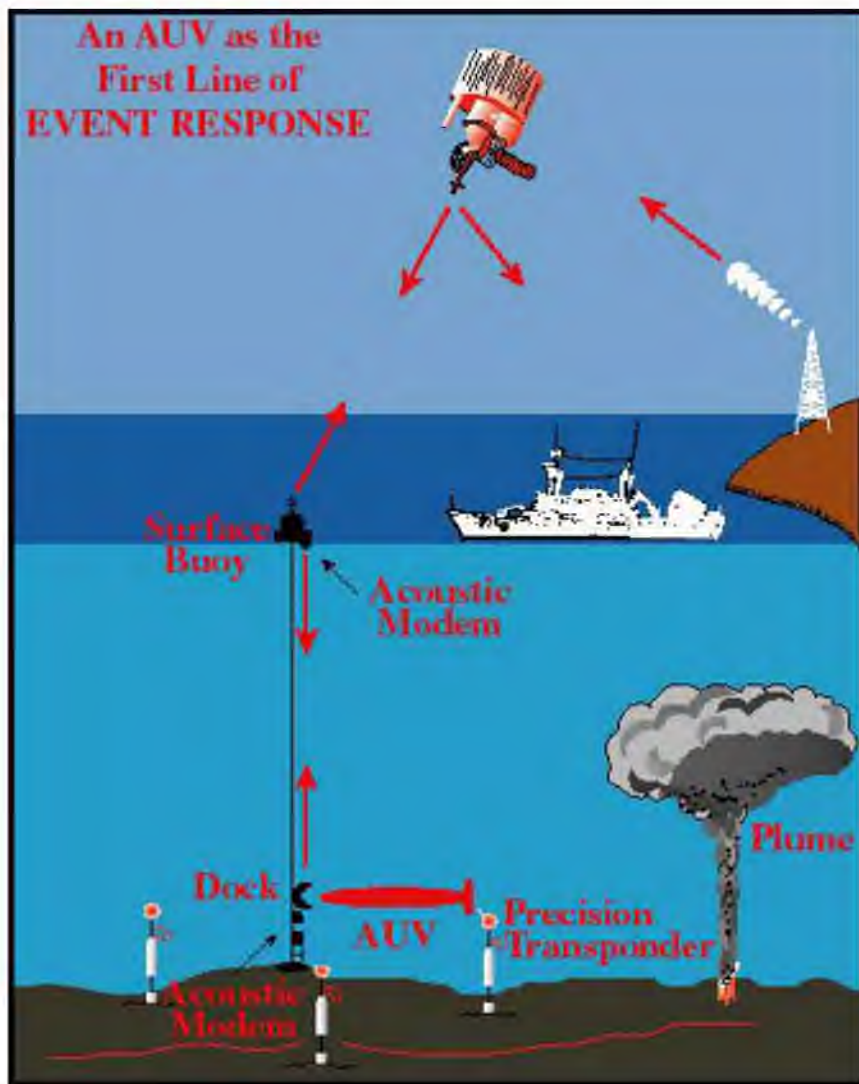
Tow Boarding



Hand Held Sensors



TECHNOLOGY-UNDERWATER VEHICLES



AUV- Untethered



ROV- Tethered



Submersible- Manned



NEW IDEAS

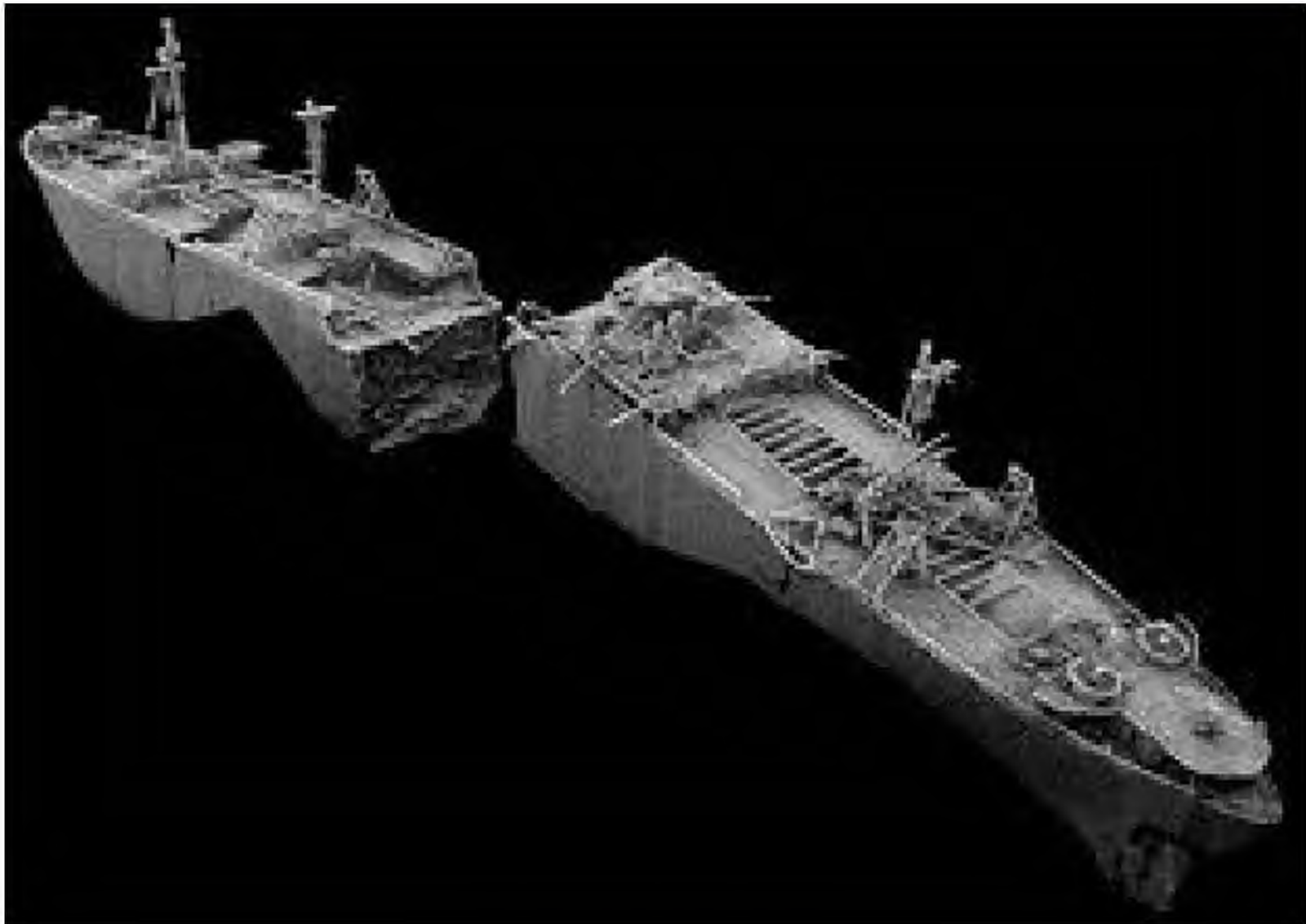


- Aircraft Crash Investigator's Methodology
- Computer Generated Predictive Modeling
- New Technologies-Under Development



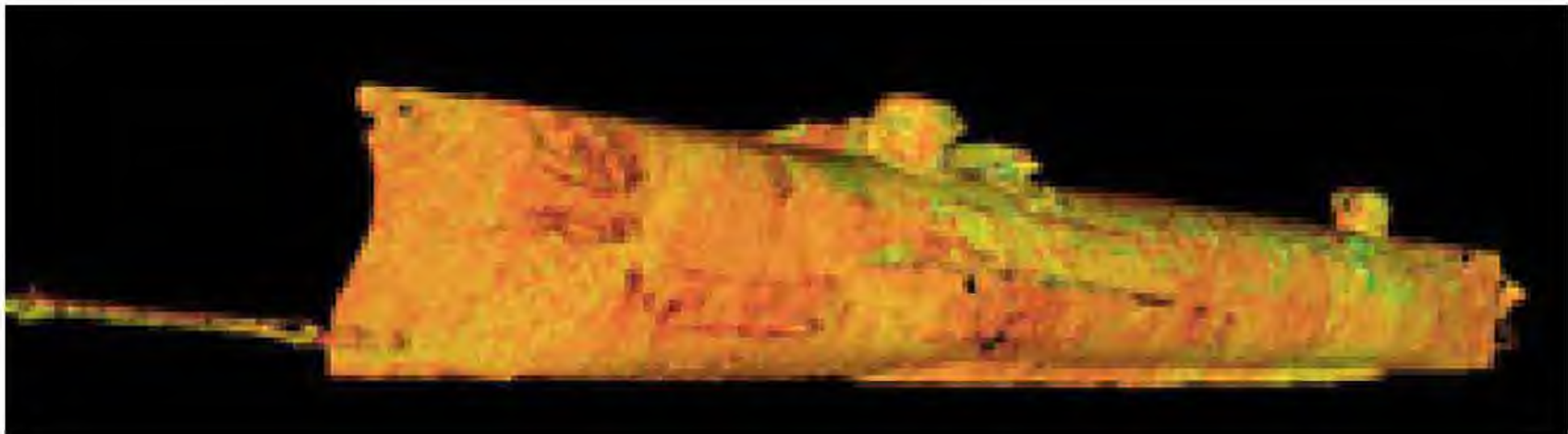
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New IDEAS- 3D Modeling





NEW IDEAS- 3D LASER DOCUMENTATION



H. L. Hunley- Confederate Submarine



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NEW WAYS TO EXPAND CAPABILITIES



- Partnering
- Contracts
- Grants





DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY

Public Portal

Introduction and Overview

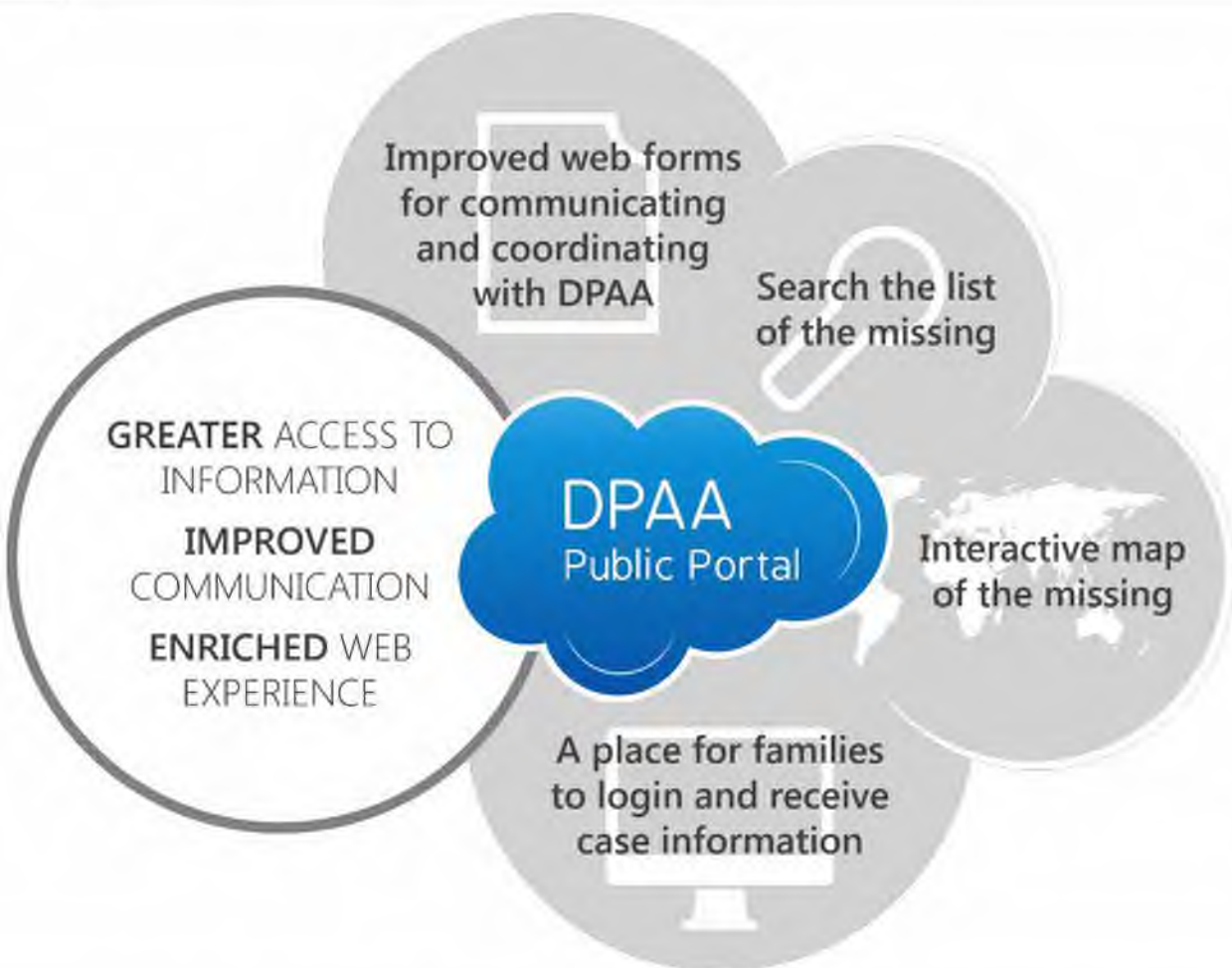
Date: 24 June 2016

Mr. Todd Livick, Director of DPAA O&C
(b)(6) DPAA O&C



- Introductions
- Public Portal Project Overview
- Improvements
 - Form Improvements
 - Dynamic Search of Our Missing
 - Map of Missing Individuals
 - Family Portal
- Demonstration of new DPAA.MIL and Family Portal concept

How DPAA's Public Portal Upgrades Benefit Families



- Improved forms for requesting information from DPAA
- Search functionality for the list of Missing
- Interactive map for the list of Missing
- Family Community Portal
- Improves timely communication between Casualty Offices, families, and DPAA
- A best-in-class leading Technology platform guarantees confidentiality and data security

DPAA's Public Portal delivers a new era of information sharing with the Families



DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY
FULFILLING OUR NATION'S PROMISE

Search:

HOME FAMILIES OUR MISSING NEWS & STORIES ABOUT RESOURCES CONTACT

OUR MISSING

Search Our Missing

Copy Excel CSV PDF Reset Show 10 entries Search:

Name	Rank	Service Number	Service	Conflict
(b)(6)	Pvt	785002	UNITED STATES ARMY	WORLD WAR II
	T Sgt	13001692	ARMY AIR FORCE (HISTORICAL, 1941-1947)	WORLD WAR II
	Pvt	18303170	UNITED STATES ARMY	WORLD WAR II
	1st Lt	AQ-768398	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE	KOREA
	P2	3488621	UNITED STATES NAVY	WORLD WAR II
	Pvt	14347356	UNITED STATES ARMY	WORLD WAR II
	STMT	8475498	UNITED STATES NAVY	WORLD WAR II
	2d Lt	O-389278	ARMY AIR FORCE (HISTORICAL, 1941-1947)	WORLD WAR II
	#EMPTY	Z-827630	UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE	WORLD WAR II
	Pvt	304818	UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS	WORLD WAR II

Showing 1 to 10 of 2,000 entries

Previous 1 2 3 4 5 ... 200 Next

- Search, sort and filter the list of missing individuals – Conflict, State, etc.
- Export your search results to Excel, .csv or .pdf

List of Missing Service Members Version 2.0



Missing Person Province Date Range to

- Overlay the Missing on a map of the world
- Visualize the country of loss
- Visualize home states of the Missing



Our Missing on a World Map



The screenshot displays the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency website. The 'CONTACT US' form is the central focus. It includes a 'Family Update Request' section on the left and a 'Contact Us' section on the right. The 'Contact Us' section has fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Phone', 'Email', and 'Regarding Subject'. A dropdown menu for 'Regarding Subject' is highlighted, showing options like '(b)(6)' and 'UNITED STATES ARMY'. The form also includes a 'Question / Comment' text area and a 'Submit' button.

- Submit inquiries directly to DPAA
 - Casualty Offices stay integrated in response to families
- Tracking of Inquiries and Responses
- Upgraded forms allow family members to select from individuals from the list of the missing

Improved Data Quality and Response Efficiency



The screenshot shows the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Family Portal. The header includes the agency logo, name, and a search bar. The main navigation bar has tabs for COMMUNITY, SERVICE MEMBER INQUIRY, CASES, KNOWLEDGE, and IDEAS. The left sidebar contains sections: MY PROFILE (with a user profile picture), MY GROUPS (listing 801 Bombardment Squadron, World War II Support Group, and POW/MIA Family Events), POPULAR TOPICS (listing Germany, WWII, Reunion Recovery, Family Event, and Fast Research), OPEN CASES (listing Service Member Inquiry: O 767938 and O 767938 - Harvey J. Boyd), MOST VIEWED ARTICLES (listing How to Submit Family Reference Samples (DNA)), and MY RECENT CASES (listing a case with Number 00001246 and Status Under Review).

The main content area features a FAMILY UPDATE SCHEDULE table with columns DATE and LOCATION, listing events from September 12, 2015, to April 18, 2016. Below this is a section for social media updates, including a post from the World War II Support Group about an underwater recovery mission for World War II losses.

- Designed from the ground up with families in mind
- A unique portal area for each family member
- Ability to submit inquiries, poster orders, and other functions
- A record of past inquiries, poster orders, and other data
- Casualty Offices have visibility into inquiries made by families and responses to them
- The Family Portal facilitates social networking between families with common interests such as the Missing's unit, conflict or home state

The Family Portal provides Families with a unique experience and near real time information



- While this capability is industry leading, and in use at a number of other State and Federal Agencies, we are conducting a thorough review of the platform's security posture to ensure the platform meets the Department of Defense's security and privacy standards
- The launch is scheduled for Fall 2016

Your input and expertise is important for these improvements.



DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY



ANNUAL GOVERNMENT BRIEF

Non-Biological Evidence Analysis Support of Operations

24 June 2016

Mr.

(b)(6)

Fulfilling Our Nation's Promise



DPAA LABORATORY-WRIGHT PATTERSON NON-BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE BRANCH

Mission

Non-Biological Material Evidence/Life
Sciences Equipment Artifact Evaluation





AIRCREW EQUIPMENT ANALYSIS FOR ALL SERVICES (WORLD WAR-II TO TODAY)





ANALYSIS OF GROUND COMBAT FORCES EQUIPMENT FOR LAST 100 YEARS





DPAA LABORATORY-WRIGHT PATTERSON NON-BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE BRANCH

SUPPORT TO OPERATIONS



QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

ARE ARTIFACTS CONSISTENT?

***NUMBER OF INVOLVED
PERSONNEL?***

***WAS LOSS INCIDENT
SURVIVABLE?***

WHAT IS THE TIME PERIOD?



RECOVERY OPERATION EFFORTS LEAD TO THE DISCOVERY OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE





MATERIAL EVIDENCE FROM A UNILATERAL TURNOVER SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS



***WHAT ARE THESE
ARTIFACTS AND
WHAT DO THEY
MEAN?***





ANALYSIS PROVIDED AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE ARTIFACTS





ANALYSIS PROVIDED AN IDENTIFICATION OF THIS ARTIFACT





DETERMINATIONS FROM ANALYSIS



NEXT STEP:
***RESEARCH IS
NEEDED TO
DETERMINE A
POTENTIAL
REFNO CASE
ASSOCIATION***





ANOTHER CASE INVOLVING THE UNILATERAL TURNOVER OF SUSPECTED LIFE SCIENCES ARTIFACTS



***WHAT ARE THESE
ARTIFACTS AND
WHAT DO THEY
MEAN?***





ANALYSIS PROVIDED AN IDENTIFICATION OF THIS ARTIFACT





PART NUMBER RESEARCH AND PHYSICAL MATCHING PROVIDED AN IDENTIFICATION OF THIS ARTIFACT





ANALYSIS PROVIDED AN IDENTIFICATION OF THIS ARTIFACT





DETERMINATIONS FROM ANALYSIS



NEXT STEP:
*RESEARCH TO
DETERMINE A
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CULMINATION OF AGENCY EFFORTS FULFILLING OUR NATION'S PROMISE





"SUPREME SACRIFICES... WE MUST NEVER FORGET"



FULFILLING OUR NATION'S PROMISE

DPAA LABORATORY-WRIGHT PATTERSON

Non-Biological Evidence Branch







DNA Analysis In The Identification Process



Lt Col Alice J. Briones
MC, USAF

**Chief Deputy Medical Examiner &
Director**

Armed Forces DoD DNA Registry
Armed Forces Medical Examiner System

**National League of POW/MIA
Families**
Washington D.C.
June 23-25, 2016





AFMES Missions Supported By AFDIL



Present Day Accounting



Past Accounting



FRS Databasing



World Wide Support

Laboratory Accreditations & Standards



**American Society of Crime
Laboratory Directors-Laboratory
Accreditation Board
(ASCLD – ISO 17025
International Certification)**



**Federal Bureau Of Investigation
(FBI) Quality Assurance
Standards**



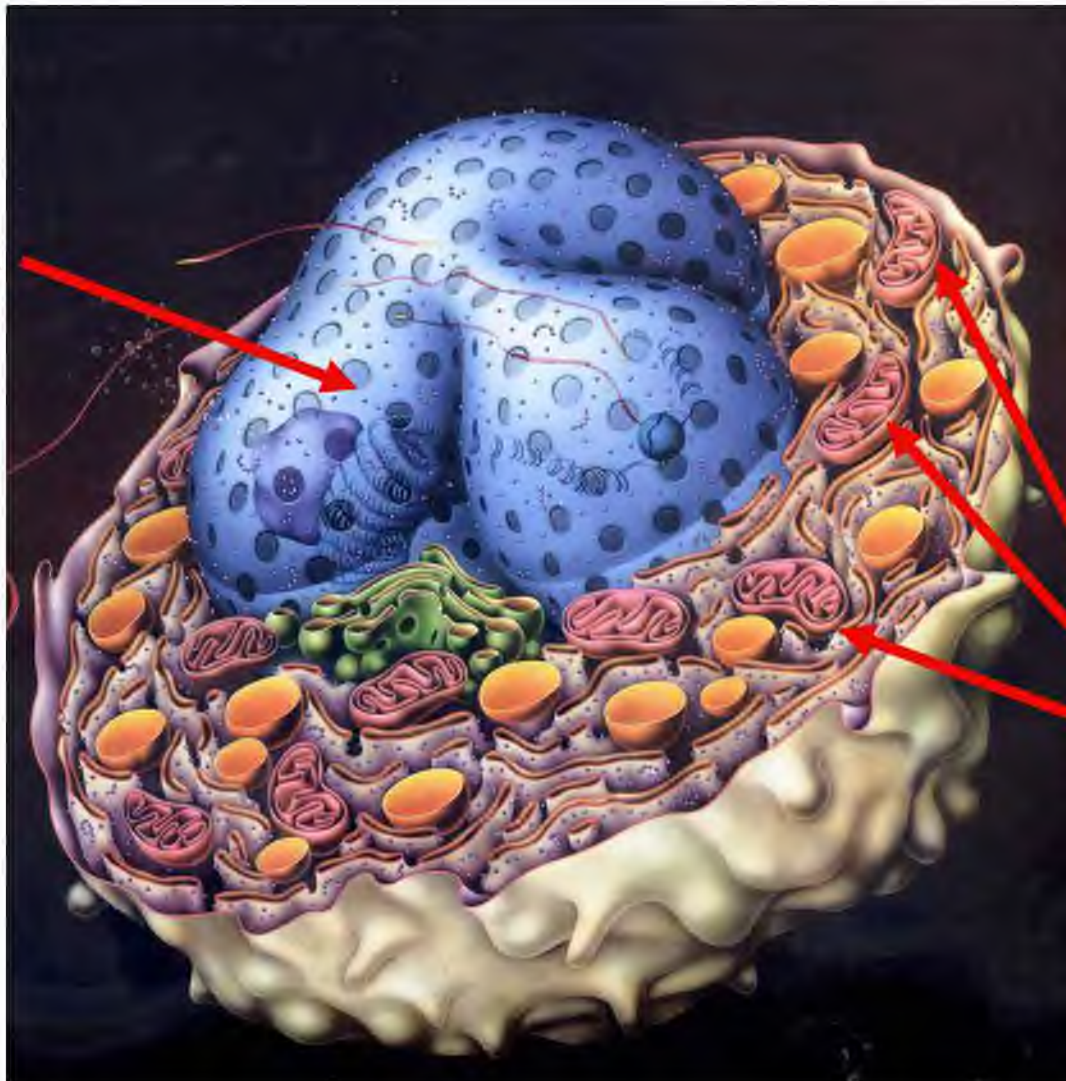
**DoD DA Oversight Committee
(Defense Science Board 1995)**



The Human DNA Genome

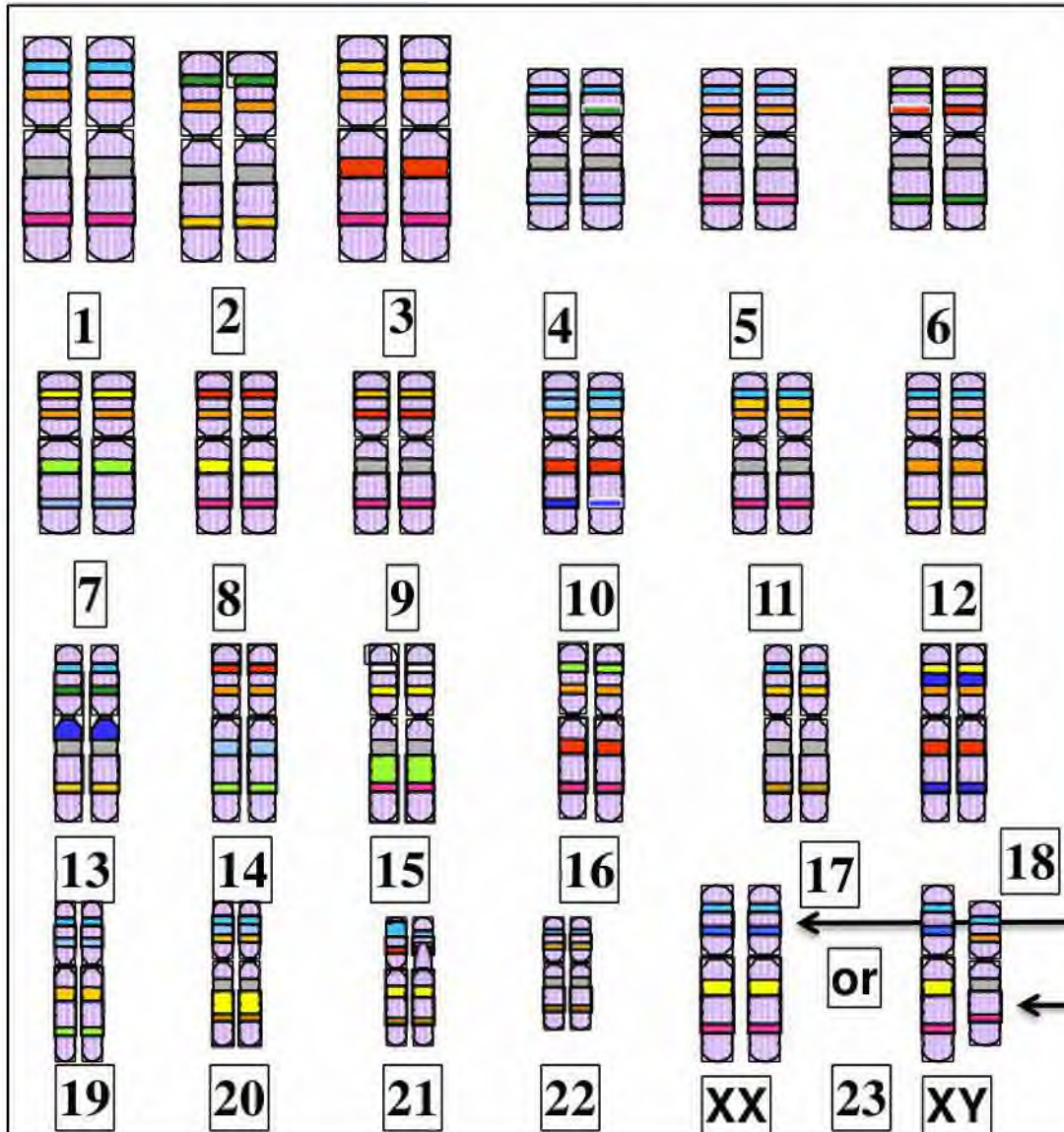


Nuclear DNA
~3.2 billion
base pairs
(bp)



**Mitochondrial
DNA**
16,549 bp

23 Pairs of Chromosomes



The Nuclear Genome contains approximately 25,000 Genes

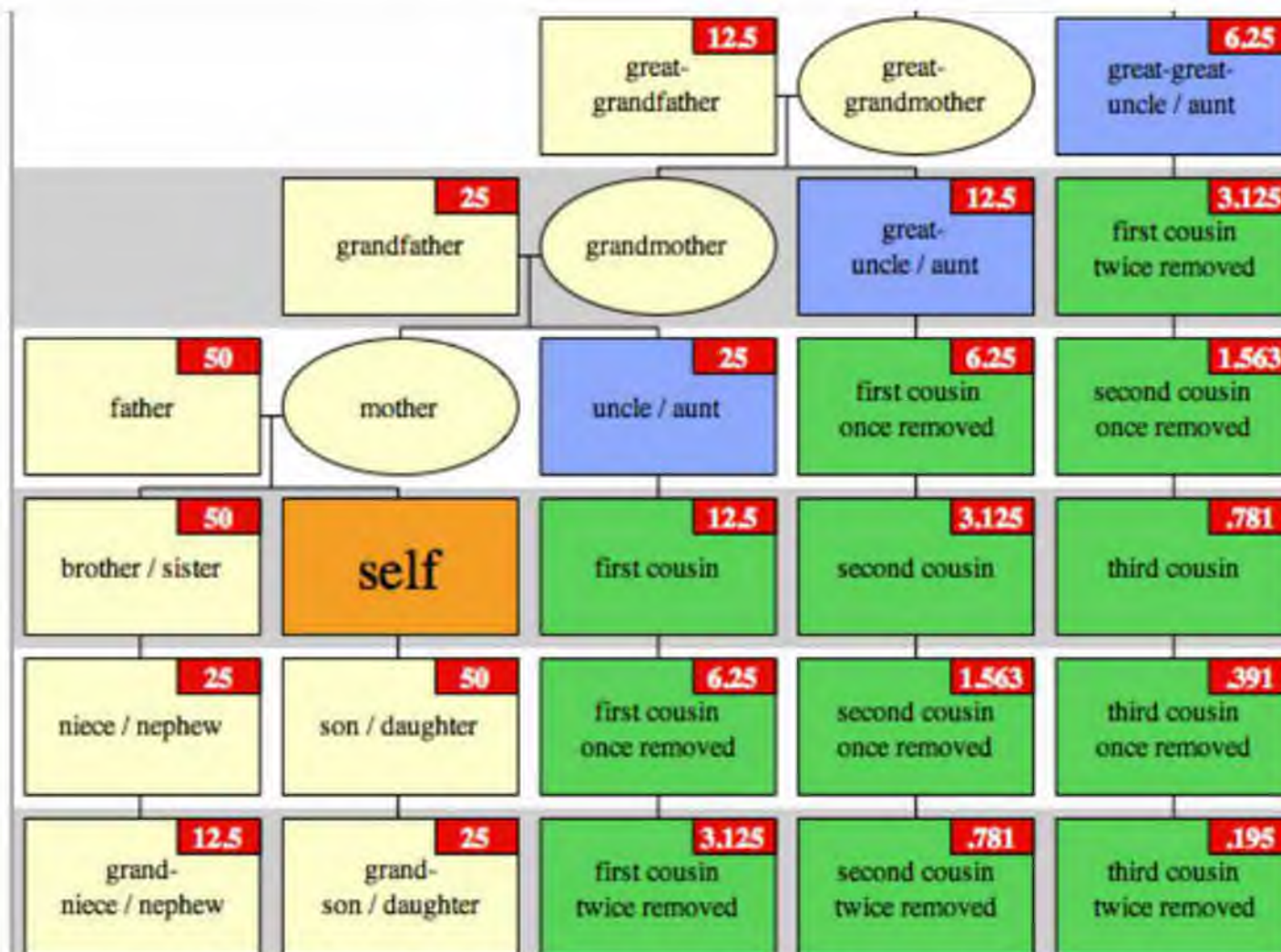


Female

Male

Chromosome #23

Nuclear DNA Shared Between Relatives



Amount of total nuclear DNA in common with ones relatives

Comparison of DNA Testing Methods



Mitochondrial DNA

Limited discrimination
Multiple copies/cell
References from
any maternal relative
Decades to centuries
Slower turn-around

Y- DNA

Limited discrimination
Only one copy/cell;
from the father
References from
any paternal relative
Several years
Quick turn-around

Nuclear DNA

High discrimination
Two copies/cell
Best reference are
mother, father, siblings
&/or offspring
Several years
Quick turn-around

Why Lead With mtDNA Analysis



- Due to sample quality mtDNA analysis offers the greatest chance of success for these types of remains
 - 1000's of mtDNA copies compared to single nuclear copy
 - Maturity of the mtDNA family reference database
 - Limited availability of nuclear family references
- Databases are used to determine the:
 - “uniqueness”
 - “consistency”
- Au-STR and/or Y-STR testing performed after mtDNA
 - Segregate
 - Increase statistical significance

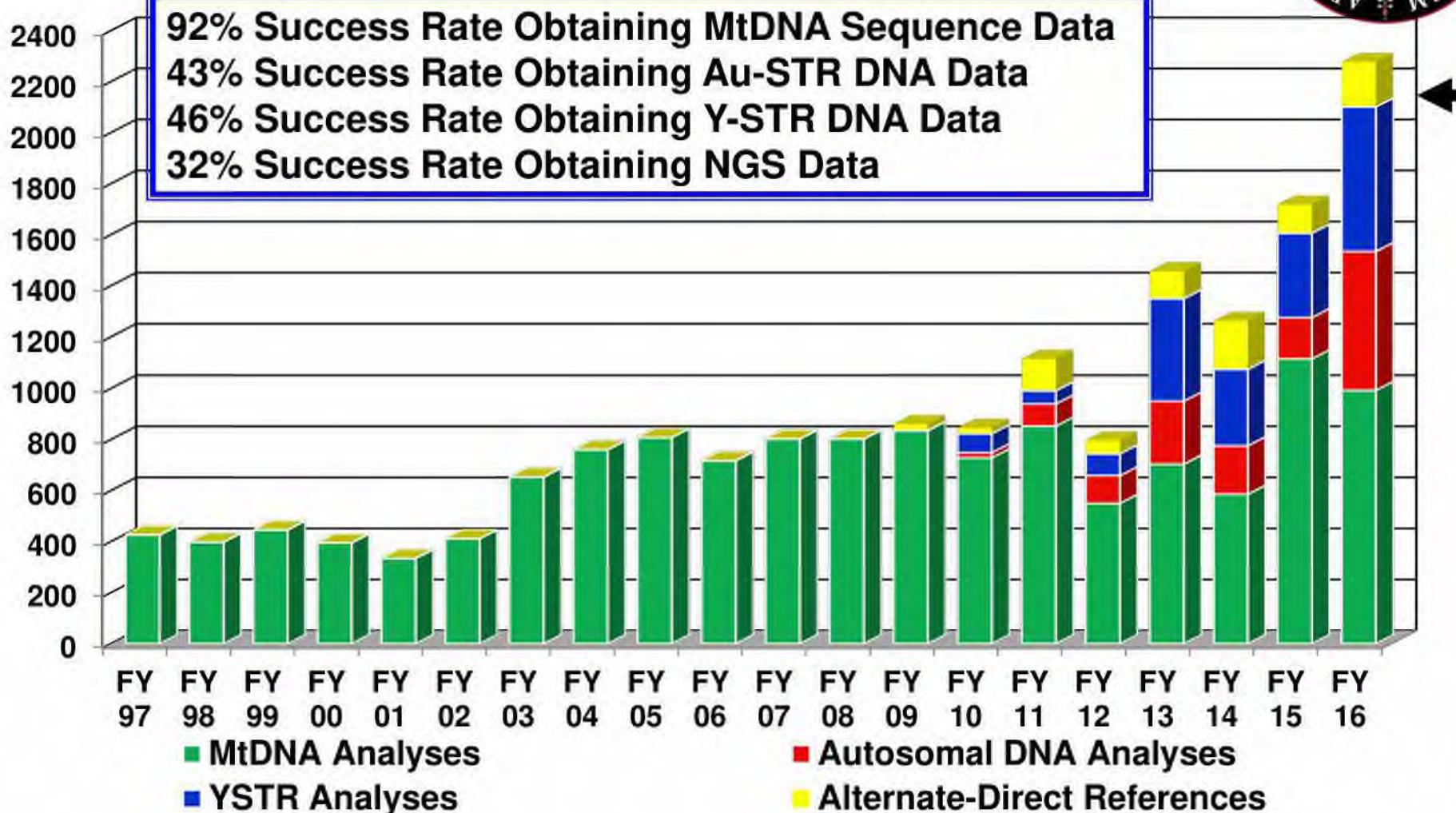
- DPAA-Lab samples are processed on a rolling basis
 - 500+ skeletal samples in progress at any one time
 - Samples are reprioritized on a routine basis
 - DPAA scientist in charge of prioritizing
 - AFDIL sends Data summary to DPAA
 - DPAA request Comparison and BTB reports
- Average turn around time (TAT):
 - Extraction to Report ~55-85 Mission Days

DNA Tests Reported By AFDIL

As Of 31 May 2016



92% Success Rate Obtaining MtDNA Sequence Data
43% Success Rate Obtaining Au-STR DNA Data
46% Success Rate Obtaining Y-STR DNA Data
32% Success Rate Obtaining NGS Data



DNA Reports



FY	Believe to Be Reports	Addendum Reports	Total Reports
2011	53	88	141
2012	60	160	220
2013	55	159	214
2014	75	108	183
2015	71	109	180
2016	89	38	127

- 1992: First Use of MtDNA for Past Accounting Casework
- 1998: First ASCLD-LAB Accredited Laboratory for MtDNA Testing
- 2006: Demineralization Buffer
- 2010: 12S rRNA
- 2013: Low Copy Number Y-STR testing
- 2014: Improvements to demineralization of bone
- 2015: New 23 locus auSTR Kit
- 2016: NGS mtDNA assay for chemically modified samples

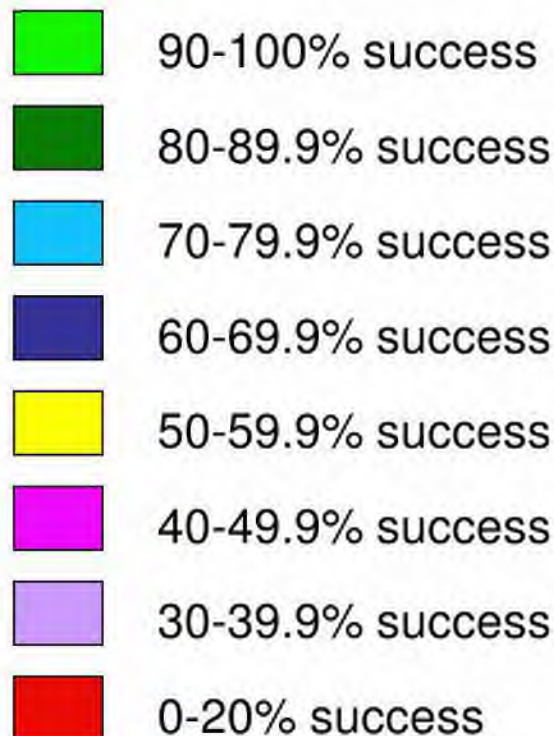


DHA Demineralization Success

Defense Health Agency



Pre-Demineralization



Post- Demineralization



12S rRNA Gene Testing



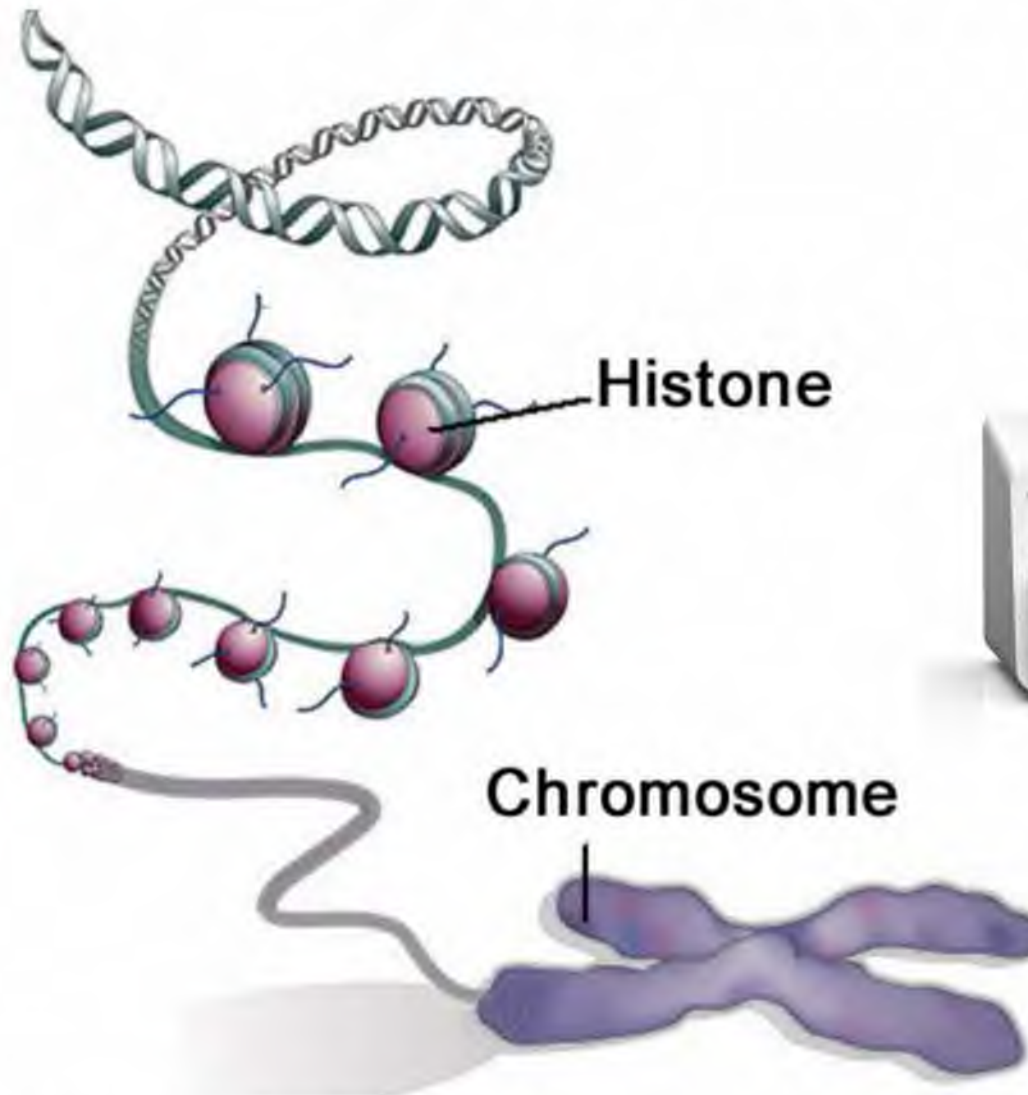
Since implementation

358

Samples tested with the 12S assay

40% were non-human

DNA/Protein Fixation Issue



Illumina MiSeq





How Does This Help DPAA and You



- Advances Have
 - Reduced Time spent processing samples
 - Reduced reagent costs due to increased success rates.
 - Allowed for hiring 12 of 24 new staff 2 years ahead of plan
 - Increased number of samples reported to DPAA
 - 2014: 1300 samples reported
 - 2015: 1700 samples reported
 - 2016: 2100 is the goal, ~2300 reached in June 2016

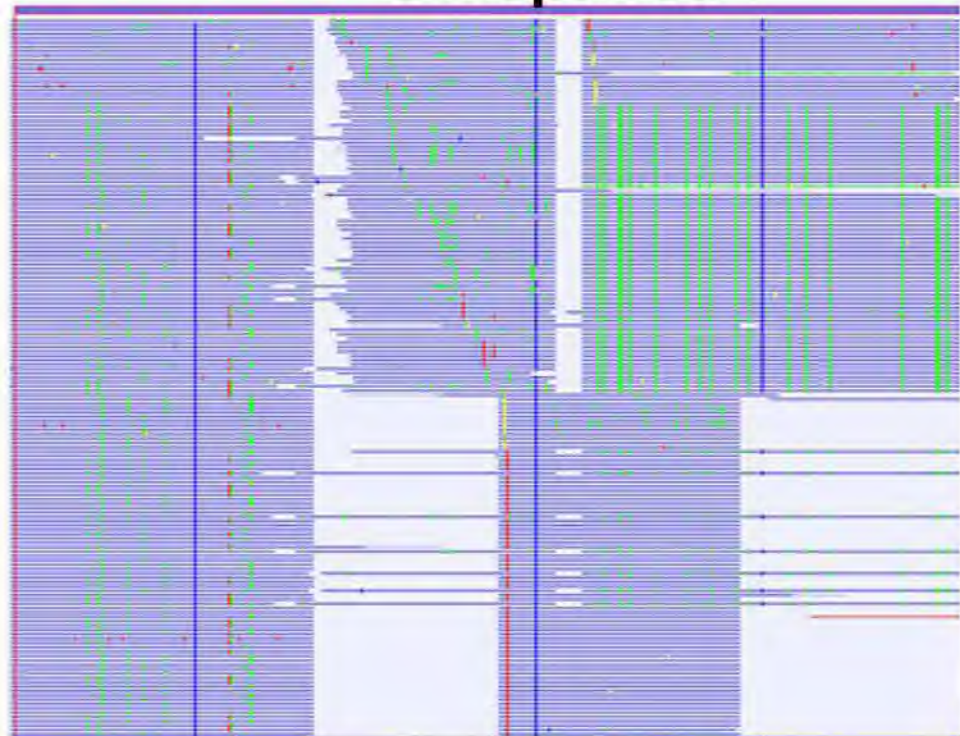
- Environmental Influences
 - DNA Repair
- Same mitotype and no AuSTR or YSTR results generated
 - Whole mtDNA genome sequencing
- No maternal, paternal, or sibling references available
 - Identity and kinship single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPS)

Current Problems/Gaps

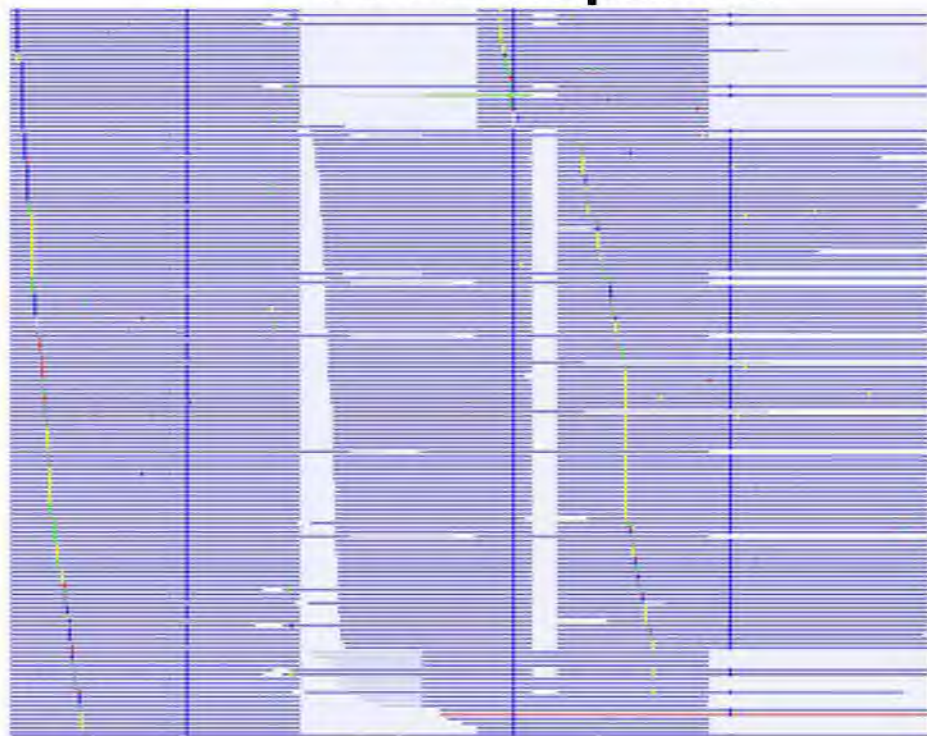


- Environmental Influences
 - DNA Damage due to degradation

Unrepaired



FFPE Repaired



Current Problems/Gaps



- Same mitotype and no auSTR or YSTR results generated
 - Whole mtDNA genome sequencing
 - Individuals with common mtDNA distinguishable.
 - Initiating validation



- No viable mtDNA, YSTR, or auSTR references available.
 - Working with Parabon in conjunction with DoD grant to develop software to work with DPAA samples
 - Millions of Identity and kinship single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPS) across nuclear genome
 - As little as 10,000 SNPS can identify unrelated from related 4th degree relative.
 - Opens up reference pool

Family Reference Sample Collections



- **YOU** Are The Key To The Identification Process
- Family References Are Collected Under Informed Consent With the Donor and Can Only Be Used For Human Remains Identification
- All FRS Samples Are Treated As a Medical Specimen
- Protected Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) For Personally Identifiable Information (PII) To Release of Information
- FRS Database Information Is Restricted and Not Shared Or Uploaded To Any Outside Agency
- Release of Any HIPAA Information With PII Must Be With Consent of Donor

We Need **YOU**

To

Help Us Make the

Unknown Known

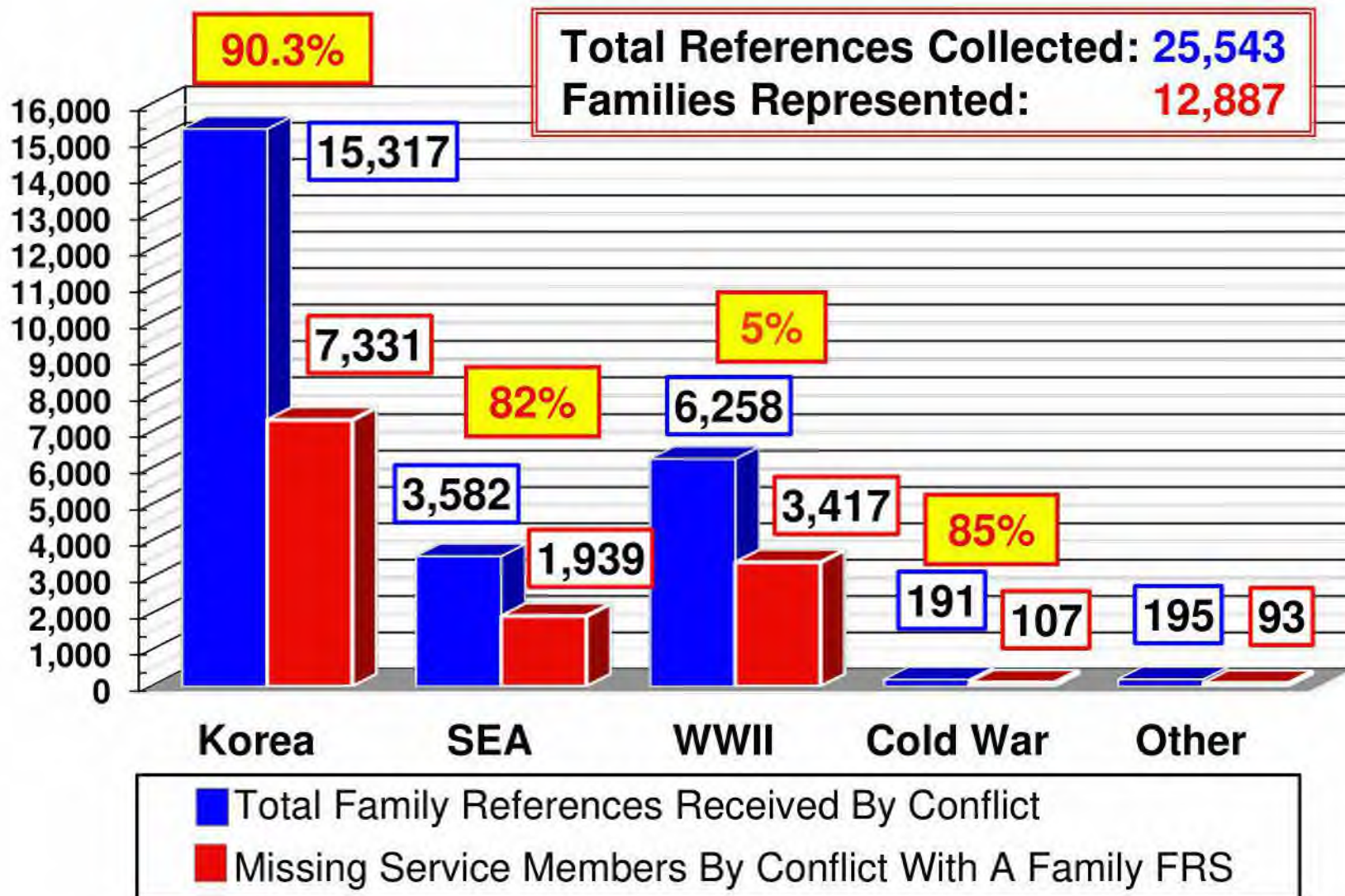




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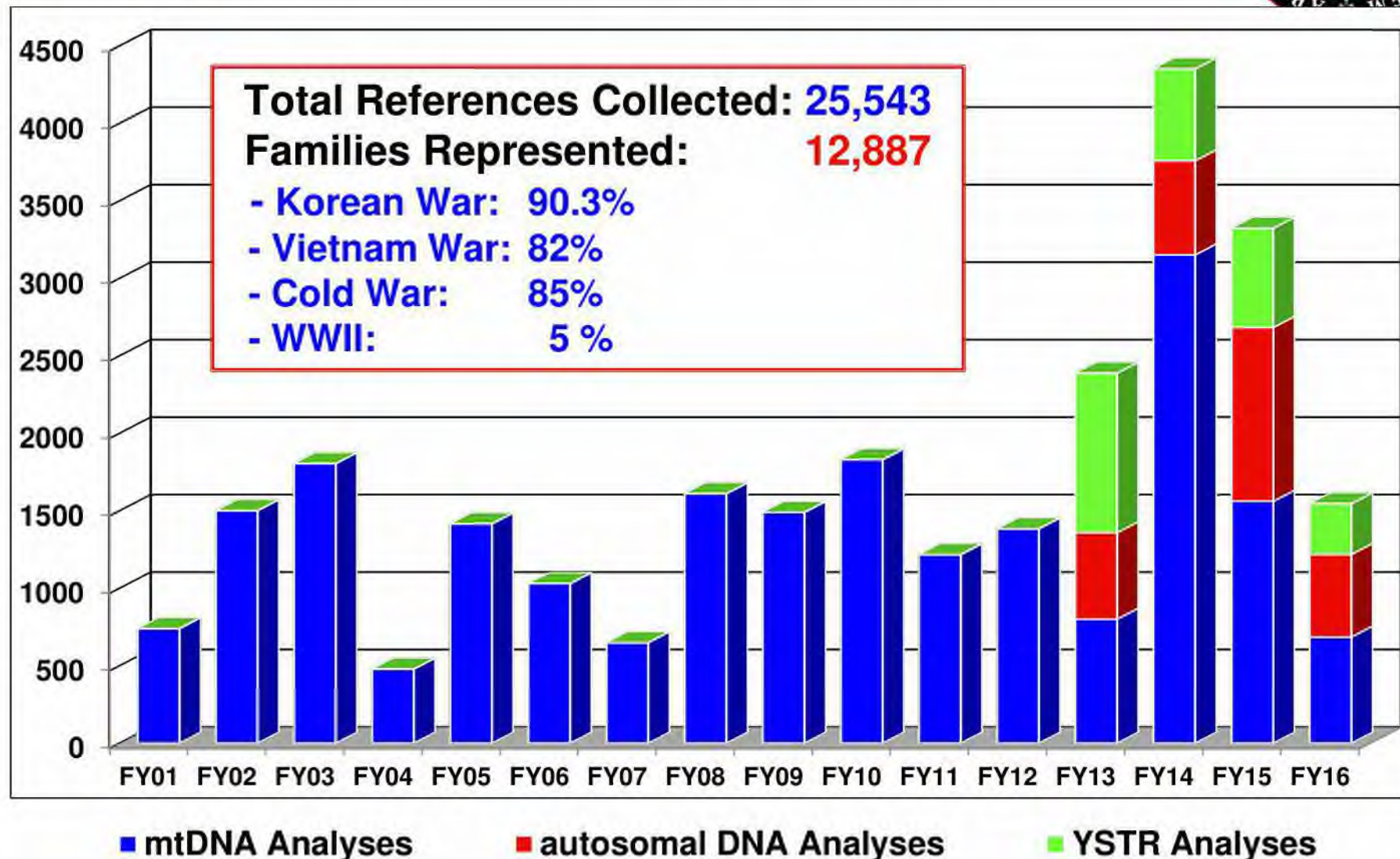
Family Reference Samples Status

As Of 31 May 2016



Family References Reported By Analyses

As Of 31 May 2016





Applying Scientific Applications to Operations and Identifications

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PhD



Agenda



- LABORATORIES
- FIELD OPERATIONS/RECOVERY
- IDENTIFICATION PROCESS
- MOUNTAINEERING

***There are images of humans remains in this briefing**



DPAA-Laboratory Update

DPAA Scientific Directorate

DPAA-WEST Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI

DPAA-OFFUTT Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE

DPAA-Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH

DPAA-Labs* are accredited by the
American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors /
Laboratory Accreditation Board (ACLD-LAB)



The New Laboratory



**Main Analytical Area in the New DPAA Laboratory,
Building 4077, Hickam Field, Hawaii**



The New Laboratory



**Material Evidence Analysis in the New DPAA Laboratory,
Building 4077, Hickam Field, Hawaii**



Laboratory Facilities at Offutt



Dry laboratory analytical space (left) and wet laboratory analytical space (right) at DPAA facilities, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska



Joint Field Activity Recovery Operations





Archaeological Methods and Forensics

- **Archaeology is destructive**
 - Experts at understanding site transformation
 - Sites have to be excavated correctly under the direction of subject matter experts because there is no do-over.
- **Key lines of investigation for the Recovery Leader are:**
 - The spatial relationships between items of evidence
 - The spatial relations between items of evidence and their environmental setting
- **These relationships can only be observed with the evidence *in situ***



Systematic Excavation is Key



30 June 1970 loss of a UH-1H





Excavation





Excavation





May 2, 1970 UH-1 Loss Cambodia near Vietnam border





Archaeological Evidence





Exposed Burials





The Identification Process

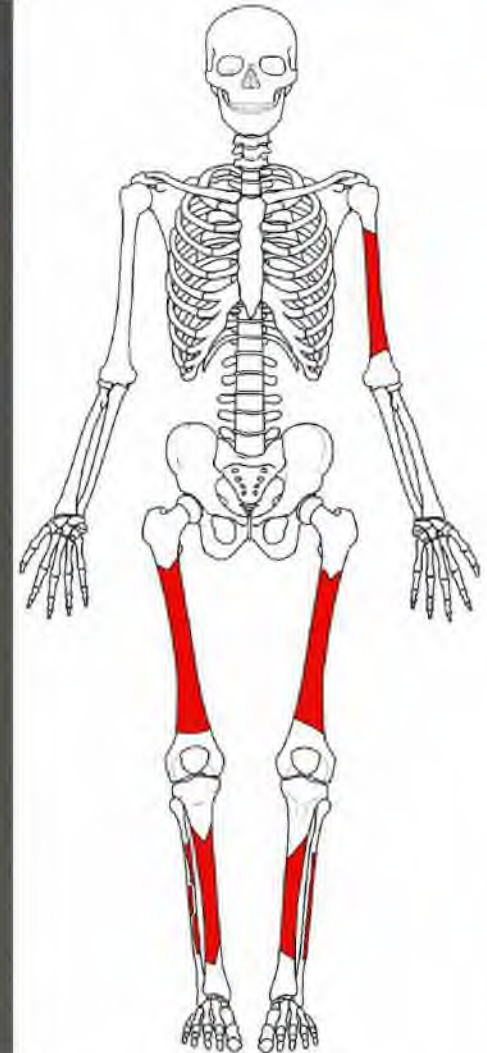


Anthropological Analysis



Recovered Remains

Sex: Male
Ancestry: European
Age: Adult
Stature: Indiscernible
Trauma: Indiscernible
Individual Traits: Indiscernible





Dental Analysis

Dental Analysis by Comparison

Table 1. Dental comparison table of CIL 2014-037-I-01 to BTB Individual.

Tooth #	CIL 2014-037-I-01	BTB Individual
18	O-S	O-S
19	O-S, F-S	O-S
20	V	V
21	O-S, O-S	O-S
22	V	V
27	V	V
28	V	V
29	V	V
30	F-S	F-S
31	V	V

KEY: green shade = similar findings; yellow shade = explainable discrepancy; O = occlusal; F= facial; S = silver dental amalgam; V = unrestored tooth; X = missing antemortem; E = indeterminate restorative status





DNA



250
ACAATTGAAT

260
GTCTGCACAG
--N-----

270
CCAATTCCA
N-G---N--
-G-----
-G-----
-G-----
-G-----
-G-----

Standard

R. Femur (05A)

R. Humerus (08A)

R. Temporal (09A)



300
ATTTCACCA

310
AACCCCCCT

320
CCCCC*GCTTC
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Standard

R. Femur (05A)

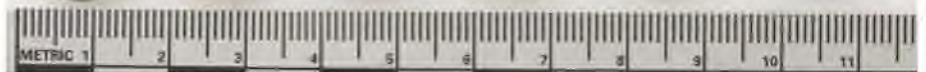
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Material Evidence





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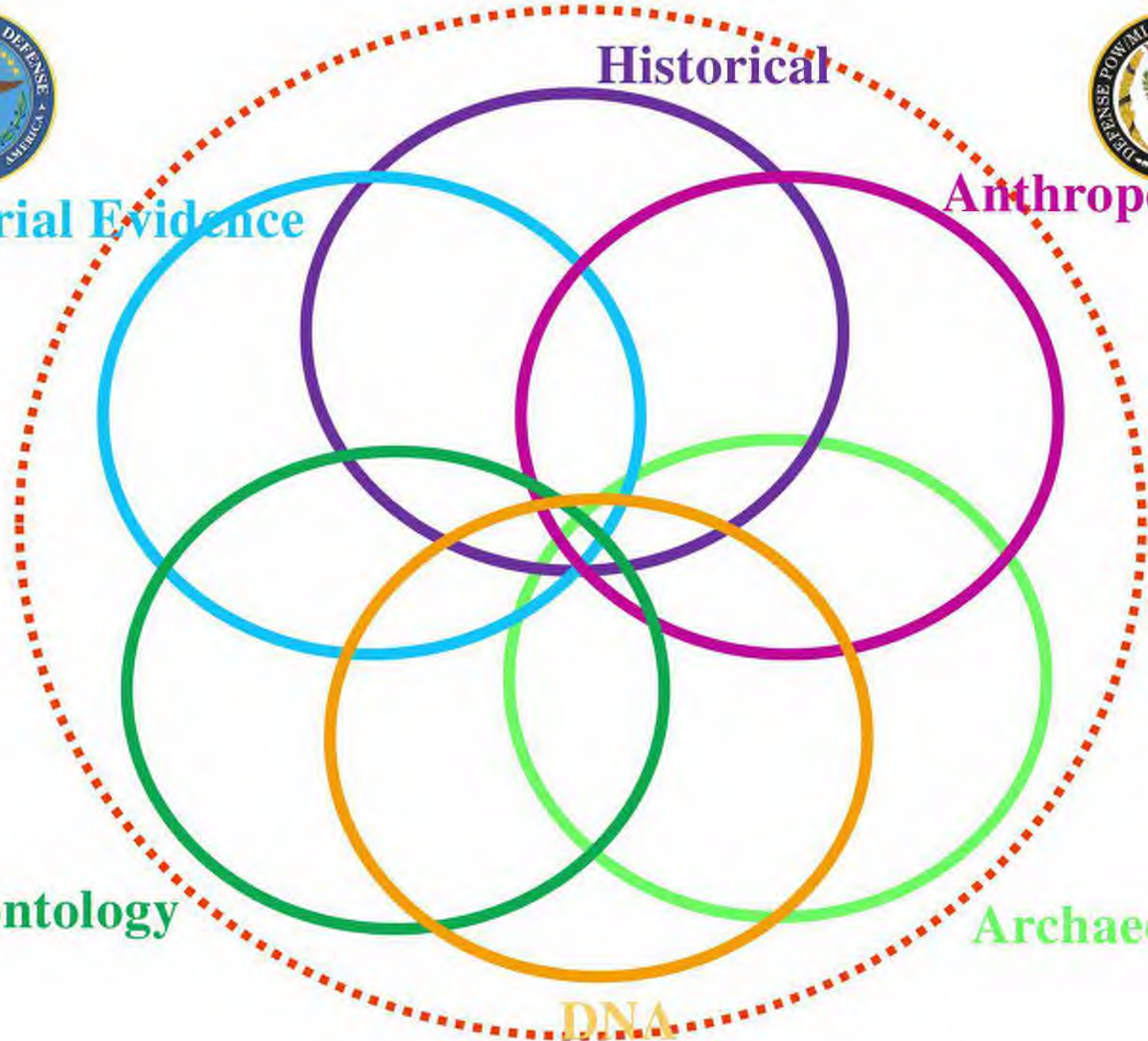
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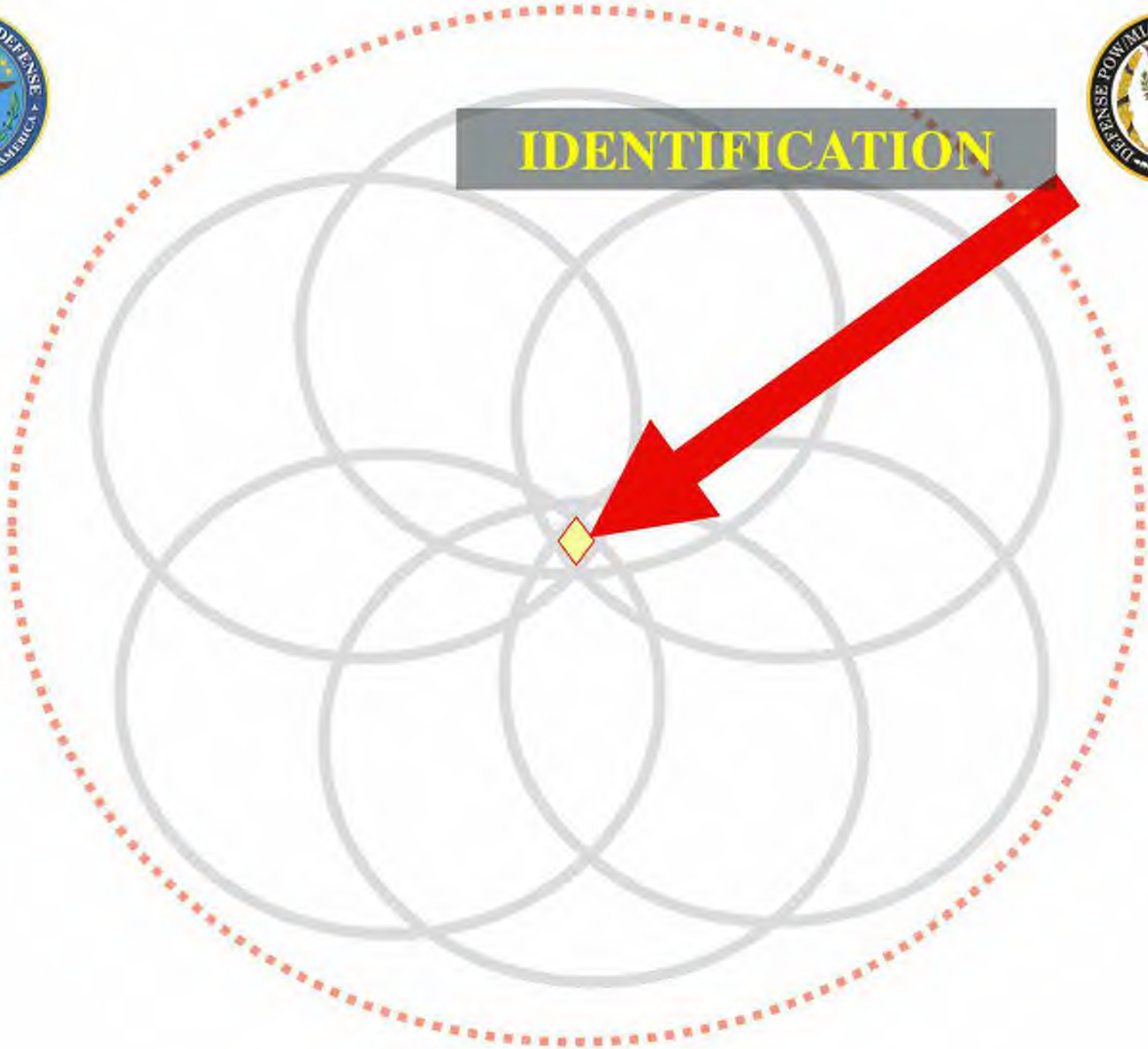
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DNA





IDENTIFICATION





Summary Points

- Identifications are made using multiple lines of evidence:
 - Historical (Circumstantial)
 - Forensic Archaeology
 - Material Evidence
 - Forensic Anthropology
 - Forensic Odontology
 - DNA



Mountaineering





Mountaineering





Current Manning

- Organic
 - Ten level II or III personnel
- Augmentees
 - 4th Ranger Training Battalion at Camp Merrill, Georgia





Training

- Mobile Training Team





Implementation





Questions?



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The Long Road to Today

Mr. (b)(6)

Deputy Director, Outreach & Communications



Beginnings



- Created 17 September 1966, the Joint Personnel Recovery Center was the first DOD unit organized during the Vietnam War tasked with personnel recovery and accounting
- Assigned to MACV-SOG, Col Harry Aderholt, USAF, was first commander
- Inter-service rivalry and central control at high levels hampered JPRC "Bright Light" operations
- "Bright Light" became codename for missions meant to rescue men or recover remains





U.S. Forces Withdraw from Vietnam



- Joint Casualty Resolution Center established in Jan 73 to “assist the Secretaries of the Armed Services to resolve the fate of those servicemen still missing and unaccounted for...”
- BG Bob Kingston was first commander
- JCRC teams operated out of Nakhon Phanom, Thailand
- Central Identification Laboratory – Thailand opened in Mar 73 to support JCRC mission
- Communist forces hindered JCRC site access which limited areas where teams could operate





Early Field Operations



- Captain Richard Rees killed and others wounded during VC ambush in Dec 73
- U.S. Ambassador curtailed field operations limiting their effectiveness
- With reduction of U.S. forces in Thailand, JCRC and CILTHAI moved to Hawaii in May 76
- CILTHAI becomes CILHI





Operation HOMECOMING



- First POWs released on Feb 12, 1973
- By late March a total of 591 American servicemen had been released by the Vietnamese



Air Force Photo



AP Photo



Air Force Photo



First Political Moves

Montgomery Committee:

- Dec 75 visit to Hanoi and Vientiane were first-steps
- Findings: "...no Americans are still being held alive as prisoners in Indochina..." despite evidence of US personnel in immediate proximity to capture



Photo: P. Mather

Woodcock Commission:

- President Carter sent Woodcock to Hanoi in Mar 77
- Vietnamese discussed normalization and aid
- First mention of VNOSMP



Photo: www.outlet.historicimage.com



The Reagan Years



- Efforts in 1970's were unorganized, inconsistent and unproductive, even ceased due to SRV entrance into Cambodia and other political factors
- Reagan Administration:
 - Developed strategy of “highest national priority” and raised public awareness
 - Increased diplomatic efforts and provided more intelligence resources
 - Established the POW/MIA Interagency Group (IAG) which included the National League of Families



Photo: Mrs. Griffiths



Baby Steps

- VNOSMP made first of many trips to visit CILHI & JCRC in August, 1982
- These visits to Hawaii coupled with Tech Talks in Hanoi helped lay a foundation on which to build future progress
- In the mid-80s talks were held ever other month
- Senior talks proceeded with NSC, DoD, State and the League fully engaged



Photos: P. Mather



Baby Steps

- Throughout 1980's JCRC/CILHI leaders meet with Vietnamese in "on again, off again" process
- Continuity and relationships prove critical to any progress
- The POW/MIA IAG was central and adopted a clear cut policy of highest national priority that was seriously pursued, for the first time since the end of the war



Photos: P. Mather



First Excavations

Laos

- Feb 85, a Joint U.S./Lao team spent weeks excavating a C-130 crash site recovering a minimal amount of remains

Vietnam

- Nov 85, CILHI/JCRC team arrives in Vietnam for first-ever joint recovery
- Spent a month digging B-52 site outside of Hanoi
- Remains later recovered from excavated soil resulted in two identifications
- These first operations proved we could work with host nations successfully



B-52 site outside of Hanoi



Reagan Appoints Presidential Emissary



- GEN Vessey appointed POW/MIA Emissary to Vietnam in Feb 87
- Aug 87 Vessey visits Hanoi with GEN Bob Kingston (first JCRC Commander) and Mrs. Griffiths
- Meetings with Foreign Minister Thach:
 - Passed list of LKA cases
 - U.S. would train and equip Vietnamese teams
 - U.S. agreed to help disabled
 - Hanoi agreed to restart "Tech Talks"
 - POW/MIA matters to be discussed apart from other political issues



Photo: Mrs. Griffiths



Photo: F. Downs



Scheduled Operations Begin



- On 25 Sep 88, 2 JCRC/CILHI teams arrived in Hanoi with 4 Jeep Cherokees and equipment for first 10-day mission
- By end of 1988 three missions had occurred and teams had traveled as far south as Hue City
- Tech Talks in Hanoi become more routine allowing for frequent and ongoing dialogue



Photo: R. John



Photo: D. Atherton



U.S. MIA Office Opens in Hanoi



- In July 1991, the U.S. MIA Office opened inside the Boss Hotel in Hanoi
- The Office marked the first official U.S. presence in Vietnam since the war
- Stayed busy with walk-in interviews and daily contact with the VNOSMP as relations improved
- Staffed by JCRC office chief and analyst, CILHI recovery specialist and anthropologist, and DIA analyst



Photo: K. Duncan: The Boss Hotel



New Organization Formed



- In Jan 92, PACOM activates JTF-FA in Hawaii replacing JCRC
- The larger JTF permits increased pace of operations in Vietnam and Laos and first missions are conducted in Cambodia
- JTF-FA increases number of personnel in forward Detachments in Bangkok, Hanoi, and Vientiane, and establishes a presence in Phnom Penh for the first time
- CILHI received a concurrent increase in personnel and supported JTF-FA with recoveries and identifications





Senate Select Committee



- In session from Nov 91 to Nov 92
- Were POWs still being held captive in Southeast Asia? Concluded, as already known, that the possibility could not be ruled out
- Led to declassification of over 1-million pages of documents
- Applauded current government accounting efforts, but...
 - Answers from Laos and Vietnam should have come sooner
 - American public was largely not aware of everything the government was doing to resolve cases





Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office



- Established July 1993 to serve as policy office for OSD replacing DIA Special Office for POWs & MIAs
- Provided oversight of DOD POW/MIA activities
- Established and managed Family Member Update program
- Conducted case research and veteran interviews
- Also responsible for non-Vietnam War unaccounted for individuals
- Managed and resourced JCSD operations
- **One Stop Shop**





Presidential visit to Vietnam

- Nov 2000 President Clinton became first U.S. President to visit Vietnam since Nixon in 1969
- Clinton re-established diplomatic relations in Vietnam in August 1995
- Visited a CILHI/JTF-FA team excavating a crash site outside of Hanoi





Not Without Sacrifice



- April 2001 Mi-17 crash in Quang Binh claimed lives of 7 Americans and 9 Vietnamese
- Devastating loss for JTF-FA and CILHI members and their families

Crash victims returned



U.S. servicemen who died in a Vietnamese-operated Mi-17 helicopter crash April 7 in Vietnam were flown home on a U.S. military C-17 Globemaster III from McChord Air Force Base, Wash. The crew of the C-17 was flown from Vietnam to Andersen AFB, Guam, and then to Hickam AFB, Hawaii. See page A-2 for the full story.





The Merger



- Oct 2003, JPAC replaces both JTF-FA and CILHI to create single operational organization
- JPAC goes through difficult reorganization process in joining two organizations with historically different cultures
- Organization grows in size and mission
- Vietnam War accounting competing with other conflicts for limited resources
- Frequent turnover of JPAC Commanders and DPMO Directors hinders mission progress





Today



- Jan 2015 Secretary Hagel creates DPAA
- Merges DPMO, JPAC, and LSEL into a single defense Agency under the Under Secretary of defense for Policy
- For first time there is unity of effort and unity of command
- Hawaii staff moves into 136K sqft state-of-the-art building named after late Sen Daniel K. Inouye





Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency



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Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

Presentation to the League of Families

47th Annual Meeting

23 June 2016

“Operational Perspective Worldwide”

Brigadier General Mark Spindler, US Army
Deputy Director, Operations



Introduction



Brigadier General Mark Spindler
United States Army



Missouri Native

Attended the University of Missouri – Columbia

Commissioned a Combat Support Officer – MP Corps

Operational Experience: Bosnia

Kosovo

Iraq

Graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (War College)

Married – Spouse Ellen; 4 Children

Previous Assignment – Commandant, United States Military Police Corps



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Operations Plan 2017 / 2018

“Set the New Norm”



Director's Intent: *Period of Increased Effort and Performance*





Achieving Balance

Disinterments



75%

Field Recoveries



25%

Fulfilling Our Nation's Promise



2017 Mission Locations (Planned)

18 Countries
24 Investigation Teams
57 Recovery Teams

➤ **Greenland**

➤ **Europe**

- Germany
- Italy
- Netherlands

➤ **Asia**

- Burma
- Cambodia
- China
- India
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- South Korea
- Vietnam

➤ **Hawaii**

➤ **South Pacific**

- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Solomon Islands
- Tarawa (Kiribati)

Vietnam Conflict Remains the Main Effort



Communication with the Families



“We Will Not Tire.....”

**Questions?
Comments?**







Vietnam War Analysis in Support of Policy and Operations



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Research & Analysis



- We work to help bring home those still missing from the Vietnam War.
- We conduct in-depth research & analysis using many sources of information to develop field leads.
 - Similar to “Cold-Case” detective work.
- We also support you, the families, by providing information on your missing loved ones.





Case Work

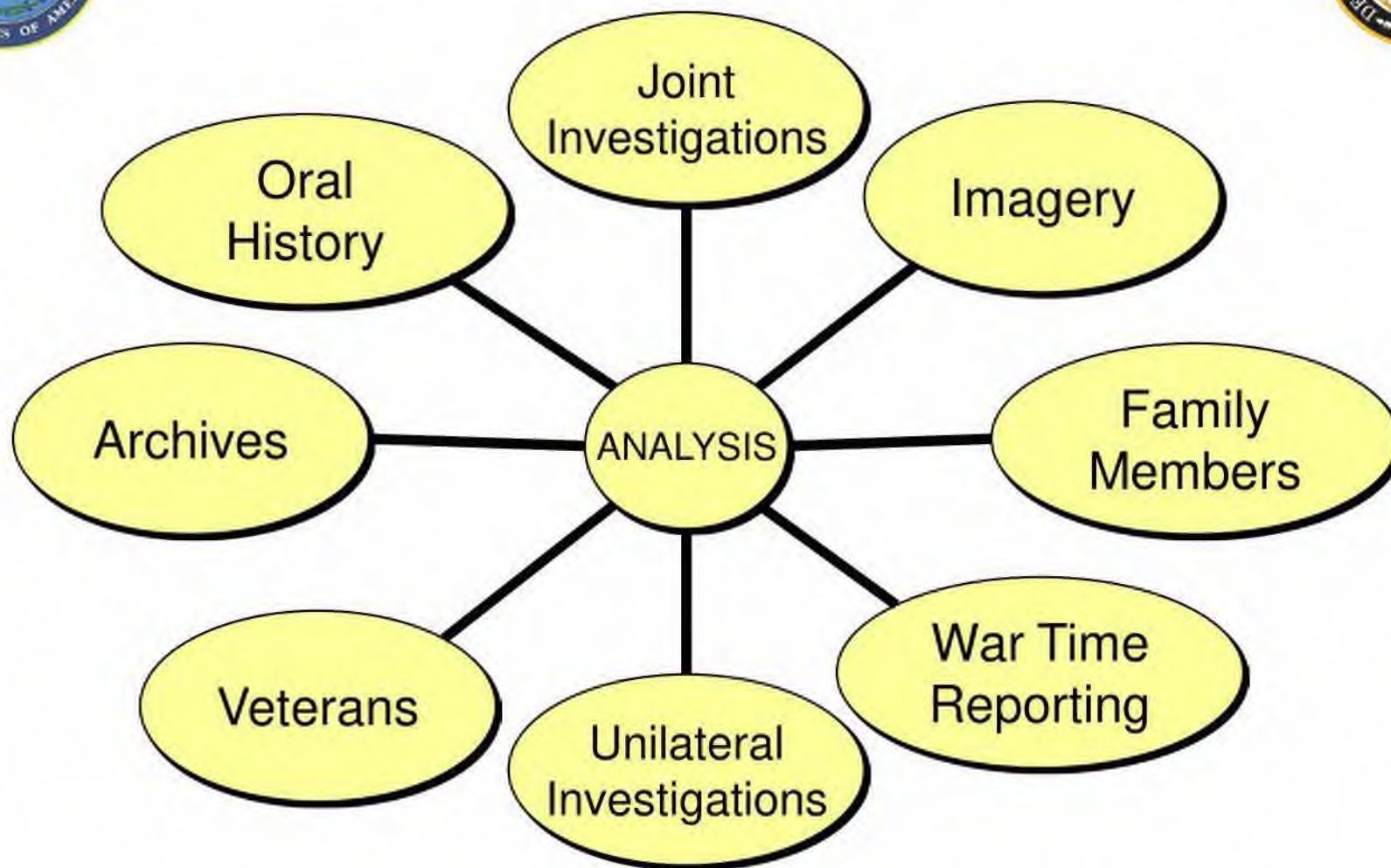


- Compile case-related info
- Identify gaps in our holdings
- Request intelligence collection
- Gather data from other sources
- Develop new leads
- Field research
- Evaluate field reports
- Cycle begins again





Information Sources





Archival Research in Southeast Asia



- Vietnam
 - Turned over thousands of wartime/post-war documents.
 - Useful to help direct field teams to loss sites.
 - Burial records, shoot down lists, and POW reports.
 - Allowed access to conduct archival research (1992 – present).
 - Continuing turn-over of archival documents and/or summaries.
- Laos
 - Minimal findings
 - Archival Research Teams (1994-1999)
 - Researched museums, libraries, films archives
 - Archival Initiative (2004-2007)
 - Unilateral research of Laotian archives
- Cambodia
 - Researched library/newspaper holdings
 - No findings



National Library of Vietnam



Archival Research in U.S.



- Surgical approach
 - Military and government archives
 - On-line sources
 - Books, magazines
 - Universities (e.g., Texas Tech)



National Personnel Records Center,
St. Louis, MO



Naval History and Heritage Command,
Washington, DC



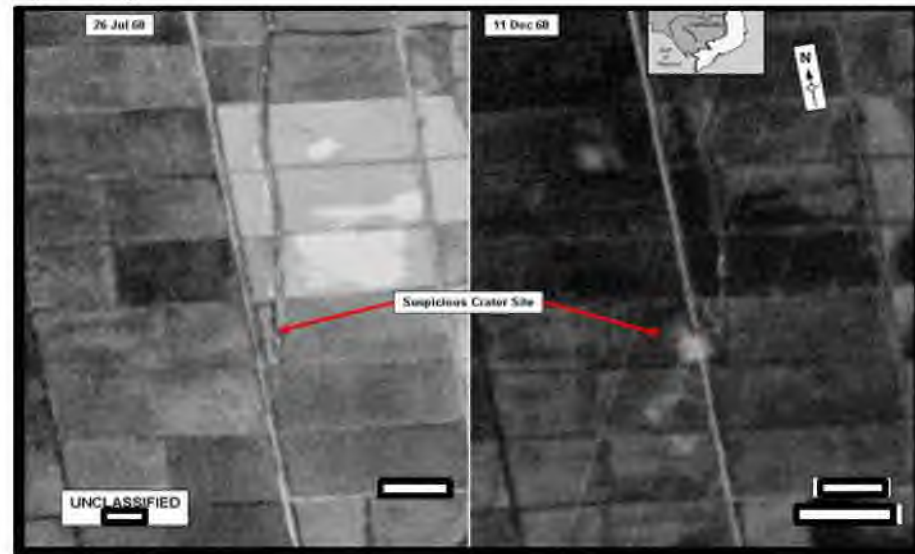
National Archives at College Park, MD



Information Collection



- Human Sources (Stony Beach)
 - Interviews
 - Canvass villages
 - Research open-source docs
- Photography and Imagery:
 - National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
 - Locate wreckage sites
 - Validate source reports
 - Reveal terrain changes





Family Conference Report



- Summary of all information on the case.
- Used to organize data.
- Record of the past activities and next steps.
- Communicates information to the families.

Page: 1 of 7

Today Date: 2005/06/03

As part of the 1995 comprehensive review of each case of an unaccounted for American in Southeast Asia, Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office analysts created an electronic database of relevant facts. This ever-changing working tool reflects a snapshot in time summarizing data collected to date, as well as analytical opinions and recommendations. It permits analysts to review pertinent case information quickly, update each record as new information is collected, and develop investigative leads. Following is a narrative of the information contained in the electronic database on this loss.

Family Conference

Case Releasable? REDACT

Case Summary Information:

Refno: 0224	BIO: 01	Lat: 135758N	Ctry: VS
Name:		Long: 1084501E	Province: GIA LAI
Loss Rank: E5		UTM: 49PBR5700045000	District: AN KHE
Service: USA	Status: BB	OffscopeCase: N	Township:
Incident Date: 1965/12/28		PriorityCase: N	
Vehicle Type: UH1D		Fate Determined: NA	

Case Summary

On 28 December 1965, CW2 Jesse Phelps, pilot, CW3 Kenneth Stancil, co-pilot, SP5 Donald Grella, crew chief, and _____ gunner, were flying a UH-1D helicopter on a mission in South Vietnam. The helicopter departed An Khe at 0558 hours to pick up elements of the Aviation Company 7th Special Forces Group, in the vicinity of BR 658 432. The flight was to have lasted about ten minutes. Enroute, the pilot contacted operations for weather at the destination, at which time he reported his position as BR 570 450. After being briefed on the weather, no further word was heard from the crew. For four days after the helicopter was reported overdue, an extensive search was conducted, but it was unsuccessful in locating either the aircraft or crew.

((The location listed above represents the last-known position of the aircraft.))

US Government Information

WARTIME REPORTING:

A fellow soldier (NFI) told source that he had seen an injured (hand) prisoner of war being escorted by an armed VC group in May 1966. Soldier told source that the VC informed him the prisoner held the rank of sergeant and was a mechanic from a US helicopter, which was shot down a week earlier. Additionally, the sergeant was the only survivor from his helicopter. (IR6028007668, dtd 9 Jan 68)

Database search revealed two helicopter losses in South Vietnam prior to July 1966. First, was a UH-34D lost when it encountered severe weather on 22 Nov 65 resulting in the loss of four Americans. Second, was a UH-1D that disappeared without a trace on 28 Dec 65 resulting in the loss of four Americans. Of the eight individuals lost, four held enlisted ranks. Hearsay information provided by source contains no descriptive or capture data on the alleged US PW. There is no way to ascertain if the reported PW is associated with either of these incidents. (IR6028007668, dtd 16 May 75)

POSTWAR SOURCE REPORTS:

A source, HK84-026, reported hearsay information of the recovery of four sets of remains from a helicopter crash site in a mountainous area vicinity BR 69 73. Source heard the crash site was near Binh Khe Village

Refno # 0224



Coordinated Next Steps



Case Coordination Chronology:

Re-Coordination	Date
A--JOINT INVESTIGATE (HUNG, BR 5530, BR 5495 3750)	2004/10/29
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A--JOINT INVESTIGATE (HUNG)	2003/06/13
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A--JOINT INVESTIGATE VM (BANG)	2001/01/24
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A--JOINT WITNESS (MS CHI), UNILATERAL ARCHIVES & UNILATERAL REMAINS (REAFFIRMED); CILHI (REMAINS AND GRELLA TOOTH)	1997/05/09
A--JOINT INVESTIGATE (CHI & LANG SITES), JOINT WITNESS, UNILATERAL ARCHIVES, UNILATERAL REMAINS, UNILATERAL WITNESS	1996/04/12
A--JOINT WITNESS	1995/04/27

- Captures history of actions.
- Narrative section details next action.

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Today Date: 2024/03/07

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Further Pursuit Information

JOINT INVESTIGATE

(1) Recommend joint team survey possible crash site located at BR 5530. The site was mentioned in a 16 July 1995 letter to the Embassy Department Office. Item 72 mentions a serial number of 50030 and a symbol of a winged horse on the aircraft. The tail numbers reported contained some of the numbers, but not an exact match of the missing helicopter and the location is within 15 km of the last known location. Request this site be surveyed with or without author of 16 July 1995 letter.

(2) Recommend the joint team survey location of possible crash site located at BR 5495 3750 in an attempt to correlate that site to the Case 0024 aircraft or an operational loss.

(3) Recommend a joint team survey site mentioned by Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Hung during the 7th JFA. Mr. Hung agreed to assist team in locating a suitable landing zone near the possible crash. Additionally, Mr. Hung stated he would guide team to the site.

USA RESEARCH (DPMO-IMAGERY): Request the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency review pre- and post-mission imagery of BR 5530 and BR 5495 3750 for signs of an aircraft crash. Reporting indicates the possibility of crash sites located in these areas. Additionally, request current day imagery of these locations for use by the investigating team.

Further Pursuit Deferred Information: NONE

No Further Pursuit Information: NONE

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Example Case



- During Comprehensive Case Review...
- Large, fixed-wing aircraft on electronic intelligence mission.
- “Racetrack” flight route south of the DMZ.
- “Off the Scope” loss.
- Task: Evaluate an Uncorrelated Report of wreckage on a mountain.





Example Case

- Case Analysis: Case Summary incorrect...





Example Case

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- VNOSMP Advance Work Report
 - Site 1: Photos of wreckage
 - Site 2: Weather





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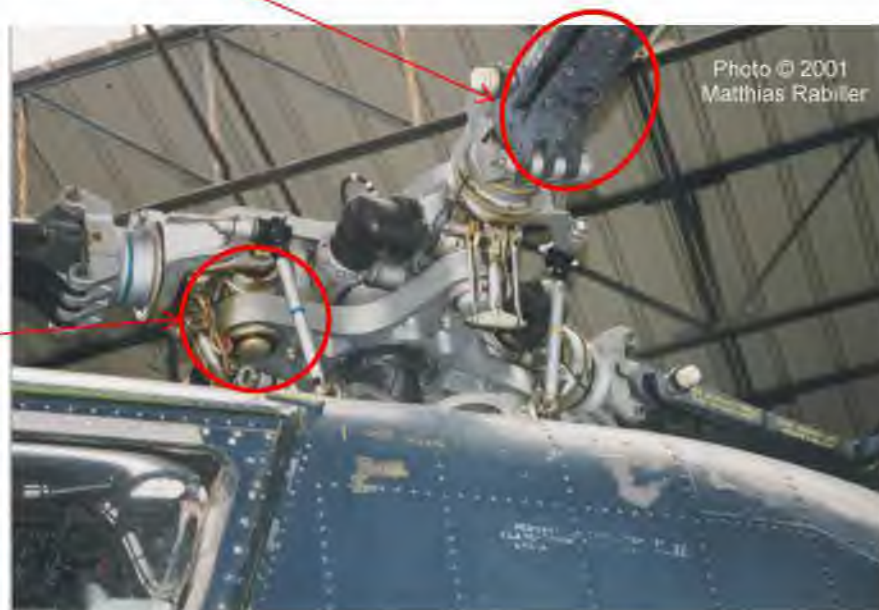


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 - Site 1 photos to LSEL
 - Conclusive proof: **Helicopter**



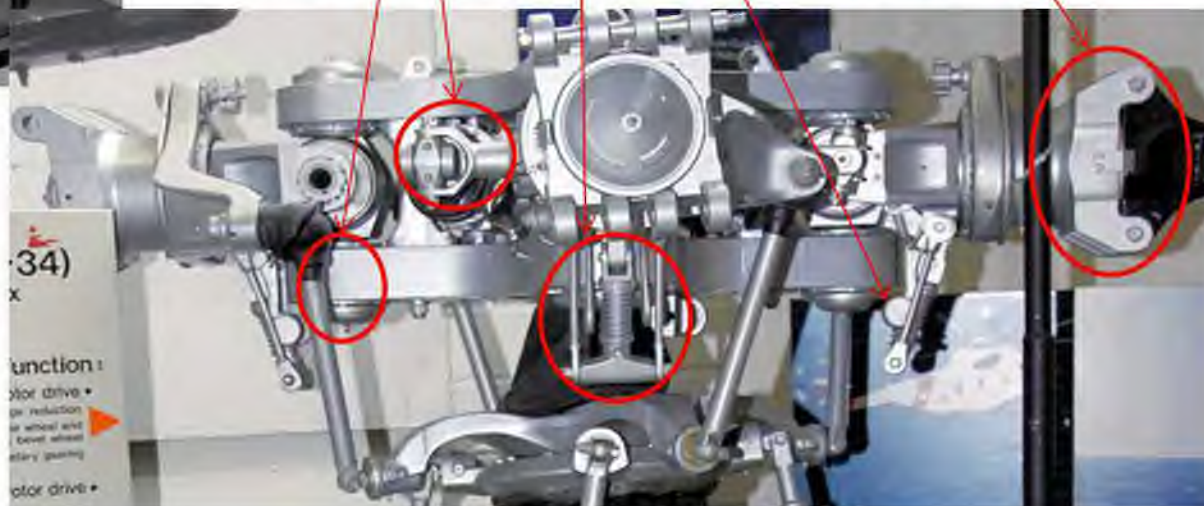


Example Case





Example Case





Summary



- Research to locate information that adds to the case file and fills information gaps.
- Analysis of information holdings related to each case, to develop new leads.
- The Research & Analysis Process is continuous and cyclical.
- Communicate to the families.







Strategic Partnerships

(The Directorate Formerly Known as Public-Private Partnerships)

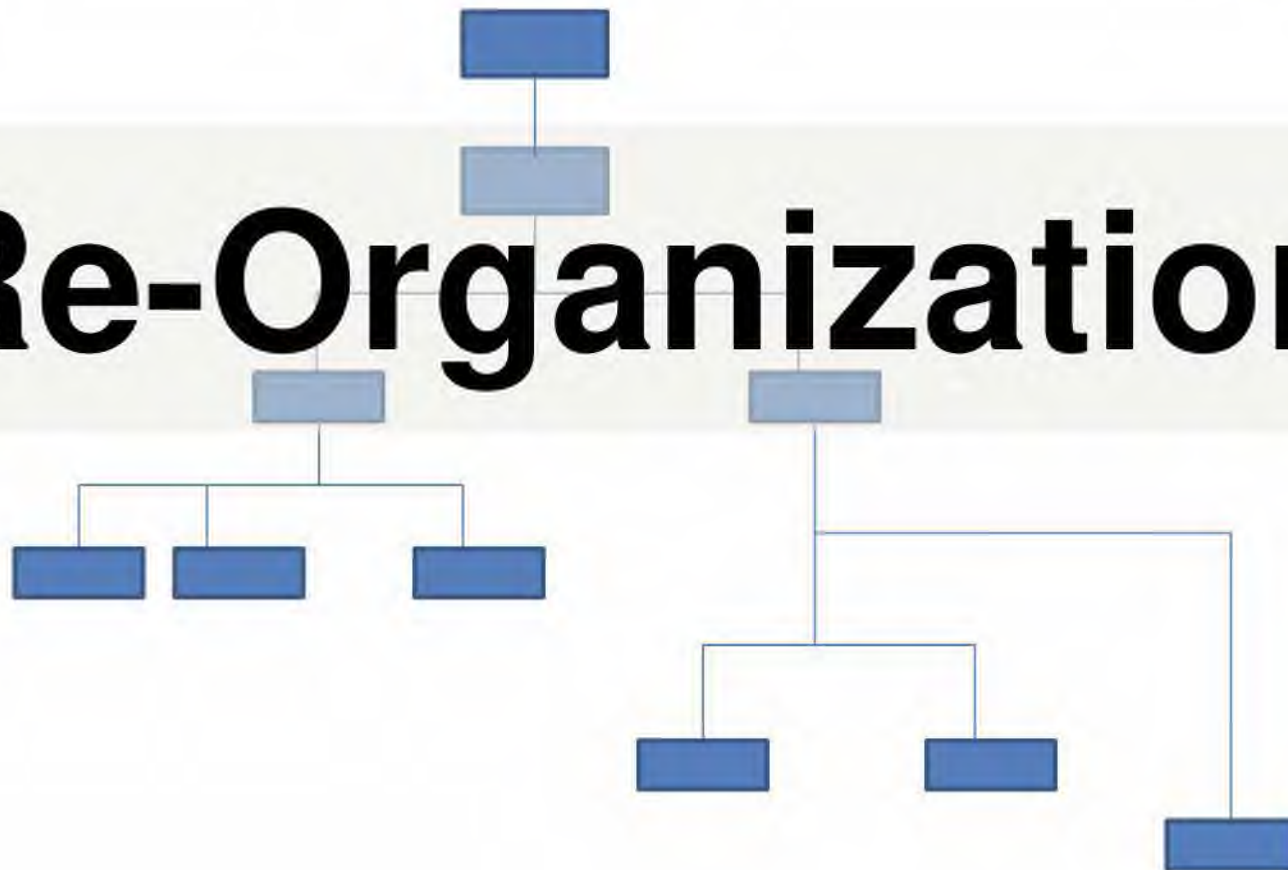
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New Initiatives

CIVILIAN, OR HIGHER, FROM THE U.S. ARMY, AIR FORCE, AND NAVY. THE NAVY MAY PROVIDE A MARINE CORPS REPRESENTATIVE IF THE CASE FILE BEING CONSIDERED IS A MARINE CASE. THE ARMY REPRESENTATIVE SERVES AS THE CHAIRMAN. UPON APPROVAL OF THE IDENTIFICATION BY THE AFIRB, THE CASE FILE IS AGAIN RETURNED TO THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE PNOK AND TO COORDINATE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS. SHOULD THE AFIRB DISAPPROVE A RECOMMENDED IDENTIFICATION, THE CASE FILE IS THEN RETURNED TO THE CILHI FOR RE-EVALUATION. WE FEEL THESE NEW PROCEDURES PROVIDE ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST POSSIBLE ERROR, AND ALSO PROVIDE A SUITABLE FRAMEWORK FOR PROCESSING CASE FILES AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

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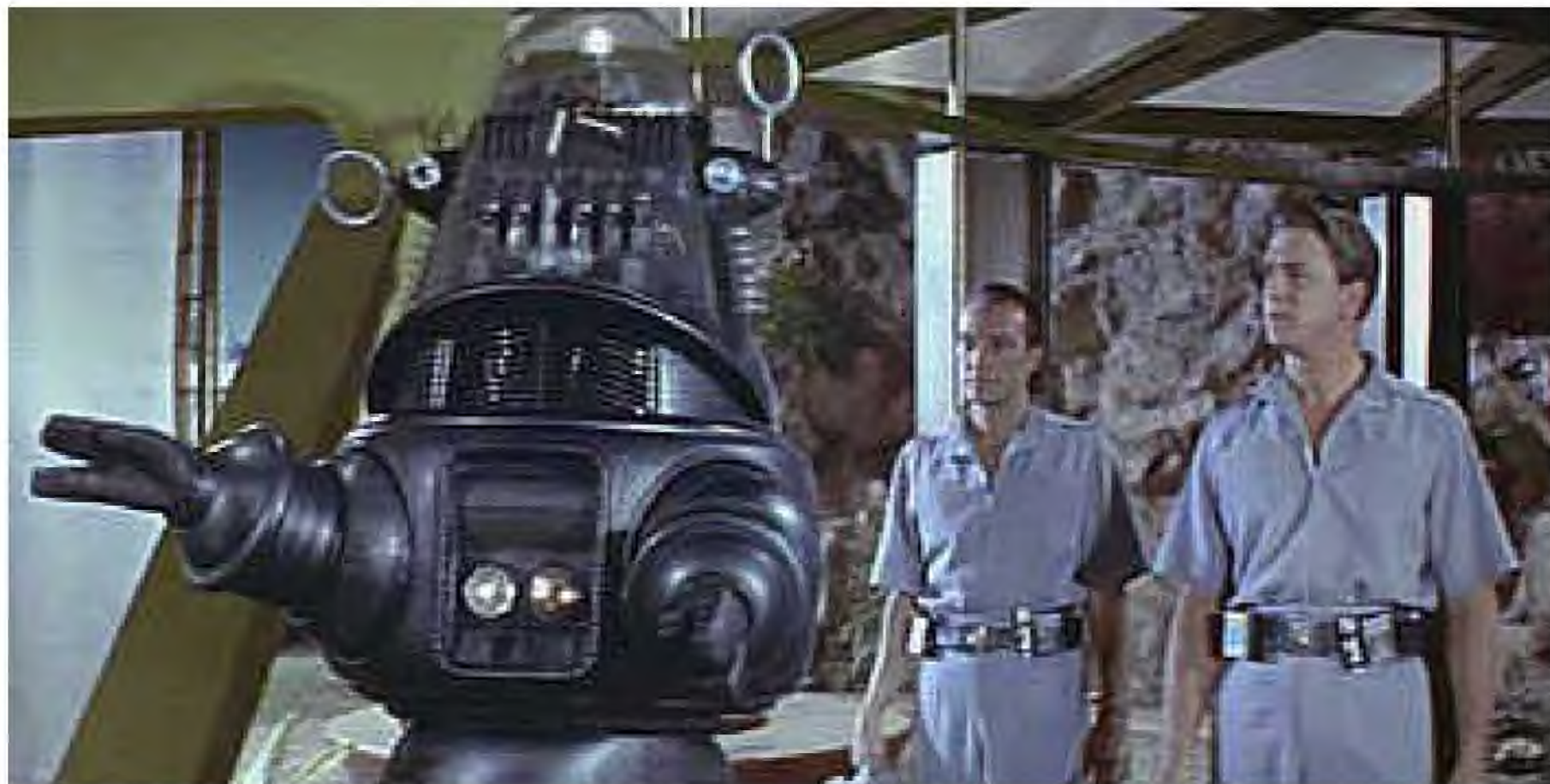


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DoD definition of P3 (DepSecDef):
***“...voluntary non-contractual
collaborations between DoD and Non-
Federal Entities through which both
parties leverage the expertise, resources,
and incentives of the other to achieve
mutually agreed goals ... ”***



***Public-Private [Collaboration]: “A
voluntary interaction between public
and private sector entities through
which both parties leverage [resources]
in order to address an issue or
opportunity with greater speed,
effectiveness, efficiency or residual
impact. ”***

***“Normally no direct financial payment or
monetary transaction is involved.”***

*Defense Business Board,
Report to the Secretary of Defense, 2012*

*on
“Public-Private Collaboration in the
Department of Defense”*





“I’ve always depended on
the kindness of strangers”

Blanche DuBois



An Integrated Approach

- **Volunteers**
- **Federal and “State”-level Agencies**
- **NGOs**
- **Host-Nation Agencies**
- **Universities and Research Organizations**
- **Commercial Organizations**



Federal Agencies

US Army Corps of Engineers

- Train(able) Recovery Leaders for Terrestrial Sites

US National Parks Service

- Trained Underwater Archaeologists

US Defense Security Cooperative Agency

- Underwater Survey



Federal Agencies

US Naval History and Heritage
Command

US Navy Sea Systems Command

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration

Federal Bureau of Investigation



NGOs

- Robertson Foundation for Government (Syracuse, Texas A&M, Tufts, Maryland, UC San Diego)
- BentProp
- Special Operations Association



Research Organizations

- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography



Universities

University of Illinois-Chicago

- Existing Research Relationship in the Philippines
- WWII Site at a Substantial Cost Savings
- Expedited Permitting



Universities

- University of Hawaii-West Oahu
- Chaminade University
- University of Delaware
- University of Wisconsin
- University of Nebraska
- Field Museum (Chicago)



Commercial Organizations

- Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Companies
 - Garcia and Associates
 - SEARCH



Veteran Curation Program

St Louis Corps of Engineers



Train “*wounded warrior*”
veterans in archaeological
curation skills.

DPAA expanding program to
include archival skills (scan
and database military
personnel records)



Veteran Foreign Wars



Early discussions to provide
“remote” assistance to elderly
family members who cannot
attend DPAA Family Updates.



Archaeological Field School

Consortium of US and Foreign
Universities to excavate sites
as part of “Field School”

University of Maryland and
University of Vienna.



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TO INNOVATE!



“I’m just the idea man here. Get someone else to work out the details.”

Will Rogers





National League of Families of American Prisoners & Missing in Southeast Asia

47th Annual Meeting



Family & Veteran Engagement



Mrs. Fern Sumpter Winbush
Principal Director, DPAA



My Story



**"One, if by land,
Two, if by sea."**





Engagement - *Operations*





Engagement - *Families*





Engagement – *External*



- ❖ **Liaise with Families, Veterans Service Organizations, and Service Casualty Offices**
- ❖ **Public Portal**
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- ❖ **Annual Briefings & Meetings (DC)**
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***Mrs. Fern Sumpter Winbush
Principal Director, DPAA***

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 21 Jun 2016 21:04:33 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: Dont Call the DSD Just Yet (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann, I'm trying to call you. (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 22 Jun 2016 20:22:14 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: Mr. Levine's Bio (U)
Attachments: Levine bio with picture_11 APR 2016.pdf

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) maybe you were right about him being an Acting or perhaps his bio needs updating...

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

From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 3:57 PM
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Subject: FW: Mr. Levine's Bio

Team -- whoever see's Ann first -- please let her know this, and assist where we can on her introduction of Secretary Levine. He has been a champion of DPAA -- protecting us from all cuts ongoing in the Pentagon.

Please visit our website at <http://www.dpaa.mil/>

Fulfilling our Nation's Promise!

Mike Linnington
Director, DPAA, USD(P)
(b)(6)

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From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 3:53 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Subject: FW: Mr. Levine's Bio

Ann --

The Honorable Peter Levine will give the Keynote remarks for the DoD. His bio is attached. I'd highlight his time in the Seante prior to coming to DoD, and his herculean efforts as DCMO to streamline OSD -- which he did effectively, but PROTECTED DPAA from further cuts that were being proposed: personnel, budget, and contracts.

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The Honorable Peter K. Levine
Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and
Deputy Chief Management Officer
Department of Defense

Mr. Peter Levine serves as the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. In this capacity, he is the senior policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on recruitment, career development, pay and benefits for 1.4 million active duty military personnel, 1.1 million Guard and Reserve personnel, 748,000 DoD civilians. He is also responsible for overseeing the overall state of military readiness. Additionally, Mr. Levine serves as the Deputy Chief Management Officer (DCMO) of the Department of Defense, a position he has held since his confirmation by the Senate on May 23, 2015. In this capacity, he is the senior advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense on business transformation and leads the Department's efforts to streamline business processes and achieve greater efficiencies in management, headquarters, and overhead functions.

Prior to his appointment as DCMO, Mr. Levine served on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee from August 1996 to February 2015, including two years as Staff Director, eight years as General Counsel, and eight years as minority counsel. Throughout this period, Mr. Levine was responsible for providing legal advice on legislation and nominations, and advised members of the Committee on acquisition policy, civilian personnel policy, and defense management issues affecting the Department of Defense. Mr. Levine played an important role in the enactment of the Military Commissions Act of 2009, the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, the Acquisition Improvement and Accountability Act of 2007, the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005, and numerous defense authorization acts.

Mr. Levine served as counsel to Senator Carl Levin of Michigan from 1995 to 1996, and as counsel to the Subcommittee on Oversight of Governmental Management of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs from 1987 to 1994. In this capacity, Mr. Levine played a key role in the enactment of the

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, and the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989.

Mr. Levine was an Associate at the law firm Crowell and Moring from 1983 to 1987. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree *summa cum laude* from Harvard College and a Juris Doctor degree *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School.

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 28 Jun 2016 17:15:18 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: A Call For The House Select Committee on DPAA Missing JFI Team Reports (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Very well stated. Doubtful it won't fall on deaf ears. Congrats on the meeting and dinner. I know it was hectic and I'm sure you saw a hundred things you felt needed improvement, but to everyone else it was great.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 12:42 PM
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
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(b)(6) the LAST thing we need is another hearing or select committee, especially one charged to conduct any investigation into this mission, in particular DPAA, either the policy or operational processes. It will cause things to come to a grinding halt, just as before, and the outcome is not only unpredictable, but the scope would be in whatever congressional staffers decide and propose to their Member.

With all that you have been issuing of late, flooding the process with unsubstantiated allegations isn't helpful. In case no US officials will tell you, and though you undoubtedly won't listen, your much earlier "mentor" (b)(6) and I are both asking you to STOP, not to stop your longstanding interest, but the unwarranted allegations and proposals of steps that are unhelpful.

Sincerely, and hopefully,

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In a message dated 6/28/2016 12:34:58 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

June 28, 2016

Chairman Hon. Sen. Johnny Isakson:
Veterans Senate Committee
info@johnnyisakson.com < Caution-mailto:info@johnnyisakson.com >
Thank you in advance sir for taking the time to

review our call for an official Select Comte on Missing DPAA JFI Reports.

Thank you.

(b)(6)
Illinois Marine Corps Veteran

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 28 Jun 2016 22:14:47 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: just me (U)

For the record, I never heard him bad mouth the League. I'm not going to lie and say he didn't speak of you often but it was typically to say not to attribute an idea to him or you would hate it. The lack of love loss was obvious. I think you both suffer from your strong Alpha personalities. As an Omega, it is why I get along with each of you.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 5:54 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: just me (U)

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(b)(6) truthfully, I don't care what he does and despite his harassment of me and antipathy toward the League (from those same staff members you know), his greatest downfall was his thin skin and lack of ability to deal with or control civilians, in or out of government, and his fear of messing it up, inability to deal with foreign officials, and just the wrong guy, too insecure, to handle the position, but thanks for trying to understand him, as did I, and as much as I tried and wanted to help him, he couldn't accept the help. It just made him feel too vulnerable, too weak. I actually feel sorry for him, and am very sorry he resents me so much as that makes him feel even less strength, even more vulnerable. That's sad, but I tried as hard as I could to help him, so I'm able to look myself in the mirror and know that I did my best and he couldn't handle it. I also feel I failed myself as much or more than I failed him, as how do I walk away now? He actually WAS my exit strategy, and now neither of us came out of this fiasco as we wanted, with me losing more than he. He'll run down to Jacksonville, be admired and appreciated, called General the rest of his life, talking to and with adoring military-loving potential donors, get the finances in good order to reverse the soiled name of Wounded Warriors, and he'll be golden, admired and appreciated. He needs that, (b)(6) much more than any self-confident person really should, but I hope he and (b)(6) will be happy as I'm sure they will, back in that military "womb" with which he is so familiar and on which he is so reliant. Really sad, but thanks for wanting him to succeed. Later, Ann .

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In a message dated 6/28/2016 5:09:43 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6) @mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

But if I were you, I would rise above everything and be the one who tells someone that despite your strenuous professional disagreements, you have been around long enough to rise above professional and personal issues and wish someone luck in the new assignment and recognize that he came in and tried to do his best. (Don't roll your eyes!!)

Like everyone else that has taken the job, both here and Hawaii, he spent the first six months thinking everything was easy and everyone else was wrong. He spent the next six months realizing everything that he had quite a bit of it backwards. I think that is humbling for any person. I think of all the folks we have ever had, he was the one person who I could go to and point something out without fear of retribution. Even if it came to shouting. Unlike others in that chair, his staff never came after me after that and I never got a call to come see the PD or Chief of Staff to tell me they needed to know what I was saying to him. I truly think he was coming around but this job just wears on folks because every day someone is trying to push you in a new direction, many times by those above you, in the press, or over on the Hill. I get frustrated at my little level. That's my view from the cheap seats. Was he the perfect guy for the job? I think he would be the first to admit he was not due to his thin skin. Did he try his best and was he open to suggestions from his staff that ran counter to his thinking. I truly think so. We just had to survive the initial artillery barrage. I've not seen that in my 20 years here. He will have quite a bit to offer/advise to his successor... if anyone is willing to take on the job. As always when there is controversy, I think our next boss will be someone who is deserving of an SES job but not qualified or someone who is qualified to sit in the chair but not deserving. A Hobson's choice.

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 29 Jun 2016 14:29:34 +0000
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Briefings (U)
Attachments: 2016 Analysis in Support of Policy and Operations-(b)(6).pdf,
2016 Facilitating Family and Veteran Engagement.pdf, (b)(6) Under Water
Archaeology.pdf

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

See if this works and please accept these in lieu of my \$184.00 payment to the League for my hotel room.
Thank you! (b)(6)



Vietnam War Analysis in Support of Policy and Operations



Mr. (b)(6)



Research & Analysis



- We work to help bring home those still missing from the Vietnam War.
- We conduct in-depth research & analysis using many sources of information to develop field leads.
 - Similar to “Cold-Case” detective work.
- We also support you, the families, by providing information on your missing loved ones.





Case Work

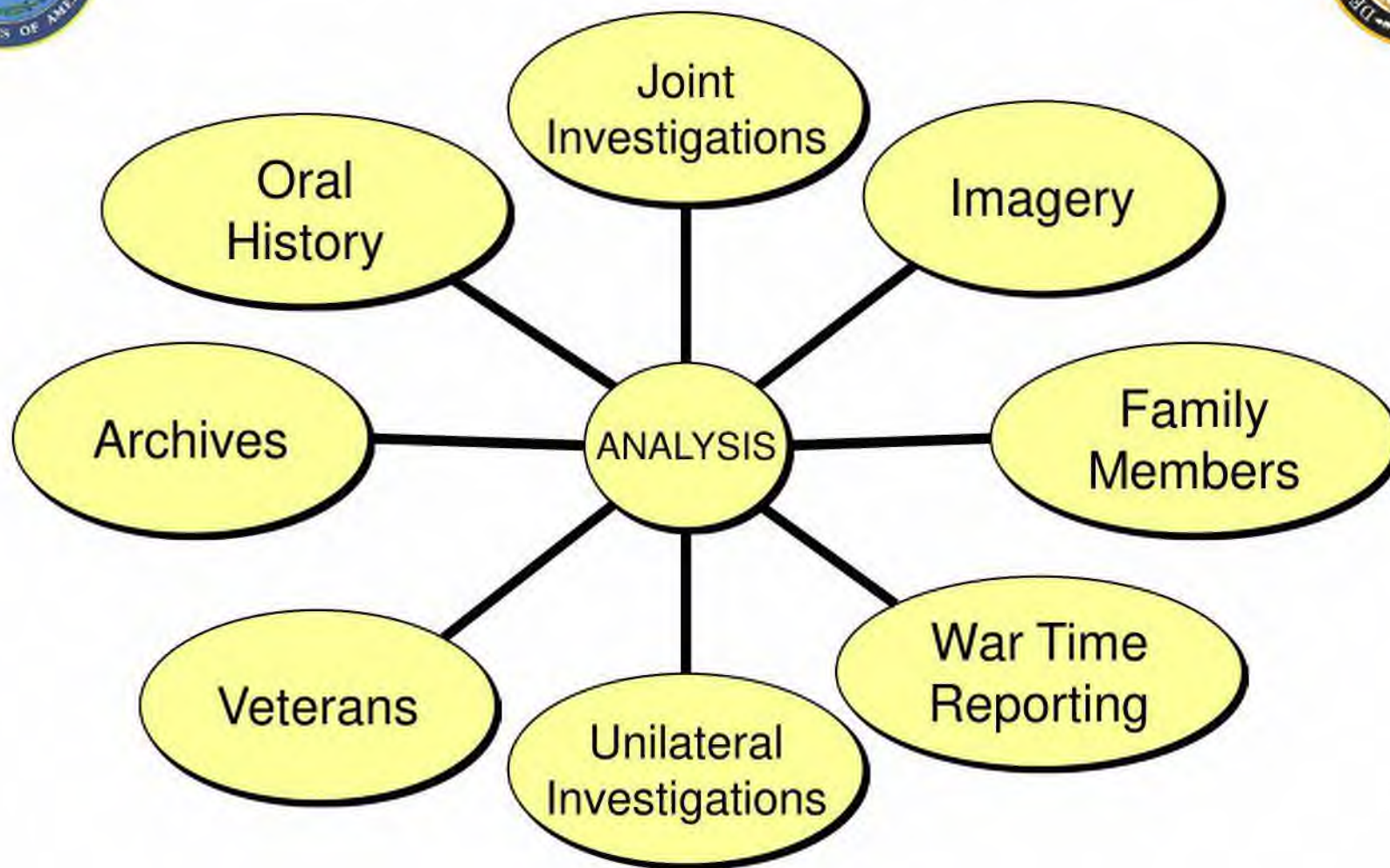


- Compile case-related info
- Identify gaps in our holdings
- Request intelligence collection
- Gather data from other sources
- Develop new leads
- Field research
- Evaluate field reports
- Cycle begins again





Information Sources





Archival Research in Southeast Asia



- Vietnam
 - Turned over thousands of wartime/post-war documents.
 - Useful to help direct field teams to loss sites.
 - Burial records, shoot down lists, and POW reports.
 - Allowed access to conduct archival research (1992 – present).
 - Continuing turn-over of archival documents and/or summaries.
- Laos
 - Minimal findings
 - Archival Research Teams (1994-1999)
 - Researched museums, libraries, films archives
 - Archival Initiative (2004-2007)
 - Unilateral research of Laotian archives
- Cambodia
 - Researched library/newspaper holdings
 - No findings



National Library of Vietnam



Archival Research in U.S.



- Surgical approach
 - Military and government archives
 - On-line sources
 - Books, magazines
 - Universities (e.g., Texas Tech)



National Personnel Records Center,
St. Louis, MO



Naval History and Heritage Command,
Washington, DC



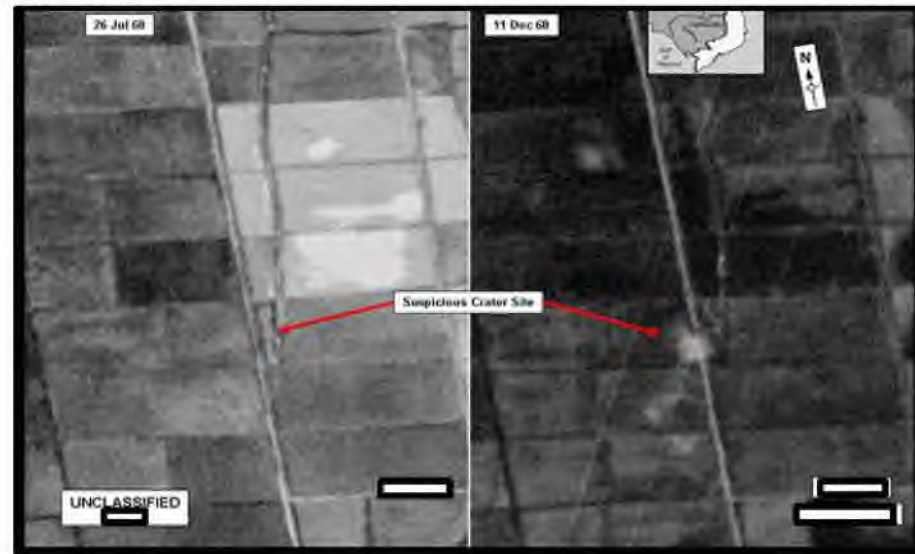
National Archives at College Park, MD



Information Collection



- Human Sources (Stony Beach)
 - Interviews
 - Canvass villages
 - Research open-source docs
- Photography and Imagery:
 - National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
 - Locate wreckage sites
 - Validate source reports
 - Reveal terrain changes





Family Conference Report



- Summary of all information on the case.
- Used to organize data.
- Record of the past activities and next steps.
- Communicates information to the families.

Page: 1 of 7

Today Date: 2005/06/03

As part of the 1995 comprehensive review of each case of an unaccounted for American in Southeast Asia, Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office analysts created an electronic database of relevant facts. This ever-changing working tool reflects a snapshot in time summarizing data collected to date, as well as analytical opinions and recommendations. It permits analysts to review pertinent case information quickly, update each record as new information is collected, and develop investigative leads. Following is a narrative of the information contained in the electronic database on this loss.

Family Conference

Case Releasable? REDACT

Case Summary Information:

Refno: 0224	BIO: 01	Lat: 135758N	Ctry: VS
Name:		Long: 1084501E	Province: GIA LAI
Loss Rank: E5		UTM: 49PBR5700045000	District: AN KHE
Service: USA	Status: BB	OffscopeCase: N	Township:
Incident Date: 1965/12/28		PriorityCase: N	
Vehicle Type: UH1D		Fate Determined: NA	

Case Summary

On 28 December 1965, CW2 Jesse Phelps, pilot, CW3 Kenneth Stancil, co-pilot, SP5 Donald Grella, crew chief, and _____ gunner, were flying a UH-1D helicopter on a mission in South Vietnam. The helicopter departed An Khe at 0558 hours to pick up elements of the Aviation Company 7th Special Forces Group, in the vicinity of BR 658 432. The flight was to have lasted about ten minutes. Enroute, the pilot contacted operations for weather at the destination, at which time he reported his position as BR 570 450. After being briefed on the weather, no further word was heard from the crew. For four days after the helicopter was reported overdue, an extensive search was conducted, but it was unsuccessful in locating either the aircraft or crew.

((The location listed above represents the last-known position of the aircraft.))

US Government Information

WARTIME REPORTING:

A fellow soldier (NFI) told source that he had seen an injured (hand) prisoner of war being escorted by an armed VC group in May 1966. Soldier told source that the VC informed him the prisoner held the rank of sergeant and was a mechanic from a US helicopter, which was shot down a week earlier. Additionally, the sergeant was the only survivor from his helicopter. (IR6028007668, dtd 9 Jan 68)

Database search revealed two helicopter losses in South Vietnam prior to July 1966. First, was a UH-34D lost when it encountered severe weather on 22 Nov 65 resulting in the loss of four Americans. Second, was a UH-1D that disappeared without a trace on 28 Dec 65 resulting in the loss of four Americans. Of the eight individuals lost, four held enlisted ranks. Hearsay information provided by source contains no descriptive or capture data on the alleged US PW. There is no way to ascertain if the reported PW is associated with either of these incidents. (IR6028007668, dtd 16 May 75)

POSTWAR SOURCE REPORTS:

A source, HK84-026, reported hearsay information of the recovery of four sets of remains from a helicopter crash site in a mountainous area vicinity BR 69 73. Source heard the crash site was near Binh Khe Village

Refno # 0224



Coordinated Next Steps



Case Coordination Chronology:

Re-Coordination	Date
A--JOINT INVESTIGATE (HUNG, BR 5530, BR 5495 3750)	2004/10/29
A--JOINT INVESTIGATE (CANH, DAT, DUNG, & BR 5495 3750); USA RESEARCH (DPMO)	2004/02/27
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A--JOINT INVESTIGATE (BANG, HUNG)	2001/05/18
A--JOINT INVESTIGATE VM (BANG)	2001/01/24
A--JOINT INVESTIGATE; USA RESEARCH (DPMO AND JTF); USA CILHI (1989-007)	2000/05/03
A--JOINT WITNESS (VO THI MAI CHI); RESCIND UW	1999/08/06
A--UNILATERAL WITNESS (CHI); CILHI (REAFFIRM)	1997/10/30
A--JOINT WITNESS (MS CHI), UNILATERAL ARCHIVES & UNILATERAL REMAINS (REAFFIRMED); CILHI (REMAINS AND GRELLA TOOTH)	1997/05/09
A--JOINT INVESTIGATE (CHI & LANG SITES), JOINT WITNESS, UNILATERAL ARCHIVES, UNILATERAL REMAINS, UNILATERAL WITNESS	1996/04/12
A--JOINT WITNESS	1995/04/27

- Captures history of actions.
- Narrative section details next action.

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Today Date: 2024/03/07

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Further Pursuit Information

JOINT INVESTIGATE

(1) Recommend joint team survey possible crash site located at BR 5530. The site was mentioned in a 16 July 1995 letter to the Embassy Department Office. Item 72 mentions a serial number of 50000 and a symbol of a winged horse on the aircraft. The tail numbers reported contained some of the numbers, but not an exact match of the missing helicopter and the location is within 15 km of the last known location. Request this site be surveyed with or without author of 16 July 1995 letter.

(2) Recommend the joint team survey location of possible crash site located at BR 5495 3750 in an attempt to correlate that site to the Case 0024 aircraft or an operational loss.

(3) Recommend a joint team survey site mentioned by Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Hung during the 7th JFA. Mr. Hung agreed to assist team in locating a suitable landing zone near the possible crash. Additionally, Mr. Hung stated he would guide team to the site.

USA RESEARCH (DPMO-IMAGERY): Request the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency review pre- and post-mission imagery of BR 5530 and BR 5495 3750 for signs of an aircraft crash. Reporting indicates the possibility of crash sites located in these areas. Additionally, request current day imagery of these locations for use by the investigating team.

Further Pursuit Deferred Information: NONE

No Further Pursuit Information: NONE

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Example Case



- During Comprehensive Case Review...
- Large, fixed-wing aircraft on electronic intelligence mission.
- “Racetrack” flight route south of the DMZ.
- “Off the Scope” loss.
- Task: Evaluate an Uncorrelated Report of wreckage on a mountain.





Example Case

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Example Case

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Example Case

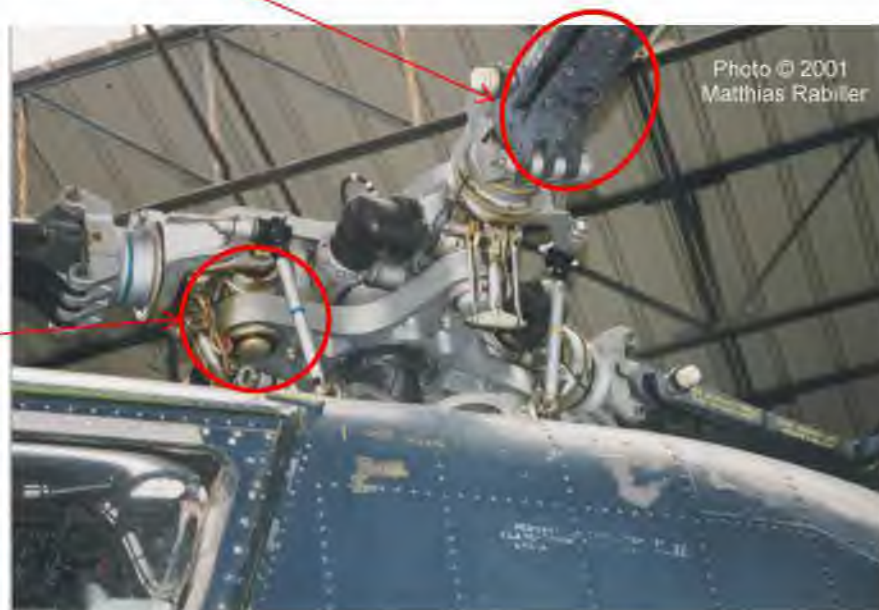


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 - Site 1: Photos of wreckage
 - Site 2: Weather
- Collaboration
 - Site 1 photos to LSEL
 - Conclusive proof: **Helicopter**



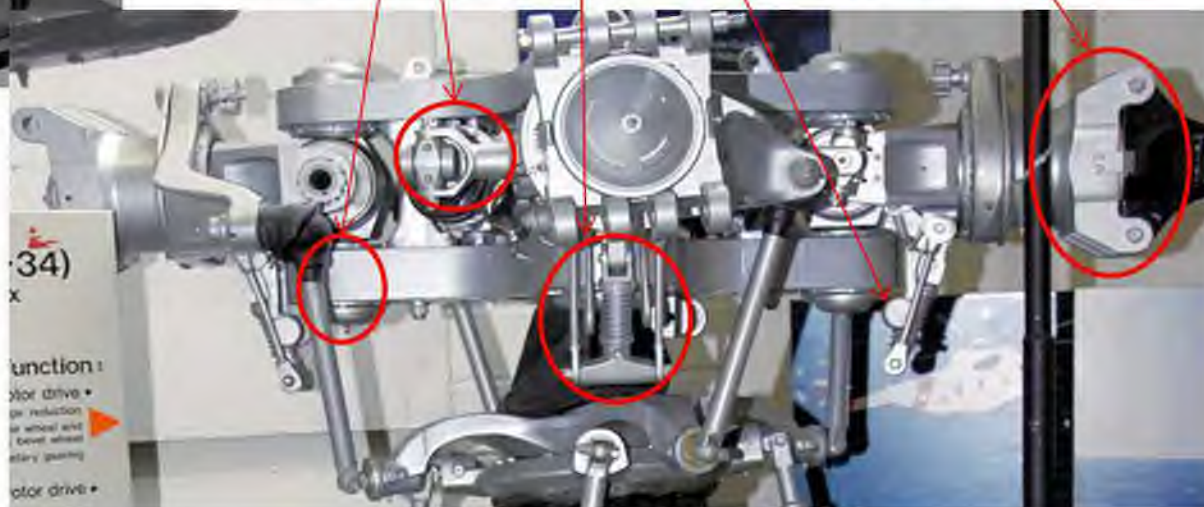


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Example Case





Summary



- Research to locate information that adds to the case file and fills information gaps.
- Analysis of information holdings related to each case, to develop new leads.
- The Research & Analysis Process is continuous and cyclical.
- Communicate to the families.



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Principal Director, DPAA***



My Story



**"One, if by land,
Two, if by sea."**





Engagement - *Operations*





Engagement - *Families*





Engagement – *External*



- ❖ **Liaise with Families, Veterans Service Organizations, and Service Casualty Offices**
- ❖ **Public Portal**
- ❖ **Case Management**
- ❖ **Annual Briefings & Meetings (DC)**
 - ❖ **National League of POW/MIA Families Meetings**
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Underwater Archaeology in SEA



(b)(6)

MA

Historian and Underwater Archaeologist

SEA MDT

24 June 2016



CAPABILITIES OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY



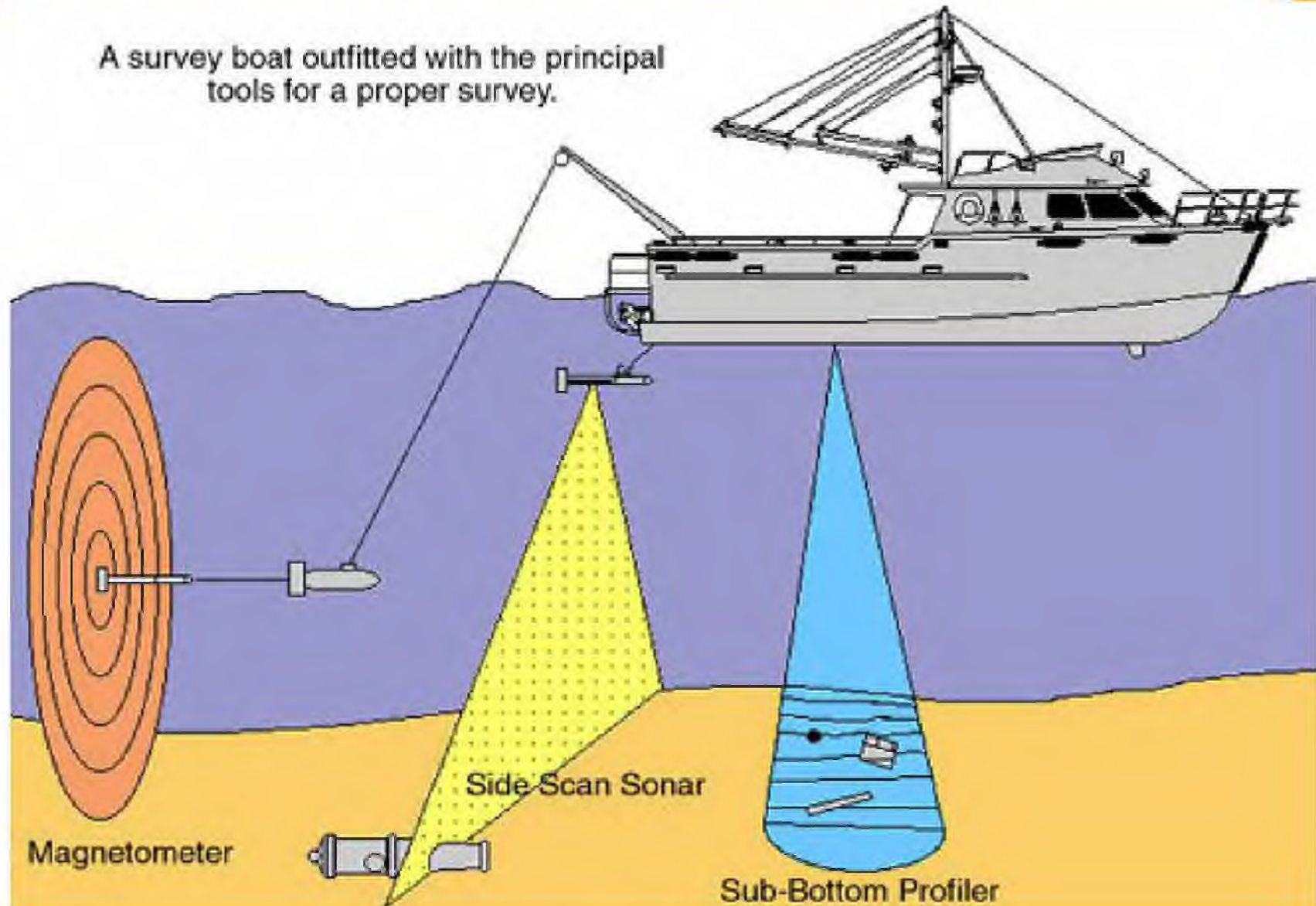
- **Technology**
- **New Ideas**
- **New Ways to Use these Capabilities**



REMOTE SENSING TECHNOLOGY



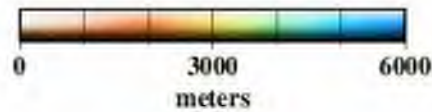
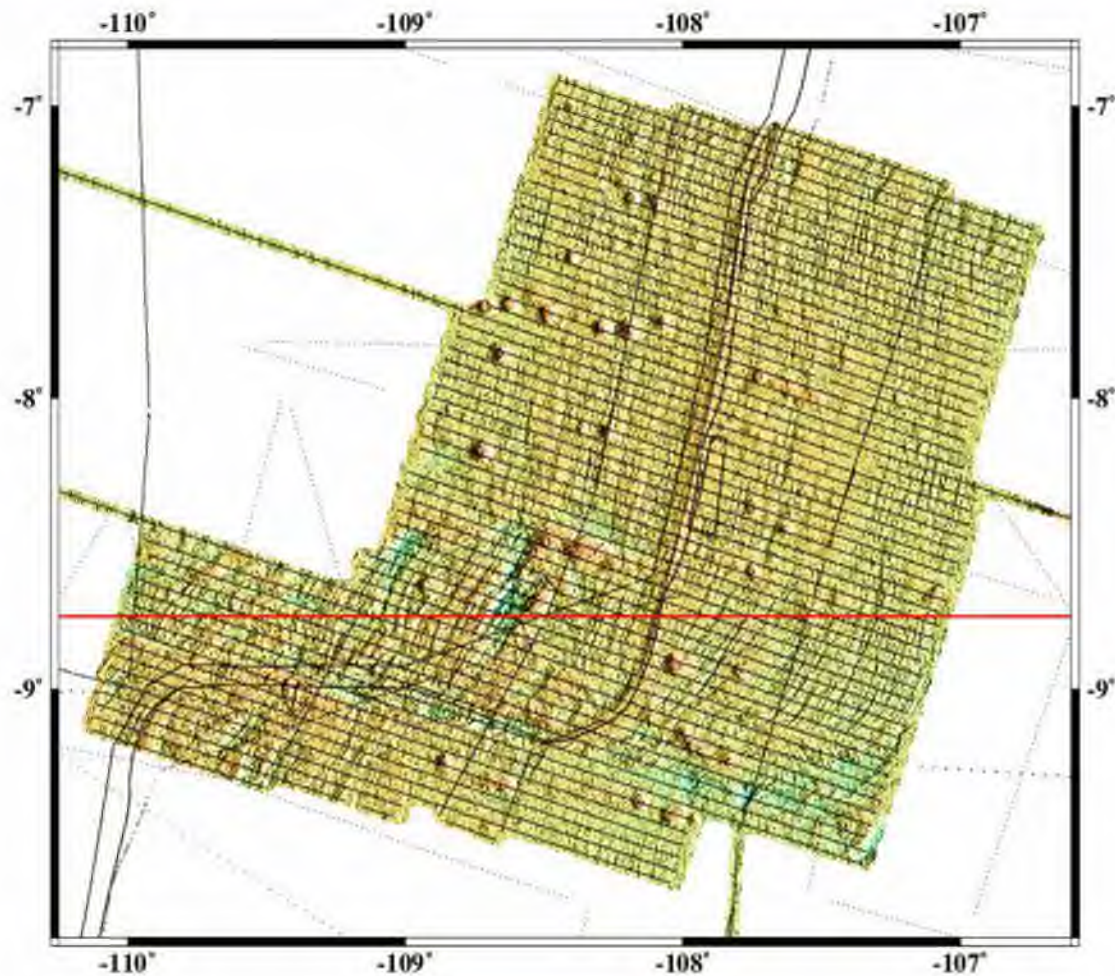
A survey boat outfitted with the principal tools for a proper survey.





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MOWING THE LAWN



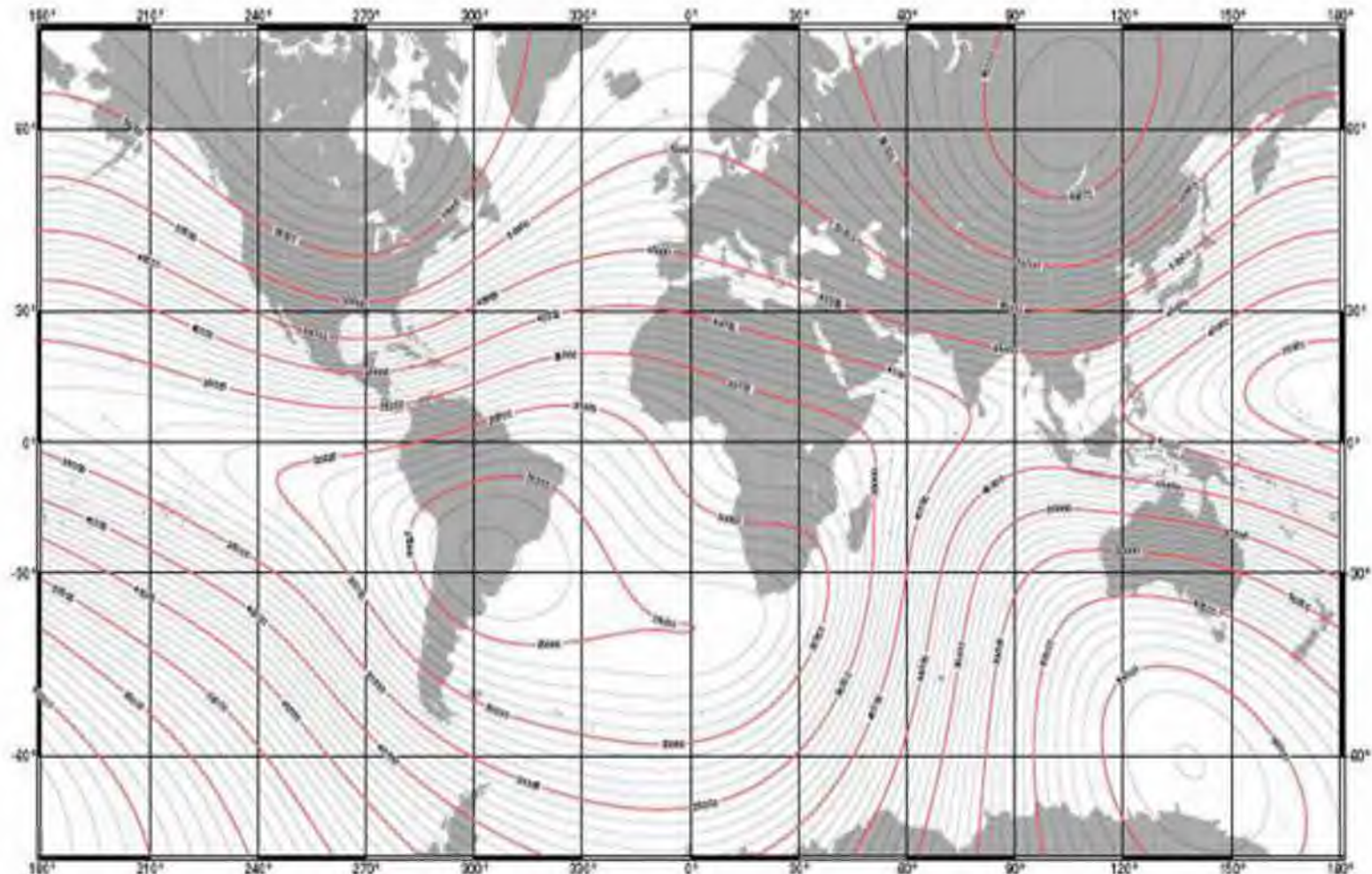
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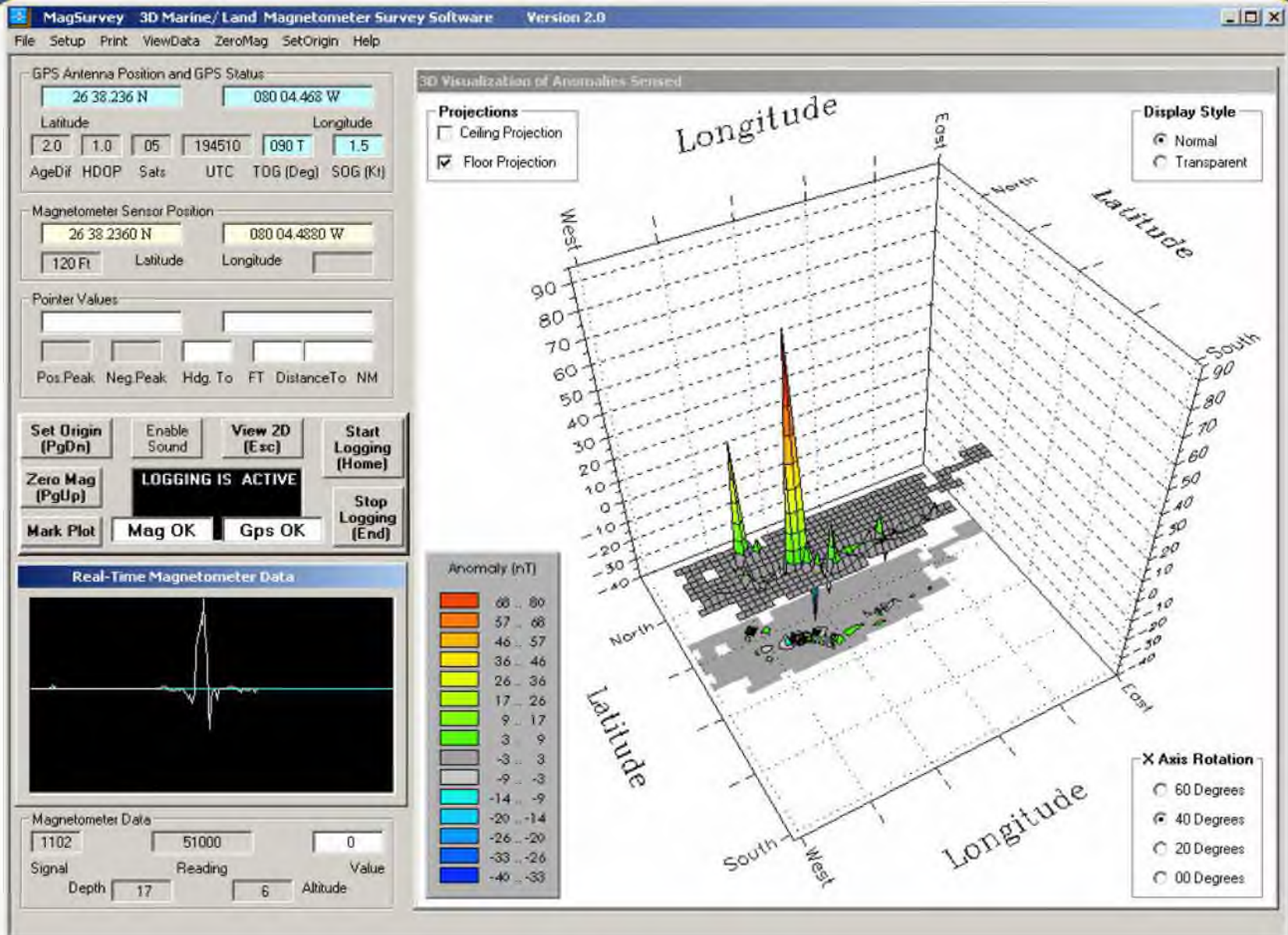
TECHNOLOGY- MAGNETOMETER



Magnetometers detect a disturbance in the earth's magnetic field. Large iron and steel objects create a disturbance that can be remotely detected.



TECHNOLOGY- MAGNETOMETER

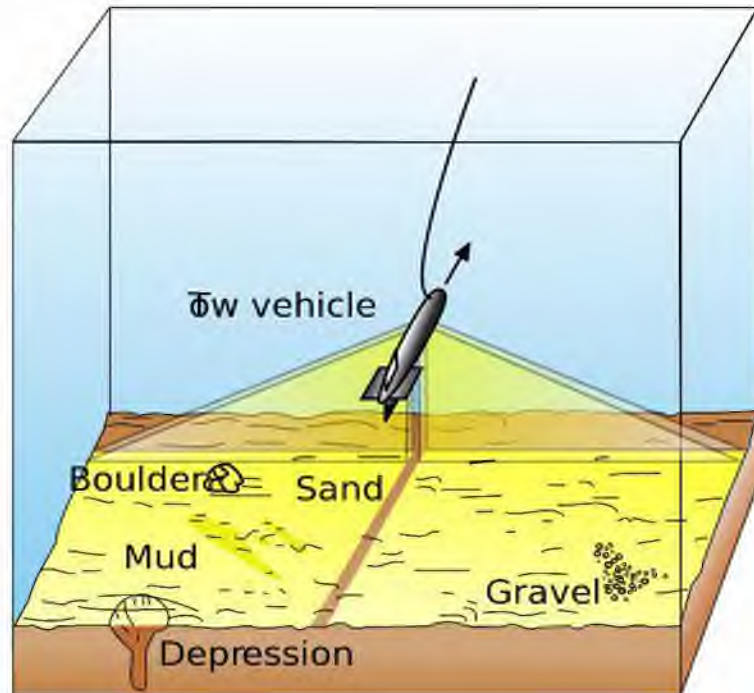




TECHNOLOGY- SIDE SCAN SONAR



The side scan sonar tow fish works like an echo sounder, like a sophisticated fish finder, bouncing a signal off the bottom of the seafloor in a side looking, triangular swath.

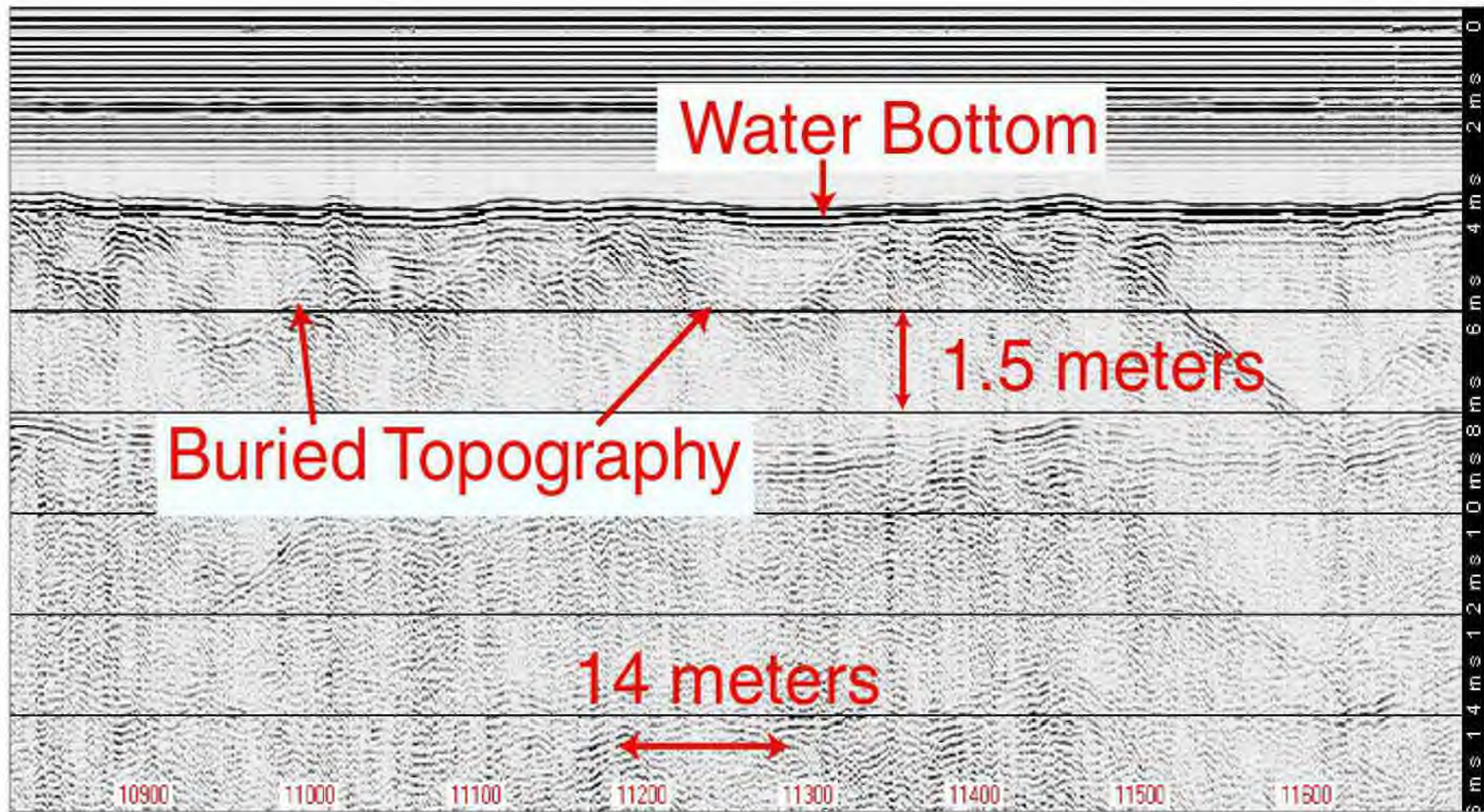




TECHNOLOGY- SUB BOTTOM PROFILER



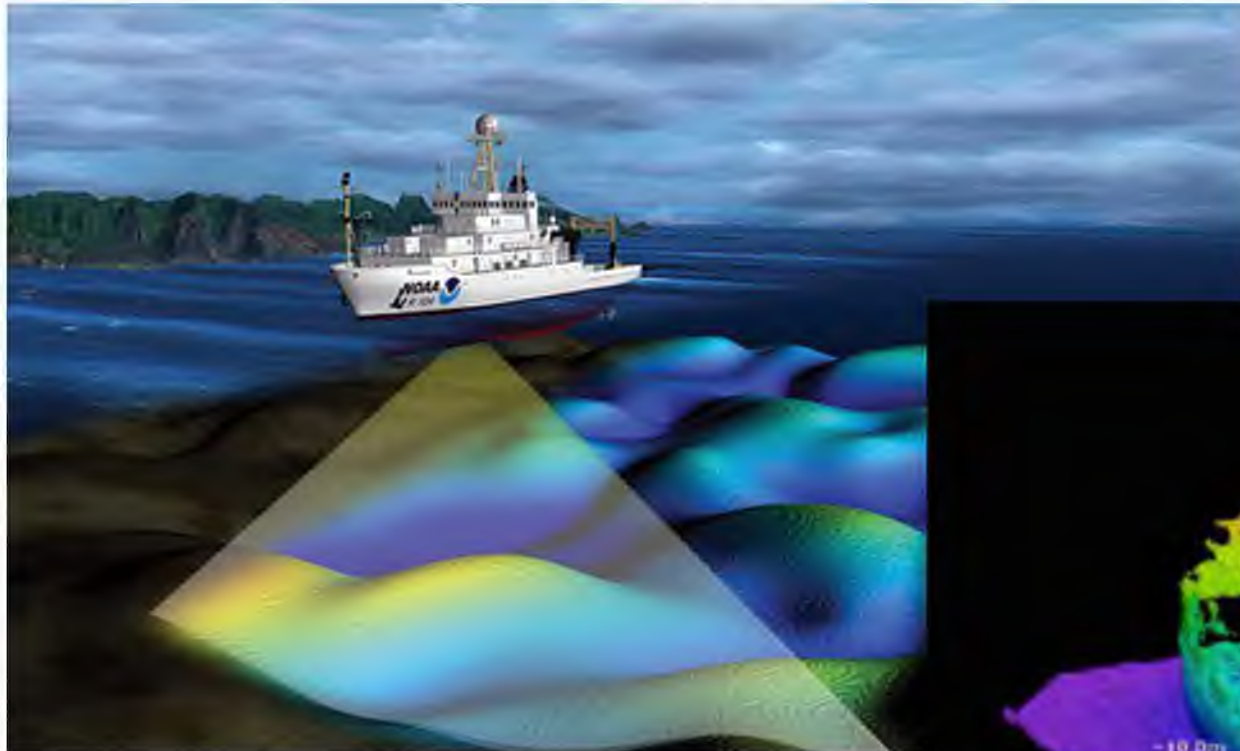
Sub bottom profilers have a very small swath or footprint, but they penetrate the bottom sediment and are very useful for determining the size and position of buried objects.



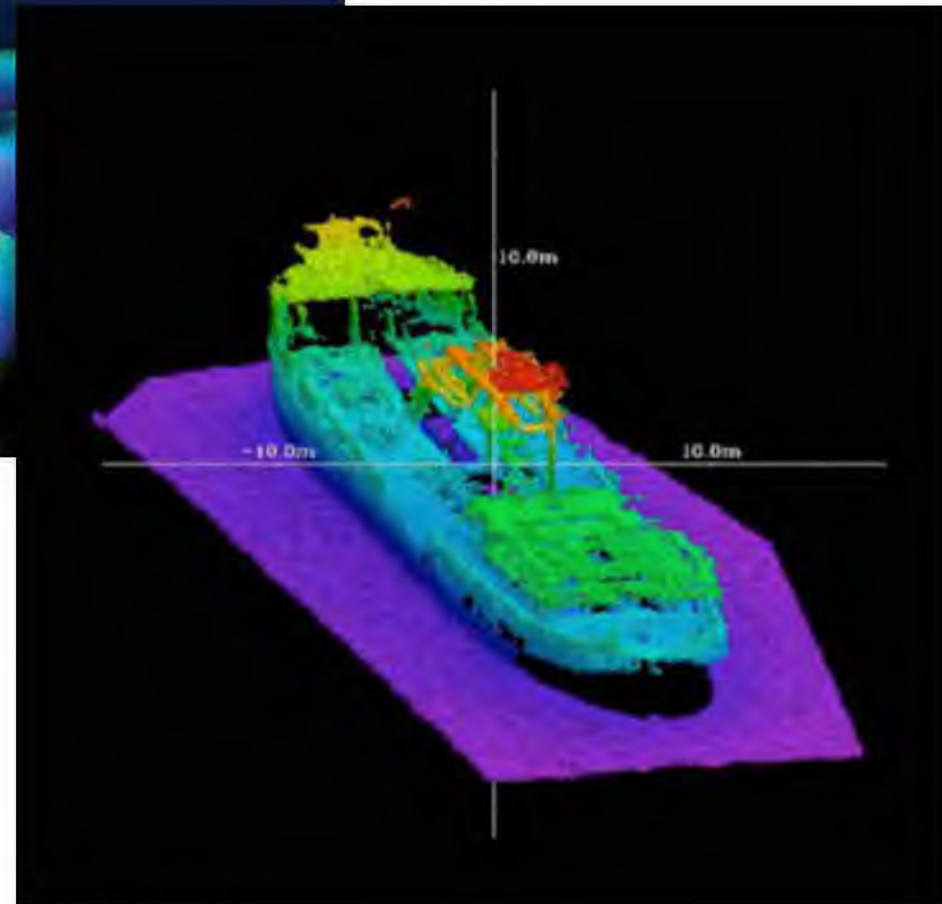


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TECHNOLOGY- MULTI-BEAM BATHYMETRY



Multi-beam Bathymetry works like Side Scan Sonar but as it uses more sensing beams the result is much more detailed.



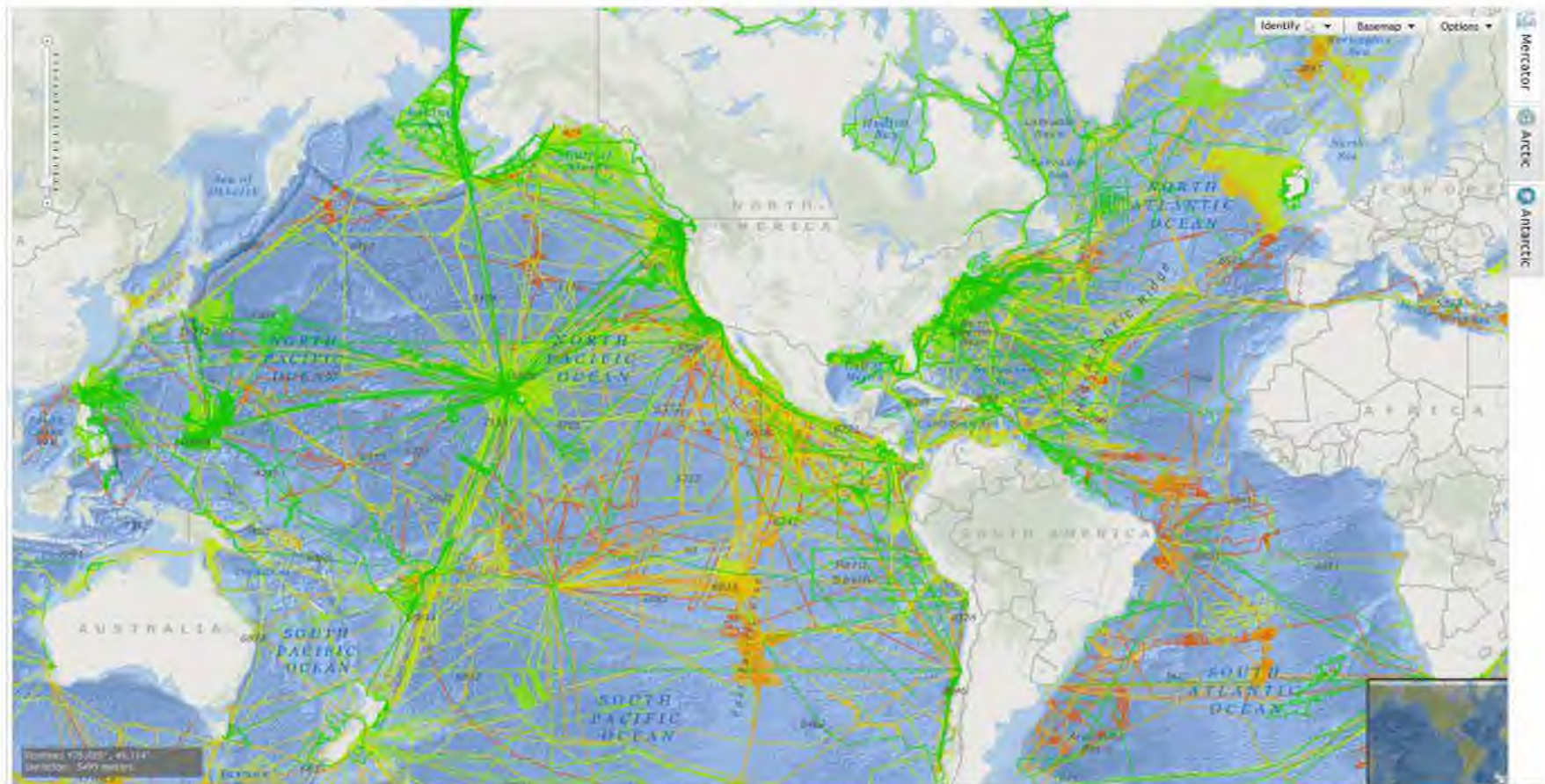
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TECHNOLOGY- MULTI-BEAM BATHYMETRY



DPAA is partnering with NOAA to gain access to all of the bathymetric surveys these oceanographers have already obtained world-wide.





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TECHNOLOGY- DIVER SEARCH



Tow Boarding

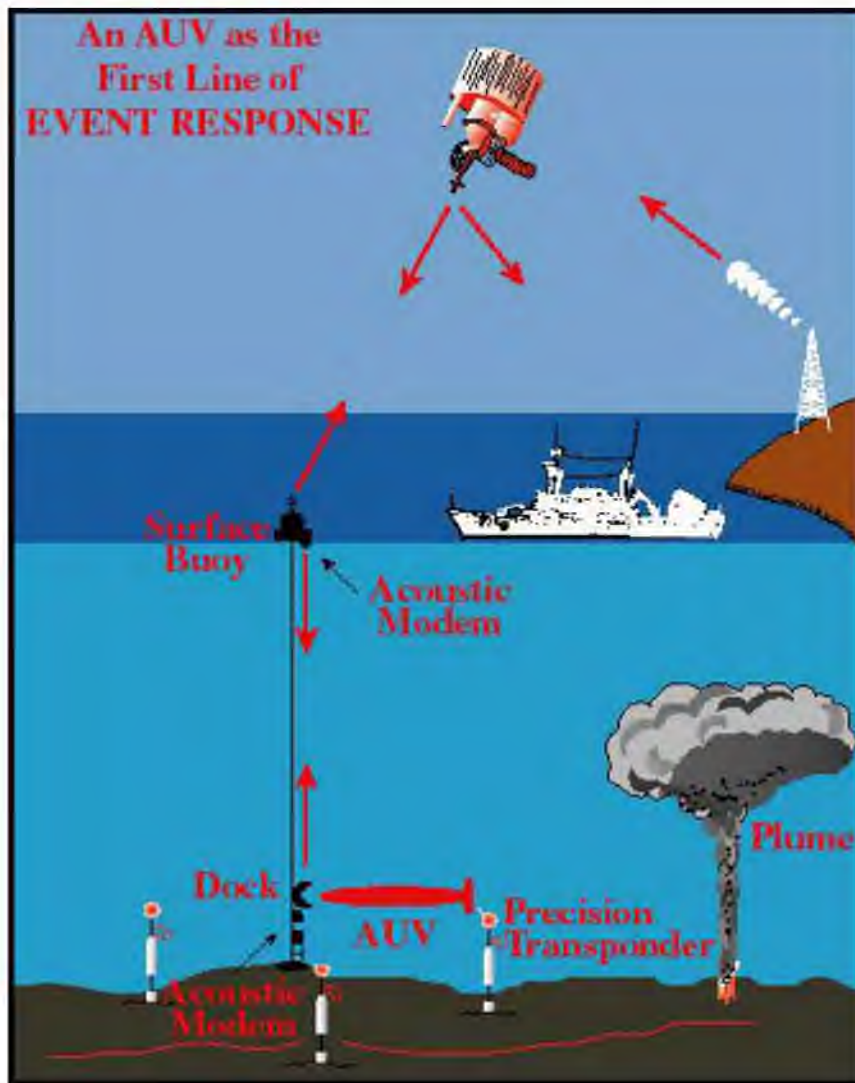


Hand Held Sensors

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TECHNOLOGY-UNDERWATER VEHICLES



AUV- Untethered



ROV- Tethered



Submersible- Manned



NEW IDEAS

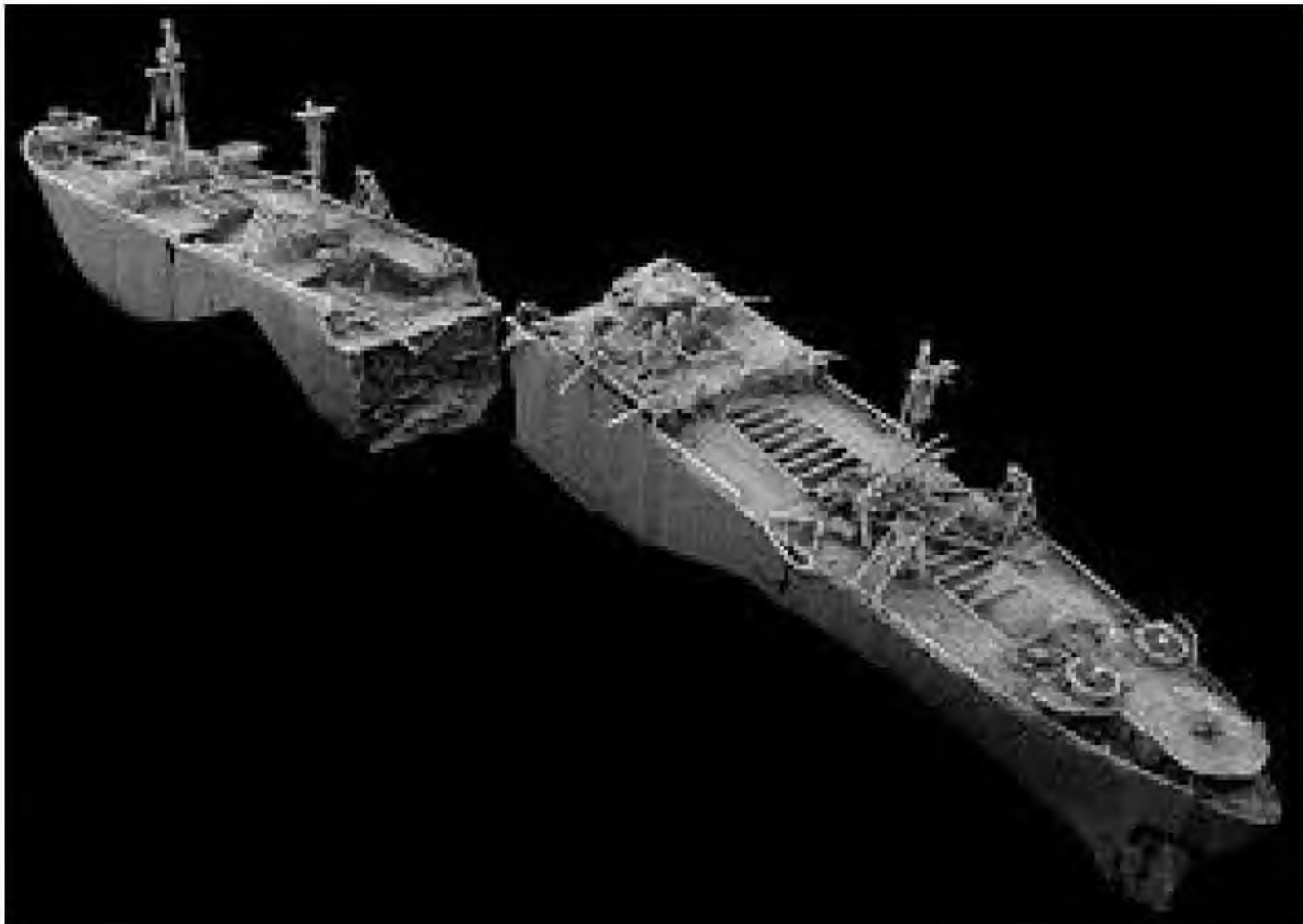


- Aircraft Crash Investigator's Methodology
- Computer Generated Predictive Modeling
- New Technologies-Under Development



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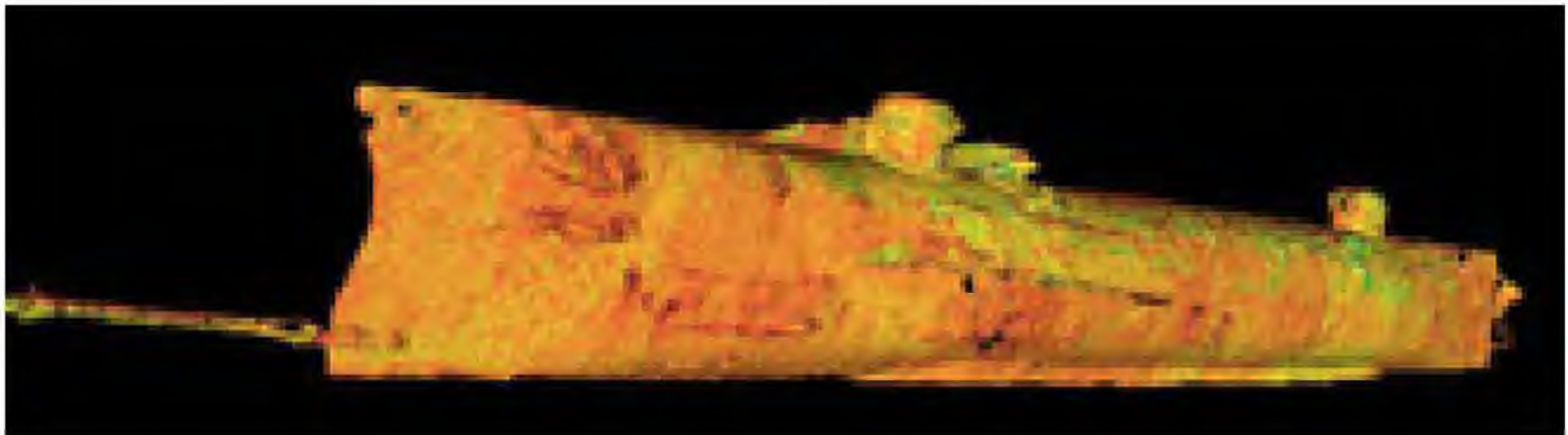
New IDEAS- 3D Modeling





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NEW IDEAS- 3D LASER DOCUMENTATION



H. L. Hunley- Confederate Submarine

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~~UNCLASSIFIED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~ NEW WAYS TO EXPAND CAPABILITIES



- Partnering
- Contracts
- Grants

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 29 Jun 2016 14:41:20 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Slides _Navy presentation (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Saved it in the file with the all the 2016 briefings.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:37 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Slides _Navy presentation (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

For your files.

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 8:47 AM
To: 'Joe Davis'; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Slides _Navy presentation (U)

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Good morning, (b)(6) briefing is attached.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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

From: Joe Davis [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@vfw.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 12:10 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6)@pow-

miafamilies.org

Subject: RE: Slides _Navy presentation (U)

Thx all.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:10 AM

To: Joe Davis (b)(6)@vfw.org; leslie.swindells@pow-miafamilies.org

Subject: RE: Slides _Navy presentation (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Joe,

The good Captain gave his presentation slides directly to the League. I've added (b)(6) to this e-mail in the hope she will provide both of us with a copy.

(b)(6)

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

From: Joe Davis [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@vfw.org]

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 10:06 AM

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

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Slides

(b)(6) slides are in the packet. Not the Navy captain's

Joe Davis

Director of Public Affairs

VFW Washington Office

Sent by iPhone

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CAVEAT: None

Todd, on the topic below, it might serve the Agency better if we refocus our efforts on the case files from how we can declassify all the files and instead determine what constitutes a case file and ensure that each is complete. I think the analysts/historians may be forever chasing their tails if we are pushing to have them review/declassify everything in their respective cases before we as an Agency determine what constitutes a case file and we ensure each is complete, accurate, and consistent between the wars. It may be that for the Korean War and Vietnam War cases files, we may need to keep classified information based on the source of the information in them. The League's push for us to create electronic case files is NOT for the families, but rather it is to ensure that all our analysts/historians are working from the complete file. (Ann reiterated this point at the Saturday Q&A.) v/r [b](6)

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

From: [b](6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 10:37 AM
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Cc: [b](6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: Request for Morning Report (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Todd, per our conversation, below was the last we heard on Morning Reports -- that the Records Manager was working a process/contract to have NPRC scan and send them to us. It just seemed to die on the vine. We just need to know if the Agency is formally going to say we are no longer going to get Morning Reports/ Unit Rosters for families and we are going to direct them to NPRC. We've been doing that within OC but only as a matter of expediting the process for the family. I think there is disagreement between the analysts/historians as to their value and if they belong in the case file. v/r [b](6)

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

From: [b](6) CIV PACOM JPAC R-A (US)
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 7:32 PM
To: [b](6) USARMY DPMO (US)
Cc: [b](6) CIV PACOM JPAC CMD GRP (US); [b](6) [b](6) CIV DPMO (US); [b](6) CIV DPMO (US)
Subject: RE: Request for Morning Report (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

[b](6)

I have added your request to the queue. We are awaiting confirmation from NPRC to have these digitized on-site and sent to us. We will notify you once we receive it.

V/R,

(b)(6)

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command
Research & Analysis Group
310 Worcester Avenue, Building 45
Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96853-5530
(b)(6)@mail.mil

"UNTIL THEY ARE HOME"

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From: (b)(6) USARMY DPMO (US)
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 10:45 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV PACOM JPAC R-A (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV PACOM JPAC CMD GRP (US) (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV DPMO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Subject: Request for Morning Report (U)

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

Can we request the Morning Reports for:
D Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment

That show CPL Earl W. Duncan status changing:

From duty to MIA

+

From MIA to dropped from the rolls.

I believe the dates of these morning reports to be around 1 JAN - 2 JAN 1951 and effective dates as of 2 December 1950, with a list of all those whose status changed. Current copies are not legible to determine exact dates or personnel.

Thank You

V/R

(b)(6)

(b)(6) USA
Defense Casualty Liaison Officer
External Communications

(b)(6)

(b)(6)@mail.mil

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 13 Jul 2016 14:26:26 +0000
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Update - Private POW/MIA Effort To Locate, Recover, Identify and Return (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Todd, none of the Korean War families know (b)(6) so I don't see it as an issue for them. I think Ann is greatly mistaken if she thinks we can rein in (b)(6). He shows me no inclination to listen to anyone in the US Government or at the League so it would be a waste of time and resources to try and address his many issues that he has with the US Government. I suspect (b)(6) knows full well that he is playing right into the hands of the North Koreans by trying to establish a dialogue with them and giving them legitimacy. I don't think he cares that his position is counter to US Policy. v/r (b)(6)

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

From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 10:10 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Update - Private POW/MIA Effort To Locate, Recover, Identify and Return (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

The below is still swirling and I need your assessment on the situation to see if this will be an issue at this year's KCW.

Todd

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

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Phone Call Made 7/11/16 (The MIA DPK-Korean Private Effort of 2016)

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Same, please, Ann

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

From: (b)(6)@gmail.com>

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Tue, Jul 12, 2016 5:34 am

Subject: Fwd: Phone Call Made 7/11/16 (The MIA DPK-Korean Private Effort of 2016)

Dear Ms. Wang :

The USA and NK may not be on talking terms...yet it takes a former U.S. based Marine NGO to assist.

(b)(6)

Dear (b)(6)

I likewise enjoyed the talk with you yesterday and hope our communication keeps going. I will let you know my feedback once I meet Mickey.

Best,

Jong

On Tue, Jul 12, 2016 at 7:11 AM, (b)(6)@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com > <(b)(6)@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com > > wrote;

Dear Mr. Kwon:

Thank you for taking my call.

I would hope that our two countries can remain with an open line of communication.

Sometimes sir.....it takes a back channel to maintain the peace.

Case in point was the Cuban October Missile Crisis.

Pres. Kennedy then kept an open back channel with Russia.

That helped both countries to later on stand down.

Note: Good luck with your meeting

with Mr. Mickey Bergman, the Dir.

of the Richardson Center. Let us know.

The draft proposal looks great.

Best,

(b)(6)

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

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 12:12 PM

To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC

(US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)

<(b)(6)@mail.mil>

Cc: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Spindler,

Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Update - Private POW/MIA Effort To Locate, Recover, Identify and Return

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This is getting out of hand unless DPAA intends to opt out of USG channels to work directly with former Governor Bill Richardson, already a high-profile record of interventions with the DPRK, and I'd suggest you coordinate with State and OSD/APSA if this hasn't already been done. The visibility alone for the DPRK would be appealing to them and could jeopardize official initiatives on a separate, humanitarian basis and the USG would be hard pressed (especially in the face of unsupportable Korean War NOK), to turn down an offer to assist. The pace is moving quickly, so you all need to do the same and stay ahead of (b)(6) and the DPRK who are using him, instead of dealing with US officials.

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Mickey Bergman <(b)(6)@gmail.com>; (b)(6)@gmail.com; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6)@state.gov; info <info@richardsondiplomacy.org>
Sent: Tue, Jul 5, 2016 9:03 am
Subject: Update - Private POW/MIA Effort To Locate, Recover, Identify and Return

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 15 Jul 2016 15:12:14 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: Over at Arlington (U)
Attachments: IMG_6188.JPG

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Here for a WWII memorial service. Very warm but fine in the shade of the tree where I stood for James' ceremony.





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

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN ROBERT
WALSH
MAJ
US AIR FORCE
WORLD WAR II
KOREA
MAY 19 1915
JAN 14 2001
BURIAL 346

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

IN MEMORY OF
HARRY
MELVIN
SLOAN
SSGT
2 INFANTRY SQ
WORLD WAR II
DEC 21 1942

IN MEMORY OF
RANDALL
BRUCE
ANDERSON
PVT
US ARMY
VIETNAM
APR 1 1960
JAN 14 1966
PURPLE HEART

IN MEMORY OF
TED
EUGENE
LAMB
PVT
US ARMY
VIETNAM
APR 14 1942
MAY 20 1966

IN MEMORY OF
REBER
RK
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US NAVY
WORLD WAR II
AUG 18 1916
AUG 29 1944
PURPLE HEART
PT 346

IN MEMORY OF
HARRY
ROUSSEAU
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US ARMY
WORLD WAR II
JAN 1 1918
DEC 1 1942
PURPLE HEART

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 15 Jul 2016 19:57:25 +0000
To: Ann Mills Griffiths
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Over at Arlington (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Grandmother of five? Ponce De Leon should have gone to your house to drink the water.

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

From: Ann Mills Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2016 2:59 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Over at Arlington (U)

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Yes I am very proud of her, not only for her achievements professionally, but being the mother of five and now grandmother of five as well. She is nothing short of incredible and smarter asleep than I will ever be!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 15, 2016, at 11:41 AM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

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> CAVEAT: None

>

> You are busy! I just heard the wonderful news from (b)(6) about (b)(6). I'm not sure that you told me!? I just read the below. Wow! I'm not aware of the O-4 issue but I can tell you from experience that O-5s are overrated.

>

> Caution-http://connect.sandiego.org/2016/03/08/(b)(6)-to-sdta-board-and-executive-committee/

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: , [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]

> Sent: Friday, July 15, 2016 2:07 PM

> To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

> Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Over at Arlington (U)

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> I'm in CA, driving tomorrow to Cambria, then on Thursday to Pismo Beach, then back to the Bay Area on Sunday, and flying back to San Diego on Monday, then flying home on the 27th. Busy time here, but also there from all I'm hearing, and does anyone in DC know why the Detachment Commanders being hired are majors, instead of LTC? That is really too low level, no matter how smart, to be dealing with foreign counterparts. I wonder which brilliant person made that dumb decision?

>
> Ann Mills-Griffiths
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> Thanks, (b)(6) very thoughtful and much appreciated.

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> Here for a WWII memorial service. Very warm but fine in the shade of the tree where I stood for James' ceremony.

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Sent: 1 Jul 2015 19:18:31 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
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DPAA PPS (US)
Subject: FW: GBO No Shows

(b)(6)

Thanks for covering this email with Ann. We usually get the same question(s) every year post-SEA. I've talked to Ann for the past three years after the Annual about (b)(6) and why she is provided a government badge. I know you know the issue. I hope Ann doesn't think the SCOs are conducting the 1-on-1s without the DPAA analysts.

After reading Ann's latest email, I have one question...do you know what was discussed at the AA meeting yesterday wrt COIN? I'm assuming this was a meeting between Mr. Linnington and Ann since we're being asked to submit our AAIs to (b)(6) via email today.

We (SCOs) have been discussing this issue and lack of clear DoD COIN policy. I've also brought it up with (b)(6) to get his thoughts on policy and historical perspective. Several questions/issues have come up in the last year (or so) that need to be clarified/discussed and put into policy. The statute (10 USC Section 2647) is pretty vague...no mention on restrictions wrt number of NOK or mileage. And there is no provision in the JTR for family travel to annual meetings. The only place this is referenced is in the COIN package to the Service Secretaries and then the official SECDEF memo to approve use of COIN. Additionally, we can find no clear policy or guidance regarding allowing the PNOK to determine which family members travel should more than 2 wish to use COIN. While this hasn't been a huge issue, it does come up on occasion, for example, when the PNOK decides to take their spouse or child and a sibling or other more immediate family member wishes to travel but is denied COIN Assist.

I know some aspects of this is a Service issue, but it is imperative that we are aware of any discussions about COIN that could impact our ability to support the program and effects of changes (e.g., increased COIN costs, increased attendance at the Annuals, increased number of 1-on-1s, greater hotel requirements, etc.). This is exactly the type of issue that could be discussed with the appropriate representatives if we reinvigorated the old Casualty Coordination Meetings.

Again, appreciate you responding to Ann for the group.

v/r,

(b)(6)

PS...the driver for (b)(6) is the same person that drove her last year. She contacted (b)(6) to see if she needed assistance this year...without any urging from her leadership. Just sayin'. (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 1:17 PM
To: (b)(6)@mail.mil; (b)(6) CIV USAF AFPC DPFCM;
(b)(6)@mail.mil; (b)(6)@usmc.mil; (b)(6)@navy.mil
Cc: (b)(6)@mail.mil; (b)(6)@mail.mil

Subject: Re: GBO No Shows

(b)(6) what do you mean "credentialed by DPAA?" And what were the names? I know (b)(6) and her daughter were two of the fourteen on the reduced list I attached. I had deleted the "local" Virginia names before sending.

I think there is need for definition of the language in the law governing COIN Assist, since the transportation is based on the families being funded to attend the official briefings given at the annual meeting, as was noted yesterday in the after-action meeting hosted by Director Linnington.

COIN Assist transportation is NOT based on any family signing up for or obtaining a case review. The vast majority of the families don't squander the opportunity to hear all that our government is doing to obtain answers for them and don't want anyone to jeopardize their ability to do so.

I look forward to a legal definition, but also want to work with all to find a solution amendable to all that enables all US officials to listen to and absorb the complex efforts being made. I'm sure you agree that it is unfair for our Service Casualty Officers to be expected to transmit current information and the status of USG efforts to family members unless they are afforded the opportunity available at this yearly meeting to hear directly from those involved in all aspects of the mission.

Again, best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 7/1/2015 2:04:53 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Ann,

I wanted to let you know that we researched the no-shows that you provided. All but three were local--so no COIN involved or cancellations. The remaining three were folks who are credentialed by DPAA and an individual with a significant health issue that arranged for a case briefing on Sat. Thanks for the recommendations and have a Happy Fourth.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
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Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Goeke, Robert M CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)
(b) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US)
Subject: Re: GBO No Shows

Just FYI, attached is the list of people signed up as Government Briefings Only (GBOs) who didn't pick up their access credential badges, therefore did not attend any of the official briefings given during the League's 46th Annual Meeting. These are the ones whose failure to attend as stipulated by Congress could endanger travel for all of the affected families. Although I recognize you all try to encourage attendance at the sessions, even cautioning some that failure could result in denial of COIN Assist travel, the failure to

attend is appalling to the vast majority of the families.

There are also waivers, of all sorts, that can be applied if/when you have a general counsel who is looking for a way to do what the boss wants to do. We're all familiar with that as well, so please put on your bet "thinking cap," as my grandmother used to say, and let's see what we can come up with. You all know my philosophy, "Rules were written by men to be changed by men (or insert women, irrelevant to the issue)."

I'm open to all suggestions to find a solution that accomplishes the goal of getting ALL, US officials and family members, plus veterans and other concerned Americans, engaged, informed and working constructively in a unified and cohesive fashion to accomplish our shared accounting objectives. To do otherwise is self-defeating. Certainly, for example, the Service Casualty Officers can't inform the families if they, themselves, don't have available all relevant information. I think it should be, as Mr. Linnington has expressed, a "whole of government" approach, and that takes knowledge.

One of the reasons I find failure to attend by family members so offensive is that others earnestly want to attend and can't because they live inside the 350-mile distance from DC that is required to be entitled to receive COIN Assist. I believe we need to discuss alternatives to facilitate attendance of those who can no longer drive great distances, such as (b)(6) and (b)(6)

In the latter case, the AF was finally able, after great determination and effort, to arrange for a young NCO to pick up (b)(6) and her daughter and drive them from Linthicum, MD, to the Hilton Hotel, then pick them up on Sunday morning and return them to Linthicum. I want to thank (b)(6) and others who tried seriously and were meeting road blocks, but it was the new Director, Mike Linnington, who shook loose the objections, as I knew he would.

So that you know, I'm really encouraged by all I've seen thus far from the new Director and think that just maybe, and at long last, we have the right man in the job at precisely the right time. I'm thankful and just hope things begin to move as they should going forward.

If I don't talk with you before the 4th, Happy Independence Day, and best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 6/29/2015 11:09:25 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org writes:

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Sent: 3 Jul 2015 18:46:26 -0400
To: (b)(6)@comcast.net; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: ==Edwin Morgan Remains==

Thanks for the article, (b)(6), and a great photo of you and the Sgt Maj of the Marine Corp at the annual dinner. Glad you got that one; he was an impressive man, and we appreciate his participation, Ann

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Hero comes home

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 3 Jul 2015 19:21:23 -0400
To: (b)(6) TSgt USAF (US) (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Cc: Morgan, Melinda F Lt Col USAF DPMO (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Joint Base Andrews POW/MIA Remembrance Day

Dear TSgt (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 TSgt (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)

Communication Systems Operator

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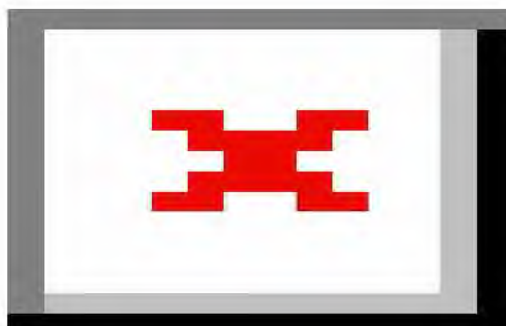
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WASHINGTON — Jul 6, 2015, 3:23 AM ET

By ROBERT BURNS AP National Security Writer



The Associated Press

AP

The head of the Pentagon's new agency in charge of recovering and identifying remains of U.S. war dead said he will push for more partnering with private groups that have resources and interest to help reinvigorate a troubled POW-MIA accounting mission.

Michael Linnington, a recently retired three-star Army general and veteran of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, took over the Defense POW-MIA Accounting Agency in late June and intends to complete its top-to-bottom reorganization by the end of the year. His agency was created by merging the two offices that had previously been in charge.

He has little experience in the MIA mission, but told The Associated Press last week that he knows its history is riddled with controversy as well as criticism from Congress and groups that advocate for families of the missing.

"I am aware of some of the reports on the dysfunction," he said, referring to 2013 reports of deep conflict among multiple agencies previously assigned to the accounting mission.

"Whenever you have disparate organizations all focused in the same area, there's going to be a natural tendency to step on each other," he said.

Linnington said he sees promise in partnering more extensively with private groups like History Flight, a Florida-based group that has worked with the **Pentagon** in discovering and recovering war remains abroad, including dozens of Marines killed in the **World War II** battle of Tarawa in the Pacific.

"There are lots of folks out there that want to help us," he said.

Linnington said he has a thick skin. If the history of his agency is any guide, he'll need it. In addition to periods of internal conflict, the POW-MIA agency has faced heavy criticism from veterans' organizations and MIA family advocacy groups.

"I don't mind criticism," he said. "I applaud criticism."

The POW-MIA accounting effort, while far more aggressive and extensive than similar undertakings by any other country, has suffered from many problems over many decades. Last July, the AP disclosed an internal Pentagon report that said the organization responsible for finding and recovering remains on foreign battlefields and identifying them at a Hawaii-based government laboratory was wasteful, acutely dysfunctional and often mismanaged.

Shortly after the AP report, the **Government Accountability Office** issued a report saying the MIA accounting effort was hampered by weak leadership, infighting and a fragmented approach to planning. The report recommended a more streamlined chain of command and other organizational changes, which are now being implemented.

Together the reports prompted calls in Congress to ensure that the government lives up to its pledge to account for as many MIAs as possible. Congress in 2009 set a legal requirement that the Pentagon identify at least 200 remains a year by

2015. It has not come close to that figure in recent years and almost certainly will not reach it this year, with only 34 accounted for so far, according to figures provided by the Pentagon.

One of the leading voices in Congress on this issue, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said she is reserving judgment on Linnington but is pleased that the Pentagon finally has a single agency in charge.

"I'm looking forward to meeting with (him) to hear how he intends to address some of the ongoing challenges at the agency, and will continue to hold the Pentagon's feet to the fire until we start seeing real results," McCaskill said in an emailed statement to the AP.

Once he builds what he thinks can be an effective, single chain of command, Linnington said the results will be quickly apparent.

"We will have a much greater ability this year, next year, the year after, to increase" the number of remains identified and returned to families, he said.

Despite his thin experience with the MIA accounting mission, Linnington said his experience as a combat commander has prepared him for the kind of commitment it takes. He cited the soldier's pledge to never leave a fallen comrade.

"That's the background that brings me to this mission," he said.

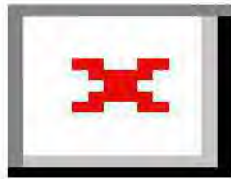
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To:

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Subject: COANG Brig. Gen. Jerome Limoge first to see Yugoslavian MiG 21 display

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Tech. Sgt. Kevin Coulter

Brig Gen Jerome Lemoge II, assistant adjutant general, Colorado Air National Guard, and other Colorado National Guardsmen are the first visitor to see the Mig 25 "Fishbed" delivered to the Park of Military History, Pivka, Slovenia, earlier that morning. Museum Curators, Dr. Martin Premk and Matjaz Ravbar explain the details. Masking paper from fresh paint remain on the airplane BG Limoge presented the US MIA/POW flag to the museum curators. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by, Tech. Sgt. Kevin Coulter/Released)

PIVKA, Slovenia - Colorado's Assistant Adjutant General for the Colorado Air National Guard, Brig. Gen. Jerome Limoge II, was given the honor of being the first visitor to see Slovenia's newest addition to the Park of Military History in Pivka, Slovenia.

The curators of the Military Museum of the Slovenian Armed Forces, Dr. Martin Premk and Matjaz Ravbar, could barely contain their excitement that something big had arrived earlier in the morning.

A Yugoslavian MiG-21 "Fishbed" was being bolted into its permanent display cradles, and after a quick tour of the museum the General would become the first visitor to see it.

The museum has an extensive collection of American and Soviet tanks, German arms and Yugoslavian produced hardware. Slovenia's first helicopter is on display - the one that was acquired by two defecting

pilots leaving a crumbling Yugoslavia. There's even a saboteur mini-submarine on display, curiously out of place overlooking a wooded Slovenia valley.

The curators' pride of the exhibits and depth of knowledge inspired the General to remark that they were like walking technical manuals - but much more easy to understand.

After a few hours, word was sent that the MiG-21 was ready. The tour proceeded to the new building that is still under construction to see the newest arrival.

Painted in Yugoslavian colors, the MiG-21's paint was so fresh, the masking tape and paper were left on the wings. The paint on the pedestals was unscratched and dust free. Only a few tools and a ladder shared the enormous empty space with the fighter.

Limoge surprised and delighted his hosts by citing a few obscure facts about the airplane. Then the tour ended with the General presenting the POW/MIA flag to The Park of Military History, Pivka, Slovenia, on behalf of the Colorado Air National Guard.

Designed by Newt Heisley, a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado, the flag was officially recognized by the U.S. Congress in 1990, and carries the distinction of being the only flag other than the Flag of the United States to have flown over the White House.

Thanking his guides, Limoge invited the curators to visit Colorado where he would give them a tour around the Colorado Air National Guard's F-16s. Not missing a beat, both were quick to ask if one could be sent to the museum.

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Sent: 12 Jul 2015 15:56:13 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: 'Victory from Within': Exhibit on American POW experience to show at Reece
Attachments: 150625_2367b.jpg

Not to my knowledge, (b)(6) and how are you? I haven't talked with you in a long time, since right before the annual meeting, but I loved this photo of you, (b)(6) and my family at the annual dinner candlelight ceremony, per the attached. I hope you're doing well, and I was SO GLAD to see Mike L come out swinging against the false allegations being thrown around by (b)(6) (b)(6) again. It's about time, Ann

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I presume (b)(6) is related?

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 13 Jul 2015 11:42:58 -0400
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: Re: POW/MIA Update: July 13, 2015

UPDATE: July 13, 2015

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: There still has been no published change to the number unaccounted-for since the April 10th Update. For various reasons, including wishes of the family, DoD announcements are often delayed far beyond the ID dates, and others are likely pending. Several of those named this year were examples of how remains repatriated many years ago can now be identified using contemporary science that wasn't available in earlier years. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 956. 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 1,019. Of the **1,627** still unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,269 (VN-467, VS-802); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate due to investigations resulting in changed locations of loss. The League seeks the fullest possible accounting for those still missing, and repatriation of all recoverable remains.

NEW DPAA DIRECTOR NAMED & NOW MOVING FORWARD! LTG (ret)Mike Linnington, USA, the new permanent Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), was named just before the League's 46th Annual Meeting. While always cautious to not overstate support for people named to positions of responsibility in the POW/MIA accounting mission, it is no overstatement to recognize his outstanding, varied background that is explained more fully in the upcoming League Newsletter.

Important now are the several steps he has already taken that clearly reveal he is moving energetically, though thoughtfully, to follow directives issued by former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to "completely reorganize" the POW/MIA accounting community. While structural change is always rife with turmoil and uncertainty, as the League has experienced repeatedly, Mr. Linnington is moving out smartly. His restructure plans dramatically move the mission forward and, importantly, adhere to Secretary Hagel's directive to "build on the existing strengths" of the accounting community. As a result, he is moving beyond the recommendations he received from Vice Admiral Michael Franken, USN, whose vision for DPAA related more to a concept for production of "products" than to a viable plan to pursue accounting objectives for missing US personnel and their families.

Already confirmed is that former JPAC Detachments in Thailand, Vietnam and Laos will continue to be Detachments 1, 2 and 3, respectively, reporting to the incoming Deputy Director (an active-duty Army Brigadier General) who will likely be announced next week. The long-serving, indispensable civilian specialists in the Detachments are expected to be extended. The small contingent of personnel deployed to support

operations in Europe will also continue to be a Liaison Office, possibly reporting to a European Regional Director. The placement in the new structure of the Joint Commission Support Directorate (JCSD) is not yet known, but has unique status within DPAA due to also supporting the work of the US-Russia Joint Commission (USRJC) on POW/MIA Affairs.

There is also a very high priority being placed on the success of the Public Private Partnership (P3) initiative, viewing the broad areas in which potential partnerships (public/private, public/public, three party, etc.) could be formed as the way in which established processes and personnel can be freed up from WWII missions to focus on Vietnam War accounting. This initiative offers significant opportunities to expand the overall accounting effort to produce results more rapidly through applying some contractors' efforts to archival research, investigations and recoveries that pertain mostly to WWII, the Korean War (disinterment and IDs) and Cold War.

A symposium will be held in Hawaii, immediately following the "Blessing & Dedication Ceremony) on July 27th. This symposium will provide an opportunity for the DPAA leadership, including all Directors and Deputies, to utilize the newly improved restructure and sort out the sub-structure, moving tasks as needed, but getting to a nearly finalized structure. I look forward to seeing that product.

Chairman's Comment: Mike Linnington knows he has a very challenging road ahead to earn the trust of a dedicated and talented workforce, as well as add the kind of people he wants and can depend on to move DPAA forward. He is moving NOW and already has learned far more than one would expect after such a very short time in the position. He pledged at the League's 46th Annual Meeting that he is in this for the long haul and knows it will take time, but asked for support, assistance and patience as he tackles the challenges. I'm convinced that he really IS the right guy and this IS the right time.

Right now truly IS the accounting mission's last chance to move forward with the priority required, fully supported by State and DoD policy and resourced with funding and personnel required. There will be NO further such opportunities, precisely the reason I'm determined to ensure that Mike Linnington gets all the support and assistance he needs from the many honest, caring and determined people working in the accounting community, and not be influenced by the self-serving, insecure people who are likely doing their best to remain in positions they should not hold.

We all should be grateful to Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Christine Wormuth for selecting a person like Mike Linnington who is self-confident, but not a know-it-all, who isn't afraid to be seen as learning, which he is doing in spades. Yes, he has much to learn, and many self-serving people still surround him, so dangers persist, but many are trying in every possible way to help him gain solid, objective insights.

Finally, I attended LTG Linnington's retirement on June 17th and had talked with him many times in his advisory role to Under Secretary Wormuth, VADM Franken and Maj Gen Kelly McKeague relating to the "complete reorganization" of the entire community. As a result, I can attest to the esteem in which he is held by a broad cross-section of military and civilian personnel. From the lowest level to those at the top, all seem to genuinely like and admire him. Mr. Linnington was sworn in on Monday, June 22nd, as the civilian Senior Executive Service Level 3 Director of DPAA. It is my hope, prayer and expectation that he will work to achieve the objectives we share, and do so with honor, integrity, humility, dedication, energy and determination. That is all we can ask. All we should expect is his very best effort, and we do, but he will also need our full support and that of all POW/MIA-related personnel, especially the demoralized former JPAC, DPMO and LSEL personnel now in DPAA.

Therefore, we, the Vietnam War families and our many concerned Veteran organizations, individual veterans and civilian supporters, ask all dedicated accounting community personnel – especially the experienced civilian core – to set aside the justifiable frustrations and obstacles you have endured for far too many years and

focus on what is possible with our new DPAA Director. I honestly believe DPAA truly can become the central accounting focus we all have sorely missed since 1992 – a cohesive, interagency US Government priority that will, with the support of all, achieve the **fullest possible accounting**. This longstanding, entirely reasonable League objective is defined as 1) the missing man returned alive; or 2) his remains recovered and identified; or 3) convincing evidence as to why neither is possible, in which case he will remain forever as unrecovered, but all information will be provided to the next-of-kin who will then have the certainty of knowing the US Government did its very best to bring him home to his family and our Nation.

46TH ANNUAL MEETING: The June 24-27th meeting was the largest, most comprehensive and compelling annual meeting in years. The Hilton sold out, responses from senior leaders were positive, and official animosity toward the League seems to have disappeared in favor of a partnership not seen since 1992. A full report will be in the upcoming League Newsletter.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 13 Jul 2015 14:18:11 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA STRATEGY (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CDR USN DPAA STRATEGY (US)
Subject: Re: Noth Korean Defector Question (U)

Thanks, (b)(6) for getting back to me and for supplying your correct address in the new format. (b)(6) was kind enough to respond to my question and, as I suspected, the video interview was one you all previously seen and handled, so that's really all I needed. Best to all,
Ann

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In a message dated 7/13/2015 1:00:34 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Anne:

I just returned from a week and a half leave today and had a voice mail from you about information from a North Korean Defector. You asked me to e-mail you and provide my e-mail address. In my absence, I assume you already have spoken to someone here at DPAA and have an answer to your question. If not, please let me know and I will try to get an answer to you.

(b)(6)

Policy Analyst/Advisor
Northeast Asia
Policy & Plans Directorate
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 13 Jul 2015 15:02:17 -0400
To: dpaa.jbphh.ec.mbx.external-relations@mail.mil
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC
(US)
Subject: Poster Order Request Issue

Can you tell me why the posters from 1982 - 1998 are not posted on the DPAA website collection? Some of the very best, original art, were published before 1999, each was painted by (b)(6) former US Navy, then Dept. of Veterans Affairs employee until his retirement. If DPAA doesn't have the full collection, we have one in the League office and you are welcome to borrow it to take photos for posting.

I found this by accident since I'd been asked about it, so though we should offer.

Best wishes,

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Jul 2015 09:07:35 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: 'Victory from Within': Exhibit on American POW experience to show at Reece

Are you back at work now? Or on vacation?

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In a message dated 7/14/2015 7:23:05 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Wow. You have been busy indeed. No rest for the weary. I had been following all visit of the Vietnamese delegation in the Post and figured you were please by the comments on the issue. I was not aware of the deputy director selection? A blessing? I thought an exotic hawaiian term would be the call of the day. (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 04:14 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: 'Victory from Within': Exhibit on American POW experience to show at Reece

I'm envious, (b)(6) and no, there has not yet been one moment for time away from the fray, but I'm leaving this Friday for CA, arriving in Oakland at Friday night, then driving to the Kings and Sequoia National Parks on the 22nd, back to Oakland on the 25th, then flying to Honolulu on the 26th, DPAA Building "Blessing and Dedicaiton" on the 27th, a couple of appointments that afternoon and the next day before late evening red-eye flight from Honolulu to Newark and on to DC by early on the 29th. Not much time to rest in there, but I'll make it.

The SRV General Secretary's Delegation complicated my schedule, of course, but it was all good and I got to catch up with a lot of Vietnamese friends, as well as a ton of American old-timers (some EVEN older than I, but really none involved longer) at the VP-hosted Luncheon and the SRV-hosted Reception/buffet. I thought all the exhaustion well worth the investment of time and effort, so that's another good thing, and was able to introduce Kelly McKeague to the guys who will be Mike L's

counterparts, Vice Minister's Vinh and To Lam, even pre-positioned Mike L. for his visit this fall. Plus, got a chance to chat with the General Secretary and DPM/FM Minh (Thach's son), a very bright guy. The generational changes bode well for the SRV, and for the bilateral relationship. I'm in favor, and glad that State and the Vietnamese both included me in the mix so I could help with pre-positioning the Director. I just hope he gets good advice before he leaves for SEA, though he is postponing until at least late October/early November, so that's a good thing. His new Deputy Director, BG Mark Shindler, USA, will likely go in August/September, and I hope Kelly McKeague will be overlapping and go with him to make introductions and smooth the way.

By the way, I'm really glad that Mai Sayavongs was able to present his credentials before the President went on vacation as it was going to be far too long, so it was official on July 2nd. (There is another story there as well.)

Enjoy your time sailing, Ann

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In a message dated 7/12/2015 4:02:50 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

Holy cats. That is a great photo. The candlelight is amazing. All is well. I thought you were taking some time off so didn't want to bother you. I'm sailing with my youngest. Amazing day though a bit more wind would be nice! (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 03:56 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: 'Victory from Within': Exhibit on American POW experience to show at Reece

Not to my knowledge, (b)(6) and how are you? I haven't talked with you in a long time, since right before the annual meeting, but I loved this photo of you, (b)(6) and my family at the annual dinner candlelight ceremony, per the attached. I hope you're doing well, and I was SO GLAD to see Mike L come out swinging against the false allegations being thrown around by (b)(6) (b)(6) again. It's about time, Ann

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In a message dated 7/12/2015 3:52:36 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

I presume (b)(6) is related?

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Jul 2015 15:31:05 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Poster
Attachments: Poster_7-18-15.pdf

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Jul 2015 15:46:43 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT
COMM (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC
(US)
Subject: From DPAA FACT Sheets on the DPAA Web Site

WHAT IS PERSONNEL ACCOUNTING?

When American personnel remain captive, missing, or otherwise unaccounted-for at the conclusion of hostilities, the DoD accounting community becomes the responsible agent for determining the fate of the missing and where possible, recovering them alive or recovering and identifying the remains of the dead.

For those killed-in-action, the accounting community is charged with locating, recovering and identifying their remains. More than 83,000 Americans remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War.

The above is verbatim from the DPAA web site under FAQs; please insert the words "or otherwise unaccounted-for" after "missing" and before "from" in the last sentence.

The language being used is MISLEADING, as I have repeatedly raised, and Congress is demanding you get the numbers brought into the realm of reason. The insertion of these three words could then be pointed out to Senator Claire McCaskill when the Director sees her later this week and he should be prepared to outline the steps being taken to get the 73,000+ number down to a number that MIGHT someday be investigated and recovered.

Thanks, and I'm just trying to help, so PLEASE don't anyone over-react?.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Jul 2015 16:11:11 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Bio on BG Mark Spindler, USA
Attachments: Spindler, BG Mark_7-11-15.pdf

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Brigadier General Mark Spindler

**The Deputy Provost Marshal General of the Army
Commanding General,
United States Army Criminal Investigation Command
and Army Corrections Command**



Brigadier General Mark Spindler assumed duty as the Army's Deputy Provost Marshal General in September 2012.

Brigadier General Mark Spindler hails from St. Louis, MO. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Military Police Corps from the University of Missouri -- Columbia. He earned his Master's Degree from Central Michigan University. His military education includes graduation from the Air Assault School, the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



Brigadier General Spindler's military assignments include duty as Platoon Leader, 170th MP Co, 504th MP Bn, at Ft. Lewis, WA; Assistant S3, 504th MP Bn, I Corps, Ft. Lewis, WA; Chief, MP Investigations, Ft. Lewis, WA; Company Commander, 277th MP Co, 1ID, Mannheim, Germany; S4, 94th MP Bn, Mannheim, Germany; Assistant Professor of Military Science, Washington University, St. Louis, MO; S3, 793rd MP Bn, 18th MP Bde, Bamberg, Germany; S3, 793rd MP Bn, 18th MP Bde, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Executive Officer, Office of the Provost Marshal, Mannheim, Germany; Operations Officer, HQDA, G1, Washington, DC; Battalion Commander, 793rd MP Bn, 18th MP Bde, Bamberg, Germany; Battalion Commander, 793rd MP Bn, 18th MP Bde, Kosovo; Brigadier General's Assignment Officer, HRC, Washington, DC; Brigade Commander, 18th MP Bde, V Corps, Mannheim, Germany; Brigade Commander, 18th MP Bde, 4ID, Iraq; G3, 21st Theater Sustainment CMD, USAREUR/7A, Kaiserslautern, Germany; and currently Assistant Deputy Director, Strategy & Policy, J5, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, DC.

In addition to his individual awards and decorations, Brigadier General Spindler has been awarded the Army Superior and Meritorious Unit Awards for Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Joint Guardian, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and accompanying NATO medals for operations in the Balkan Region.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Jul 2015 16:10:12 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT
COMM (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC
(US)
Subject: FINAL SUGGESTION FOR TODAY

☐ DOES THE AGENCY NEGOTIATE WITH HOST NATIONS TO GAIN ACCESS FOR RECOVERY AND INVESTIGATION TEAMS?

The agency holds technical, or consultative, talks with many different countries in a typical year. Generally, we present our requested schedule of investigations and operations in a given host country. We may show them which specific cases we're working on, and why it's important that we visit a certain area at a certain time of the year. We talk about logistics and how we plan to move our teams in-country, and the kind of support we would need from them at the national, provincial, or local levels.

Actually, I'd take each of these FAQs and review them for current accuracy, including the one above. This Agency is now at a much higher level, and the Director will be meeting with policy-level counterparts, the Vice Ministers of Defense, Public Security and Foreign Relations, possibly even higher as the occasion dictates, much like when a League Delegation is undertaken. The description above will pertain to the ongoing Detachments dialogue, and to a somewhat higher level, with Amb. Khouanta in Laos and the VNOSMP counterparts in Hanoi, to be undertaken by the incoming Deputy Director, BG Mark Spindler, USA. Director Linnington will most likely be included in the CBDs and BDDs on a regular basis, as part of the "whole of government" strategy and implementation that is needed to move the issue forward at its core, the Vietnam War accounting expansion of pace and scope, in keeping with SRV requests since 2009.

I'm really hoping it finally will be a NEW DAY on this mission, so please try your best to help him with a public diplomacy strategy that looks forward also. Thanks again, and I'm through for now; no more time, Ann .

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 15 Jul 2015 15:28:53 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: FW: Revised 25th Design (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

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From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 11:19 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: McKeague, Kelly K Maj Gen USAF DPAA FO (US)
Subject: FW: FW: Revised 25th Design (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

FYI --

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:52 AM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Subject: Re: FW: Revised 25th Design (U)

PERFECT, STRONG, REFLECTS THE MISSION, "COULDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING MORE!"

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In a message dated 7/15/2015 8:24:23 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Colleagues:

Please provide insights directly to (b)(6) and (b)(6)

Regards,
Mike L.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 12:32 AM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Cc: McKeague, Kelly K Maj Gen USAF DPAA FO (US); Fletcher, Kelly E CIV DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)
DPAA FO (US)
Subject: FW: Revised 25th Design (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Sir,

Attached as the 25th logo design that Lee made some slight modifications to. The biggest change is he shortened the rope separating the eagle and the POW/MIA silhouette. If you are good with this version we will get out to the FSOs with the design.

V/R,

(b)(6)

External Communications

Phone: (b)(6)

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

From: Tucker, Lee O CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 4:10 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US); Waggoner, Natasha L Maj USAF DPAA EXT COMM (US)
Subject: Revised 25th Design (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Attached,
Lee

Mr. Lee O. Tucker
Chief of Media Operations, Public Affairs Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
(DPAA)
(b)(6)
(b)(6)@mail.mil
"Until They Are Home"

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 16 Jul 2015 13:49:37 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: (b)(6) Farewell on Thursday at 1130 at Teds Montanna Grill

I'm so glad, (b)(6) I'd hoped he could/would, and I told you he is nice guy, genuine, humble, intelligent NJ-smart, and a good person = a LEADER with the right set of values, principles and a vision that focuses SOLELY on the mission. We've waited a long time for a guy such as Mike. Despite all this, there will be glitches, mostly due to receiving poor advice provided by self-serving or insecure people, but I honestly believe he'll prevail and the mission will be in good hands. That's my goal, and my exit strategy, Ann

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In a message dated 7/16/2015 12:55:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Missed you. I conveyed to him your wishes. Linnington attended. Heck of a nice guy.

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 07:21 AM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com' <(b)(6)@aol.com>
Subject: Re: (b)(6) Farewell on Thursday at 1130 at Teds Montanna Grill

Ann, do you happen to have in mind something you want to eat at Teds? They make great burgers I'm told. (I'm getting a chicken aesar salad. (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 06:33 AM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com' <(b)(6)@aol.com>
Subject: Re: (b)(6) Farewell on Thursday at 1130 at Teds Montanna Grill

1130 am at the ted's in crystal city. It is just the worker bees but I can confirm once I get in. The Director wanted to go but cannot attend as he has a prior engagement.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 10:36 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: (b)(6) Farewell on Thursday at 1130 at Teds Montanna Grill

On second thought, I'd like to be there, but give me the time and will I like most, at least, of the others? Or are there dismissable nonentities attending? I would hope not, (b)(6) deserves better, Ann

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In a message dated 7/15/2015 9:54:06 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@aol.com writes:

Can I just stop by briefly, to say farewell? I'm swamped, but would do that if you give me the time? I like him, and I do wish him well. Let me know, Ann

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In a message dated 7/15/2015 7:17:29 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Ann, I apologize for the short notice but (b)(6) is departing tomorrow. We are not having anything formal in the office. Just a nice lunch with 30 or so folks. I should have sent to you sooner given the wonderful letter you wrote for him last year. (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)
Sent: Fri, 17 Jul 2015 19:36:49 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: WWII SOLDIER'S REMAINS RETURN TO CHICAGO AFTER NEARLY 73 YEARS (U)
Attachments: smime.p7s

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

I totally agree with Ann's comments.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 3:31 PM
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)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
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.

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

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

(b)(6)



(b)(6)

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

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

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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: Ann Mills-Griffiths
Sent: 20 Jul 2015 18:45:10 -0400
To: (b)(6)@pow-
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(b)@gmail.com (b)(6)@michigan.dalecarnegie.com
Cc:
(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6)@rocketmail.com (b)(6)@msn.
com
Subject: Re: Everett a Alvarez & Orson Swindle on CNN

On Jul 20, 2015, at 5:58 PM, (b)(6)@aol.com>
wrote:

Tonight , Monday, July 20 at 8:00 PM (Mountain Time) 10:00 PM
(Eastern Time)
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MCCAIN AND THE POW COVER-UP

The 'war hero' candidate buried information about POWs left behind in Vietnam

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John McCain

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The Nation – John McCain, who has risen to political prominence on his image as a Vietnam POW war hero, has, inexplicably, worked very hard to hide from the public stunning information about American prisoners in Vietnam who, unlike him, didn't return home. Throughout his Senate career, McCain has quietly sponsored and pushed into federal law a set of prohibitions that keep the most revealing information about these men buried as classified documents. Thus the war hero who people would logically imagine as a determined crusader for the interests of POWs and their families became instead the strange champion of hiding the evidence and closing the books.

Almost as striking is the manner in which the mainstream press has shied from reporting the POW story and McCain's role in it, even as the Republican Party has made McCain's military service the focus of his presidential campaign. Reporters who had covered the Vietnam War turned their heads and walked in other directions. McCain doesn't talk about the missing men, and the press never asks him about them.

The sum of the secrets McCain has sought to hide is not small. There exists a telling mass of official documents, radio intercepts, witness depositions, satellite photos of rescue symbols that pilots were trained to use, electronic messages from the ground containing the individual code numbers given to airmen, a rescue mission by a special forces unit that was aborted twice by Washington – and even sworn testimony by two Defense secretaries that “men were left behind.” This imposing body of evidence suggests that a large number – the documents indicate probably hundreds – of the U.S. prisoners held by Vietnam were not returned when the peace treaty was signed in January 1973 and Hanoi released 591 men, among them Navy combat pilot John S. McCain.

Mass of Evidence

The Pentagon had been withholding significant information from POW families for years. What's more, the Pentagon's POW/MIA operation had been publicly shamed by internal whistleblowers and POW families for holding back documents as part of a policy of “debunking” POW intelligence even when the information was obviously credible.

The pressure from the families and Vietnam veterans finally forced the creation, in late 1991, of a Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. The chairman was John Kerry. McCain, as a former POW, was its most pivotal member. In the end, the committee became part of the debunking machine.

One of the sharpest critics of the Pentagon's performance was an insider, Air Force Lieut. Gen. Eugene Tighe, who headed the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) during the 1970s. He openly challenged the Pentagon's position that no live prisoners

existed, saying that the evidence proved otherwise. McCain was a bitter opponent of Tighe, who was eventually pushed into retirement.

Included in the evidence that McCain and his government allies suppressed or sought to discredit is a transcript of a senior North Vietnamese general's briefing of the Hanoi politburo, discovered in Soviet archives by an American scholar in 1993. The briefing took place only four months before the 1973 peace accords. The general, Tran Van Quang, told the politburo members that Hanoi was holding 1,205 American prisoners but would keep many of them at war's end as leverage to ensure getting war reparations from Washington.

Throughout the Paris negotiations, the North Vietnamese tied the prisoner issue tightly to the issue of reparations. They were adamant in refusing to deal with them separately. Finally, in a February 2, 1973, formal letter to Hanoi's premier, Pham Van Dong, Nixon pledged \$3.25 billion in "postwar reconstruction" aid "without any political conditions." But he also attached to the letter a codicil that said the aid would be implemented by each party "in accordance with its own constitutional provisions." That meant Congress would have to approve the appropriation, and Nixon and Kissinger knew well that Congress was in no mood to do so. The North Vietnamese, whether or not they immediately understood the double-talk in the letter, remained skeptical about the reparations promise being honored – and it never was. Hanoi thus appears to have held back prisoners – just as it had done when the French were defeated at Dien Bien Phu in 1954 and withdrew their forces from Vietnam. In that case, France paid ransoms for prisoners and brought them home.

In a private briefing in 1992, high-level CIA officials told me that as the years passed and the ransom never came, it became more and more difficult for either government to admit that it knew from the start about the unacknowledged prisoners. Those prisoners had not only become useless as bargaining chips but also posed a risk to Hanoi's desire to be accepted into the international community. The CIA officials said their intelligence indicated strongly that the remaining men – those who had not died from illness or hard labor or torture – were eventually executed.

My own research, detailed below, has convinced me that it is not likely that more than a few – if any – are alive in captivity today. (That CIA briefing at the agency's Langley, Virginia, headquarters was conducted "off the record," but because the evidence from my own reporting since then has brought me to the same conclusion, I felt there was no longer any point in not writing about the meeting.)

For many reasons, including the absence of a political constituency for the missing men other than their families and some veterans' groups, very few Americans are aware of the POW story and of McCain's role in keeping it out of public view and

denying the existence of abandoned POWs. That is because McCain has hardly been alone in his campaign to hide the scandal.

The Arizona senator, now the Republican candidate for president, has actually been following the lead of every White House since Richard Nixon's and thus of every CIA director, Pentagon chief and national security advisor, not to mention Dick Cheney, who was George H. W. Bush's defense secretary. Their biggest accomplice has been an indolent press, particularly in Washington.

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McCain's Role

An early and critical McCain secrecy move involved 1990 legislation that started in the House of Representatives. A brief and simple document, it was called "the Truth Bill" and would have compelled complete transparency about prisoners and missing men. Its core sentence reads: "[The] head of each department or agency which holds or receives any records and information, including live-sighting reports, which have been correlated or possibly correlated to United States personnel listed as prisoner of war or missing in action from World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam conflict, shall make available to the public all such records held or received by that department or agency."

Bitterly opposed by the Pentagon (and thus McCain), the bill went nowhere. Reintroduced the following year, it again disappeared. But a few months later, a new measure, known as "the McCain Bill," suddenly appeared. By creating a bureaucratic maze from which only a fraction of the documents could emerge – only records that revealed no POW secrets – it turned the Truth Bill on its head. (See one example, when the Pentagon cited McCain's bill in rejecting a FOIA request.) The McCain bill became law in 1991 and remains so today. So crushing to transparency are its provisions that it actually spells out for the Pentagon and other agencies several rationales, scenarios and justifications for not releasing any information at all – even about prisoners discovered alive in captivity. Later that year, the Senate Select Committee was created, where Kerry and McCain ultimately worked together to bury evidence.

McCain was also instrumental in amending the Missing Service Personnel Act, which had been strengthened in 1995 by POW advocates to include criminal penalties, saying: "Any government official who knowingly and willfully withholds from the file of a missing person any information relating to the disappearance or whereabouts and status of a missing person shall be fined as provided in Title 18 or imprisoned not more than one year or both." A year later, in a closed House-Senate conference on an

unrelated military bill, McCain, at the behest of the Pentagon, attached a crippling amendment to the act, stripping out its only enforcement teeth, the criminal penalties, and reducing the obligations of commanders in the field to speedily search for missing men and to report the incidents to the Pentagon.

About the relaxation of POW/MIA obligations on commanders in the field, a public McCain memo said: "This transfers the bureaucracy involved out of the [battle] field to Washington." He wrote that the original legislation, if left intact, "would accomplish nothing but create new jobs for lawyers and turn military commanders into clerks."

McCain argued that keeping the criminal penalties would have made it impossible for the Pentagon to find staffers willing to work on POW/MIA matters. That's an odd argument to make. Were staffers only "willing to work" if they were allowed to conceal POW records? By eviscerating the law, McCain gave his stamp of approval to the government policy of debunking the existence of live POWs.

McCain has insisted again and again that all the evidence – documents, witnesses, satellite photos, two Pentagon chiefs' sworn testimony, aborted rescue missions, ransom offers apparently scorned – has been woven together by unscrupulous deceivers to create an insidious and unpatriotic myth. He calls it the "bizarre rantings of the MIA hobbyists." He has regularly vilified those who keep trying to pry out classified documents as "hoaxers," charlatans, "conspiracy theorists" and "dime-store Rambos."

Some of McCain's fellow captives at Hoa Lo prison in Hanoi didn't share his views about prisoners left behind. Before he died of leukemia in 1999, retired Col. Ted Guy, a highly admired POW and one of the most dogged resisters in the camps, wrote an angry open letter to the senator in an MIA newsletter – a response to McCain's stream of insults hurled at MIA activists. Guy wrote: "John, does this [the insults] include Senator Bob Smith [a New Hampshire Republican and activist on POW issues] and other concerned elected officials? Does this include the families of the missing where there is overwhelming evidence that their loved ones were 'last known alive'? Does this include some of your fellow POWs?"

It's not clear whether the taped confession McCain gave to his captors to avoid further torture has played a role in his post-war behavior in the Senate. That confession was played endlessly over the prison loudspeaker system at Hoa Lo – to try to break down other prisoners – and was broadcast over Hanoi's state radio. Reportedly, he confessed to being a war criminal who had bombed civilian targets. The Pentagon has a copy of the confession but will not release it. Also, no outsider I know of has ever seen a non-redacted copy of the debriefing of McCain when he returned from captivity,

which is classified but could be made public by McCain. (See the Pentagon's rejection of my attempt to obtain records of this debriefing.)

All humans have breaking points. Many men undergoing torture give confessions, often telling huge lies so their fakery will be understood by their comrades and their country. Few will fault them. But it was McCain who apparently felt he had disgraced himself and his military family. His father, John S. McCain II, was a highly regarded rear admiral then serving as commander of all US forces in the Pacific. His grandfather was also a rear admiral.

In his bestselling 1999 autobiography, *Faith of My Fathers*, McCain says he felt bad throughout his captivity because he knew he was being treated more leniently than his fellow POWs, owing to his high-ranking father and thus his propaganda value. Other prisoners at Hoa Lo say his captors considered him a prize catch and called him the "Crown Prince," something McCain acknowledges in the book.

Also in this memoir, McCain expresses guilt at having broken under torture and given the confession. "I felt faithless and couldn't control my despair," he writes, revealing that he made two "feeble" attempts at suicide. (In later years, he said he tried to hang himself with his shirt and guards intervened.) Tellingly, he says he lived in "dread" that his father would find out about the confession. "I still wince," he writes, "when I recall wondering if my father had heard of my disgrace."

He says that when he returned home, he told his father about the confession, but "never discussed it at length" – and the admiral, who died in 1981, didn't indicate he had heard anything about it before. But he had. In the 1999 memoir, the senator writes: "I only recently learned that the tape ... had been broadcast outside the prison and had come to the attention of my father."

Is McCain haunted by these memories? Does he suppress POW information because its surfacing would rekindle his feelings of shame? On this subject, all I have are questions.

Many stories have been written about McCain's explosive temper, so volcanic that colleagues are loathe to speak openly about it. One veteran congressman who has observed him over the years asked for confidentiality and made this brief comment: "This is a man not at peace with himself."

He was certainly far from calm on the Senate POW committee. He browbeat expert witnesses who came with information about unreturned POWs. Family members who have personally faced McCain and pressed him to end the secrecy also have been treated to his legendary temper. He has screamed at them, insulted them, brought women to tears. Mostly his responses to them have been versions of: How dare you

question my patriotism? In 1996, he roughly pushed aside a group of POW family members who had waited outside a hearing room to appeal to him, including a mother in a wheelchair.

But even without answers to what may be hidden in the recesses of McCain's mind, one thing about the POW story is clear: If American prisoners were dishonored by being written off and left to die, that's something the American public ought to know about.

10 Key Pieces of Evidence That Men Were Left Behind

1. In Paris, where the Vietnam peace treaty was negotiated, the United States asked Hanoi for the list of American prisoners to be returned, fearing that Hanoi would hold some prisoners back. The North Vietnamese refused, saying they would produce the list only after the treaty was signed. Nixon agreed with Kissinger that they had no leverage left, and Kissinger signed the accord on January 27, 1973, without the prisoner list. When Hanoi produced its list of 591 prisoners the next day, U.S. intelligence agencies expressed shock at the low number. Their number was hundreds higher. The New York Times published a long, page-one story on February 2, 1973, about the discrepancy, especially raising questions about the number of prisoners held in Laos, only nine of whom were being returned. The headline read, in part: "Laos POW List Shows 9 from U.S. – Document Disappointing to Washington as 311 Were Believed Missing." And the story, by John Finney, said that other Washington officials "believe the number of prisoners [in Laos] is probably substantially higher." The paper never followed up with any serious investigative reporting – nor did any other mainstream news organization.

2. Two defense secretaries who served during the Vietnam War testified to the Senate POW committee in September 1992 that prisoners were not returned. James Schlesinger and Melvin Laird, both speaking at a public session and under oath, said they based their conclusions on strong intelligence data – letters, eyewitness reports, even direct radio contacts. Under questioning, Schlesinger chose his words carefully, understanding clearly the volatility of the issue: "I think that as of now that I can come to no other conclusion ... some were left behind." This ran counter to what President Nixon told the public in a nationally televised speech on March 29, 1973, when the repatriation of the 591 was in motion: "Tonight," Nixon said, "the day we have all worked and prayed for has finally come. For the first time in twelve years, no American military forces are in Vietnam. All our American POWs are on their way home." Documents unearthed since then show that aides had already briefed Nixon about the contrary evidence.

Schlesinger was asked by the Senate committee for his explanation of why President Nixon would have made such a statement when he knew Hanoi was still holding prisoners. He replied: "One must assume that we had concluded that the bargaining position of the United States ... was quite weak. We were anxious to get our troops out and we were not going to roil the waters ..." This testimony struck me as a bombshell. The New York Times appropriately reported it on page one but again there was no sustained follow-up by the Times or any other major paper or national news outlet.

3. Over the years, the DIA received more than 1,600 first-hand sightings of live American prisoners and nearly 14,000 second-hand reports. Many witnesses interrogated by CIA or Pentagon intelligence agents were deemed "credible" in the agents' reports. Some of the witnesses were given lie-detector tests and passed. Sources provided me with copies of these witness reports, which are impressive in their detail. A lot of the sightings described a secondary tier of prison camps many miles from Hanoi. Yet the DIA, after reviewing all these reports, concluded that they "do not constitute evidence" that men were alive.

4. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, listening stations picked up messages in which Laotian military personnel spoke about moving American prisoners from one labor camp to another. These listening posts were manned by Thai communications officers trained by the National Security Agency (NSA), which monitors signals worldwide. The NSA teams had moved out after the fall of Saigon in 1975 and passed the job to the Thai allies. But when the Thais turned these messages over to Washington, the intelligence community ruled that since the intercepts were made by a "third party" – namely Thailand – they could not be regarded as authentic. That's some Catch-22: The U.S. trained a third party to take over its role in monitoring signals about POWs, but because that third party did the monitoring, the messages weren't valid.

Here, from CIA files, is an example that clearly exposes the farce. On December 27, 1980, a Thai military signal team picked up a message saying that prisoners were being moved out of Attapeu (in southern Laos) by aircraft "at 1230 hours." Three days later a message was sent from the CIA station in Bangkok to the CIA director's office in Langley. It read, in part: "The prisoners ... are now in the valley in permanent location (a prison camp at Nhommarath in Central Laos). They were transferred from Attapeu to work in various places ... POWs were formerly kept in caves and are very thin, dark and starving." Apparently the prisoners were real. But the transmission was declared "invalid" by Washington because the information came from a "third party" and thus could not be deemed credible.

5. A series of what appeared to be distress signals from Vietnam and Laos were captured by the government's satellite system in the late 1980s and early '90s. (Before that period, no search for such signals had been put in place.) Not a single one of

these markings was ever deemed credible. To the layman's eye, the satellite photos, some of which I've seen, show markings on the ground that are identical to the signals that American pilots had been specifically trained to use in their survival courses – such as certain letters, like X or K, drawn in a special way. Other markings were the secret four-digit authenticator numbers given to individual pilots. But time and again, the Pentagon, backed by the CIA, insisted that humans had not made these markings. What were they, then? “Shadows and vegetation,” the government said, insisting that the markings were merely normal topographical contours like saw-grass or rice-paddy divider walls. It was the automatic response – shadows and vegetation. On one occasion, a Pentagon photo expert refused to go along. It was a missing man's name gouged into a field, he said, not trampled grass or paddy berms. His bosses responded by bringing in an outside contractor who found instead, yes, shadows and vegetation. This refrain led Bob Taylor, a highly regarded investigator on the Senate committee staff who had examined the photographic evidence, to comment to me: “If grass can spell out people's names and a secret digit codes, then I have a newfound respect for grass.”

6. On November 11, 1992, Dolores Alfond, the sister of missing airman Capt. Victor Apodaca and chair of the National Alliance of Families, an organization of relatives of POW/MIAs, testified at one of the Senate committee's public hearings. She asked for information about data the government had gathered from electronic devices used in a classified program known as PAVE SPIKE.

The devices were motion sensors, dropped by air, designed to pick up enemy troop movements. Shaped on one end like a spike with an electronic pod and antenna on top, they were designed to stick in the ground as they fell. Air Force planes would drop them along the Ho Chi Minh trail and other supply routes. The devices, though primarily sensors, also had rescue capabilities. Someone on the ground – a downed airman or a prisoner on a labor gang – could manually enter data into the sensor. All data were regularly collected electronically by U.S. planes flying overhead. Alfond stated, without any challenge or contradiction by the committee, that in 1974, a year after the supposedly complete return of prisoners, the gathered data showed that a person or people had manually entered into the sensors – as U.S. pilots had been trained to do – “no less than 20 authenticator numbers that corresponded exactly to the classified authenticator numbers of 20 US POWs who were lost in Laos.” Alfond added, according to the transcript: “This PAVE SPIKE intelligence is seamless, but the committee has not discussed it or released what it knows about PAVE SPIKE.”

McCain attended that committee hearing specifically to confront Alfond because of her criticism of the panel's work. He bellowed and berated her for quite a while. His face turning anger-pink, he accused her of “denigrating” his “patriotism.” The bullying had its effect – she began to cry.

After a pause Alford recovered and tried to respond to his scorching tirade, but McCain simply turned away and stormed out of the room. The PAVE SPIKE file has never been declassified. We still don't know anything about those twenty POWs.

7. As previously mentioned, in April 1993, in a Moscow archive, a researcher from Harvard, Stephen Morris, unearthed and made public the transcript of a briefing that General Tran Van Quang gave to the Hanoi politburo four months before the signing of the Paris peace accords in 1973.

In the transcript, General Quang told the Hanoi politburo that 1,205 U.S. prisoners were being held. Quang said that many of the prisoners would be held back from Washington after the accords as bargaining chips for war reparations. General Quang's report added: "This is a big number. Officially, until now, we published a list of only 368 prisoners of war. The rest we have not revealed. The government of the USA knows this well, but it does not know the exact number ... and can only make guesses based on its losses. That is why we are keeping the number of prisoners of war secret, in accordance with the politburo's instructions." The report then went on to explain in clear and specific language that a large number would be kept back to ensure reparations.

The reaction to the document was immediate. After two decades of denying it had kept any prisoners, Hanoi responded to the revelation by calling the transcript a fabrication.

Similarly, Washington – which had over the same two decades refused to recant Nixon's declaration that all the prisoners had been returned – also shifted into denial mode. The Pentagon issued a statement saying the document "is replete with errors, omissions and propaganda that seriously damage its credibility," and that the numbers were "inconsistent with our own accounting."

Neither American nor Vietnamese officials offered any rationale for who would plant a forged document in the Soviet archives and why they would do so. Certainly neither Washington nor Moscow – closely allied with Hanoi – would have any motive, since the contents were embarrassing to all parties, and since both the United States and Vietnam had consistently denied the existence of unreturned prisoners. The Russian archivists simply said the document was "authentic."

8. In his 2002 book, *Inside Delta Force*, Retired Command Sgt. Major Eric Haney described how in 1981 his special forces unit, after rigorous training for a POW rescue mission, had the mission suddenly aborted, revived a year later and again abruptly aborted. Haney writes that this abandonment of captured soldiers ate at him for years and left him disillusioned about his government's vows to leave no men behind.

"Years later, I spoke at length with a former highly placed member of the North Vietnamese diplomatic corps, and this person asked me point-blank: 'Why did the Americans never attempt to recover their remaining POWs after the conclusion of the war?'" Haney writes. He continued, saying that he came to believe senior government officials had called off those missions in 1981 and 1982. (His account is on pages 314 to 321 of my paperback copy of the book.)

9. There is also evidence that in the first months of Ronald Reagan's presidency in 1981, the White House received a ransom proposal for a number of POWs being held by Hanoi in Indochina. The offer, which was passed to Washington from an official of a third country, was apparently discussed at a meeting in the Roosevelt Room attended by Reagan, Vice-President Bush, CIA director William Casey and National Security Advisor Richard Allen. Allen confirmed the offer in sworn testimony to the Senate POW committee on June 23, 1992.

Allen was allowed to testify behind closed doors and no information was released. But a San Diego Union-Tribune reporter, Robert Caldwell, obtained the portion relating to the ransom offer and reported on it. The ransom request was for \$4 billion, Allen testified. He said he told Reagan that "it would be worth the president's going along and let's have the negotiation." When his testimony appeared in the Union Tribune, Allen quickly wrote a letter to the panel, this time not under oath, recanting the ransom story and claiming his memory had played tricks on him. His new version was that some POW activists had asked him about such an offer in a meeting that took place in 1986, when he was no longer in government. "It appears," he said in the letter, "that there never was a 1981 meeting about the return of POW/MIAs for \$4 billion."

But the episode didn't end there. A Treasury agent on Secret Service duty in the White House, John Syphrit, came forward to say he had overheard part of the ransom conversation in the Roosevelt Room in 1981, when the offer was discussed by Reagan, Bush, Casey, Allen and other cabinet officials.

Syphrit, a veteran of the Vietnam War, told the committee he was willing to testify but they would have to subpoena him. Treasury opposed his appearance, arguing that voluntary testimony would violate the trust between the Secret Service and those it protects. It was clear that coming in on his own could cost Syphrit his career. The committee voted 7 to 4 not to subpoena him.

In the committee's final report, dated January 13, 1993 (on page 284), the panel not only chastised Syphrit for his failure to testify without a subpoena ("The committee regrets that the Secret Service agent was unwilling ..."), but noted that since Allen had recanted his testimony about the Roosevelt Room briefing, Syphrit's testimony would have been "at best, uncorroborated by the testimony of any other witness." The

committee omitted any mention that it had made a decision not to ask the other two surviving witnesses, Bush and Reagan, to give testimony under oath. (Casey had died.)

10. In 1990, Colonel Millard Peck, a decorated infantry veteran of Vietnam then working at the DIA as chief of the Asia Division for Current Intelligence, asked for the job of chief of the DIA's Special Office for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. His reason for seeking the transfer, which was not a promotion, was that he had heard from officials throughout the Pentagon that the POW/MIA office had been turned into a waste-disposal unit for getting rid of unwanted evidence about live prisoners – a “black hole,” these officials called it.

Peck explained all this in his telling resignation letter of February 12, 1991, eight months after he had taken the job. He said he viewed it as “sort of a holy crusade” to restore the integrity of the office but was defeated by the Pentagon machine. The four-page, single-spaced letter was scathing, describing the putative search for missing men as “a cover-up.”

Peck charged that, at its top echelons, the Pentagon had embraced a “mind-set to debunk” all evidence of prisoners left behind. “That national leaders continue to address the prisoner of war and missing in action issue as the ‘highest national priority,’ is a travesty,” he wrote. “The entire charade does not appear to be an honest effort, and may never have been. ... Practically all analysis is directed to finding fault with the source. Rarely has there been any effective, active follow through on any of the sightings, nor is there a responsive ‘action arm’ to routinely and aggressively pursue leads.”

“I became painfully aware,” his letter continued, “that I was not really in charge of my own office, but was merely a figurehead or whipping boy for a larger and totally Machiavellian group of players outside of DIA. ... I feel strongly that this issue is being manipulated and controlled at a higher level, not with the goal of resolving it, but more to obfuscate the question of live prisoners and give the illusion of progress through hyperactivity.” He named no names but said these players are “unscrupulous people in the Government or associated with the Government” who “have maintained their distance and remained hidden in the shadows, while using the [POW] Office as a ‘toxic waste dump’ to bury the whole ‘mess’ out of sight.” Peck added that “military officers ... who in some manner have ‘rocked the boat’ [have] quickly come to grief.”

Peck concluded: “From what I have witnessed, it appears that any soldier left in Vietnam, even inadvertently, was, in fact, abandoned years ago, and that the farce that is being played is no more than political legerdemain done with ‘smoke and mirrors’ to stall the issue until it dies a natural death.”

The disillusioned colonel not only resigned but asked to be retired immediately from active military service. The press never followed up.

My Pursuit of the Story

I covered the war in Cambodia and Vietnam, but came to the POW information only slowly afterward, when military officers I knew from that conflict began coming to me with maps and POW sightings and depositions by Vietnamese witnesses.

I was then city editor of the New York Times, no longer involved in foreign or national stories, so I took the data to the appropriate desks and suggested it was material worth pursuing. There were no takers. Some years later, in 1991, when I was an op-ed columnist at Newsday, the aforementioned special Senate committee was formed to probe the POW issue. I saw this as an opening and immersed myself in the reporting.

At Newsday, I wrote thirty-five columns over a two-year period, as well as a four-part series on a trip I took to North Vietnam to report on what happened to one missing pilot who was shot down over the Ho Chi Minh trail and captured when he parachuted down. After Newsday, I wrote thousands more words on the subject for other outlets. Some of the pieces were about McCain's key role.

Though I wrote on many subjects for Life, Vanity Fair and Washington Monthly, my POW articles appeared in Penthouse, the Village Voice and APBnews.com. Mainstream publications just weren't interested. Their disinterest was part of what motivated me, and I became one of a very short list of journalists who considered the story important.

Serving in the army in Germany during the Cold War and witnessing combat first-hand as a reporter in India and Indochina led me to have great respect for those who fight for their country. To my mind, we dishonored U.S. troops when our government failed to bring them home from Vietnam after the 591 others were released – and then claimed they didn't exist. And politicians dishonor themselves when they pay lip service to the bravery and sacrifice of soldiers only to leave untold numbers behind, rationalizing to themselves that it's merely one of the unfortunate costs of war.

John McCain – now campaigning for the White House as a war hero, maverick and straight shooter – owes the voters some explanations. The press were long ago wooed and won by McCain's seeming openness, Lone Ranger pose and self-deprecating humor, which may partly explain their ignoring his record on POWs. In the numerous, lengthy McCain profiles that have appeared of late in papers like the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Wall Street Journal, I may have missed a clause or a sentence along the way, but I have not found a single mention of his role in burying

information about POWs. Television and radio news programs have been similarly silent.

Reporters simply never ask him about it. They didn't when he ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination in 2000. They haven't now, despite the fact that we're in the midst of another war – a war he supports and one that has echoes of Vietnam.

The only explanation McCain has ever offered for his leadership on legislation that seals POW files is that he believes the release of such information would only stir up fresh grief for the families of those who were never accounted for in Vietnam. Of the scores of POW families I've met over the years, only a few have said they want the books closed without knowing what happened to their men. All the rest say that not knowing is exactly what grieves them.

Isn't it possible that what really worries those intent on keeping the POW documents buried is the public disgust that the contents of those files would generate?

How the Senate Committee Perpetuated the Debunking

In its early months, the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs gave the appearance of being committed to finding out the truth about the MIAs. As time went on, however, it became clear that they were cooperating in every way with the Pentagon and CIA, who often seemed to be calling the shots, even setting the agendas for certain key hearings. Both agencies held back the most important POW files. Dick Cheney was the Pentagon chief then; Robert Gates, now the Pentagon chief, was the CIA director.

Further, the committee failed to question any living president. Reagan declined to answer questions; the committee didn't contest his refusal. Nixon was given a pass. George H.W. Bush, the sitting president, whose prints were all over this issue from his days as CIA chief in the 1970s, was never even approached.

Troubled by these signs, several committee staffers began asking why the agencies they should be probing had been turned into committee partners and decision makers. Memos to that effect were circulated. The staff made the following finding, using intelligence reports marked "credible" that covered POW sightings through 1989: "There can be no doubt that POWs were alive ... as late as 1989." That finding was never released. Eventually, much of the staff was in rebellion.

This internecine struggle (see coverage, at left) continued right up to the committee's last official act – the issuance of its final report. The "Executive Summary," which comprised the first forty-three pages – was essentially a whitewash, saying that only "a small number" of POWs could have been left behind in 1973 and that there was little

likelihood that any prisoners could still be alive. The Washington press corps, judging from its coverage, seems to have read only this air-brushed summary, which had been closely controlled.

But the rest of the 1,221-page Report on POW/MIAs was quite different. Sprinkled throughout are pieces of hard evidence that directly contradict the summary's conclusions. This documentation established that a significant number of prisoners were left behind – and that top government officials knew this from the start. These candid findings were inserted by committee staffers who had unearthed the evidence and were determined not to allow the truth to be sugar-coated.

If the Washington press corps did actually read the body of the report and then failed to report its contents, that would be a scandal of its own. The press would then have knowingly ignored the steady stream of findings in the body of the report that refuted the summary and indicated that the number of abandoned men was not small but considerable. The report gave no figures but estimates from various branches of the intelligence community ranged up to 600. The lowest estimate was 150.

Highlights of the report that undermine the benign conclusions of the Executive Summary:

- * Pages 207-209: These three pages contain revelations of what appear to be either massive intelligence failures, or bad intentions – or both. The report says that until the committee brought up the subject in 1992, no branch of the intelligence community that dealt with analysis of satellite and lower-altitude photos had ever been informed of the specific distress signals US personnel were trained to use in the Vietnam war, nor had they ever been tasked to look for any such signals at all from possible prisoners on the ground.

The committee decided, however, not to seek a review of old photography, saying it “would cause the expenditure of large amounts of manpower and money with no expectation of success.”

It might also have turned up lots of distress-signal numbers that nobody in the government was looking for from 1973 to 1991, when the committee opened shop. That would have made it impossible for the committee to write the Executive Summary it seemed determined to write.

The failure gets worse. The committee also discovered that the DIA, which kept the lists of authenticator numbers for pilots and other personnel, could not “locate” the lists of these codes for Army, Navy or Marine pilots. They had lost or destroyed the records. The Air Force list was the only one intact, as it had been preserved by a different intelligence branch.

The report concluded: "In theory, therefore, if a POW still living in captivity [today], were to attempt to communicate by ground signal, smuggling out a note or by whatever means possible, and he used his personal authenticator number to confirm his identity, the U.S. Government would be unable to provide such confirmation, if his number happened to be among those numbers DIA cannot locate."

It's worth remembering that throughout the period when this intelligence disaster occurred –from the moment the treaty was signed in 1973 until 1991 – the White House told the public that it had given the search for POWs and POW information the "highest national priority."

* Page 13: Even in the Executive Summary, the report acknowledges the existence of clear intelligence, made known to government officials early on, that important numbers of captured US POWs were not on Hanoi's repatriation list. After Hanoi released its list (showing only ten names from Laos – nine military men and one civilian), President Nixon sent a message on February 2, 1973, to Hanoi's Prime Minister Pham Van Dong, saying: "U.S. records show there are 317 American military men unaccounted for in Laos and it is inconceivable that only ten of these men would be held prisoner in Laos."

Nixon was right. It was inconceivable. Then why did the president, less than two months later, on March 29, 1973, announce on national television that "all of our American POWs are on their way home"?

On April 13, 1973, just after all 591 men on Hanoi's official list had returned to American soil, the Pentagon got into step with the president and announced that there was no evidence of any further live prisoners in Indochina (this is on page 248).

*Page 91: A lengthy footnote provides more confirmation of the White House's knowledge of abandoned POWs. The footnote reads:

"In a telephone conversation with Select Committee Vice-Chairman Bob Smith on December 29, 1992, Dr. Kissinger said that he had informed President Nixon during the 60-day period after the peace agreement was signed that U.S. intelligence officials believed that the list of prisoners captured in Laos was incomplete. According to Dr. Kissinger, the President responded by directing that the exchange of prisoners on the lists go forward, but added that a failure to account for the additional prisoners after Operation Homecoming would lead to a resumption of bombing. Dr. Kissinger said that the President was later unwilling to carry through on this threat."

When Kissinger learned of the footnote while the final editing of the committee report was in progress, he and his lawyers lobbied fiercely through two Republican allies on

the panel – one of them was John McCain – to get the footnote expunged. The effort failed. The footnote stayed intact.

* Pages 85-86: The committee report quotes Kissinger from his memoirs, writing solely in reference to prisoners in Laos: “We knew of at least 80 instances in which an American serviceman had been captured alive and subsequently disappeared. The evidence consisted either of voice communications from the ground in advance of capture or photographs and names published by the Communists. Yet none of these men was on the list of POWs handed over after the Agreement.”

Then why did he swear under oath to the committee in 1992 that he never had any information that specific, named soldiers were captured alive and hadn’t been returned by Vietnam?

* Page 89: In the middle of the prisoner repatriation and U.S. troop-withdrawal process agreed to in the treaty, when it became clear that Hanoi was not releasing everyone it held, a furious chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Thomas Moorer, issued an order halting the troop withdrawal until Hanoi complied with the agreement. He cited in particular the known prisoners in Laos. The order was retracted by President Nixon the next day. In 1992, Moorer, by then retired, testified under oath to the committee that his order had received the approval of the President, the national security advisor and the secretary of defense. Nixon, however, in a letter to the committee, wrote: “I do not recall directing Admiral Moorer to send this cable.”

The report did not include the following information: Behind closed doors, a senior intelligence officer had testified to the POW committee that when Moorer’s order was rescinded, the angry admiral sent a “back-channel” message to other key military commanders telling them that Washington was abandoning known live prisoners. “Nixon and Kissinger are at it again,” he wrote. “SecDef and SecState have been cut out of the loop.” In 1973, the witness was working in the office that processed this message. His name and his testimony are still classified. A source present for the testimony provided me with this information and also reported that in that same time period, Moorer had stormed into Defense Secretary Schlesinger’s office and, pounding on his desk, yelled: “The bastards have still got our men.” Schlesinger, in his own testimony to the committee a few months later, was asked about – and corroborated – this account.

*Pages 95-96: In early April 1973, Deputy Defense Secretary William Clements “summoned” Dr. Roger Shields, then head of the Pentagon’s POW/MIA Task Force, to his office to work out “a new public formulation” of the POW issue; now that the White House had declared all prisoners to have been returned, a new spin was needed. Shields, under oath, described the meeting to the committee. He said Clements told

him: "All the American POWs are dead." Shields said he replied: "You can't say that." Clements shot back: "You didn't hear me. They are all dead." Shields testified that at that moment he thought he was going to be fired, but he escaped from his boss's office still holding his job.

*Pages 97-98: A couple of days later, on April 11, 1973, a day before Shields was to hold a Pentagon press conference on POWs, he and Gen. Brent Scowcroft, then the deputy national security advisor, went to the Oval Office to discuss the "new public formulation" and its presentation with President Nixon.

The next day, reporters right off asked Shields about missing POWs. Shields fudged his answers. He said: "We have no indications at this time that there are any Americans alive in Indochina." But he went on to say that there had not been "a complete accounting" of those lost in Laos and that the Pentagon would press on to account for the missing – a seeming acknowledgement that some Americans were still alive and unaccounted for.

The press, however, seized on Shields' denials. One headline read: "POW Unit Boss: No Living GIs Left in Indochina."

*Page 97: The POW committee, knowing that Nixon taped all his meetings in the Oval Office, sought the tape of that April 11, 1973, Nixon-Shields-Scowcroft meeting to find out what Nixon had been told and what he had said about the evidence of POWs still in Indochina. The committee also knew there had been other White House meetings that centered on intelligence about live POWs. A footnote on page 97 states that Nixon's lawyers said they would provide access to the April 11 tape "only if the Committee agreed not to seek any other White House recordings from this time period." The footnote says that the committee rejected these terms and got nothing. The committee never made public this request for Nixon tapes until the brief footnote in its 1993 report.

McCain's Catch-22

None of this compelling evidence in the committee's full report dislodged McCain from his contention that the whole POW issue was a concoction by deluded purveyors of a "conspiracy theory." But an honest review of the full report, combined with the other documentary evidence, tells the story of a frustrated and angry president, and his national security advisor, furious at being thwarted at the peace table by a small, much less powerful country that refused to bow to Washington's terms. That President seems to have swallowed hard and accepted a treaty that left probably hundreds of American prisoners in Hanoi's hands, to be used as bargaining chips for reparations.

Maybe Nixon and Kissinger told themselves that they could get the prisoners home after some time had passed. But perhaps it proved too hard to undo a lie as big as this one. Washington said no prisoners were left behind, and Hanoi swore it had returned all of them. How could either side later admit it had lied? Time went by and as neither side budged, telling the truth became even more difficult and remote. The public would realize that Washington knew of the abandoned men all along. The truth, after men had been languishing in foul prison cells, could get people impeached or thrown in jail.

Which brings us to today, when the Republican candidate for President is the contemporaneous politician most responsible for keeping the truth about his matter hidden. Yet he says he's the right man to be the Commander-in-Chief, and his credibility in making this claim is largely based on his image as a POW hero.

On page 468 of the 1,221-page report, McCain parsed his POW position oddly: "We found no compelling evidence to prove that Americans are alive in captivity today. There is some evidence – though no proof – to suggest only the possibility that a few Americans may have been kept behind after the end of America's military involvement in Vietnam."

"Evidence though no proof." Clearly, no one could meet McCain's standard of proof as long as he is leading a government crusade to keep the truth buried.

To this reporter, this sounds like a significant story and a long overdue opportunity for the press to finally dig into the archives to set the historical record straight – and even pose some direct questions to the candidate.

Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2015/07/mccain-and-the-pow-cover-up/#aDh9oXD56FqGloE2.99>

AMG Comment: This report, again by Sydney Schranberg, if pursued and exploited by less than objective media OR Members of Congress, will backfire against the mission and could even pull the new DPAA into directions not foreseen. These kinds of allegations have existed since publication of the Senate Select Committee's final report and fell by the wayside when "investigated" by those spurred on by individuals and/or "advocates" with whom the League disagreed. Let us hope that this latest Schranberg effort to stir the pot of "anti-McCain" rhetoric, will not be detrimental.

BYG please send to the rest of League officials since it isn't easy to access my addresses on the road. Best to all, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 25 Jul 2015 10:37:38 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT
COMM (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC
(US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US)
Subject: Fwd: IMG_0835.jpg
Attachments: IMG_0835.jpg, ATT00001.txt

Anyone know why DPAA didn't send anyone to the Pocatello Rally, as has been done by JPAC for years and years? They have been and are strong supporters and to leave their inquiries unanswered is not very smart. At least the courtesy to decline would have been a really good thing! It would help to know the logic BEFORE I get to Hawaii tomorrow afternoon, and thanks in advance, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@bhs.idaho.gov
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 7/25/2015 12:59:12 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: IMG_0835.jpg

Rally has officially started. Pic is from (b)(6). Appears DPAA is a no show. (b)(6) tried several times to get confirmation either way. Even cc'd Linnington. No luck. Too bad for them.



Sent from my iPhone



Sent from my iPhone

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 28 Jul 2015 17:37:38 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Fwd: John Brooks Sherman VTV video link

Here is more on the Sherman artifact film, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@hawaii.edu
To: (b)(6)@hawaii.edu
CC: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Sent: 7/27/2015 8:15:21 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: John Brooks Sherman VTV video link

Dear Friends:

If you missed the VTV broadcast of **Kỹ vật chiến tranh: War Memento**, you can see the last section about the return of John Brooks Sherman's artifacts via this Vimeo link. While the narration is in Vietnamese, the interviews with Americans are audible in English.

Viewing the video requires a password, which is **JBS**.

<https://vimeo.com/134597984/>

Password: JBS

The entire, hour-long documentary is too large to upload to Vimeo, so we will have to wait for VTV to post a link and I will let you know. A version with English subtitles comes later. The other segments address American veteran efforts to return artifacts to Vietnamese families.

In the Sherman section, we see Mr. Chi in his village discussing the crash of Captain Sherman's jet, his burial, guiding the U.S. MIA team to the burial site in 1993 and his

decision to return the artifacts (watch and knife) and getting help from Minh Le from VTV to identify Capt. Sherman and locate his family.

The documentary shows how that help comes through Mokie Porter at the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), myself and Brown University alumni and the sharing of this information with Mr. Chi, who drafts a letter to the VVA explaining why he is returning the artifacts to America with Mr. Minh from VTV. Minh presents the artifacts from Mr. Chi to VVA officials, who talk about the importance of reconciliation through the return of the artifacts. The artifacts then travel with Mr. Minh and the VTV crew to Honolulu, where Rona Adams from the Hawaii Chapter of VVA receives the artifacts at the Court of Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, where Capt. Sherman's name is carved into the wall for the Vietnam War. This section also includes Brown University, from where Capt. Sherman graduated.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Sent: 29 Jul 2015 13:34:33 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: Dogtag Report on Wilson and Irwin (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Can't do it. I seriously am in a time crunch. But if you task it to RA I will assist whoever gets it. They gotta learn.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 11:33 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: Dogtag Report on Wilson and Irwin (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) before you pack your shoebox, do you have time for this? I checked the PMSEA and see the name Wilson listed but not Irwin. Do you have any books of mine that you are trying to steal by the way? (b)(6)

-----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 in Houston. 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 North Carolina 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, Jimme
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 NC 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

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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) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US)
Sent: Wed, 29 Jul 2015 16:08:58 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)
Attachments: smime.p7s

(b)(6)

I don't mind reviewing the draft but will not send anything to the Hill until the Director signs.

I will tell (b)(6) the letter should be sent back sometime next week.
best,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Special Assistant, Asian & Pacific Security Affairs
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs
3D844 Pentagon
Washington DC

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 11:39 AM
To: (b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I did some checking. We have a draft letter that is being reviewed in Hawaii by our J3 types. The Director gets back to the office Friday and hopefully we can have it signed. I can have the action officer send you a draft if you like. Best, (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 11:04 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

(b)(6)

thanks. I know this one has been painful for a variety of reasons. The Staffer has been very persistent (in some cases accusatory the Department has let this one slip) about this case. Any updates you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

best,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 11:02 AM
To: (b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Got it, (b)(6) Regrettably, this all too common. Between you and me, as sad as it is to hear the family has been waiting since 2002 for us to reach the site, I could list about 10 cases off the top of my head where the wives and children of Vietnam War families have been waiting since the 1990s for us to reach their loss site to conduct an excavation. Half of those families were just in town in June for the National League of Families annual meeting. All of those losses are land losses which are far less complex than this case. I'll see where we are on this but I suspect like all the other cases it will not be great news or please the family or the Senator's staff. Best, (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US)
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 10:46 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: SGT Domer (U)

as req'd

(b)(6)

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Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs
3D844 Pentagon
Washington DC

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@moran.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 5:17 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM
(US); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

(b)(6)

Please see attached the letter from Senator Moran along with an addendum that includes two other pdf's - the previous responses to Senator Moran and Sgt Domer's IDP. We'll drop hard copies in the mail unless someone from OSD/LA will be up on the Hill next week to courier back to the building the copy for Ms. Wormuth.

Thanks and have a great weekend.

(b)(6)

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

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

[mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 3:31 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6)

(b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM

(US); (b)(6)

Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

The appropriate address is:

Mr. Michael Linnington
Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
2300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2300

If you send an electronic copy to (b)(6), that will help ensure it gets to us in a more timely manner. The hard copy will likely spend a few days in the mail routing system before we see it.

Thank you.

Vr

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@moran.senate.gov]

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 3:26 PM

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

Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6)

(b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM

(US); (b)(6)

Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

(b)(6) et al,

We are readying to mail this letter to LTG (ret) Linnington, can you please pass along the best address? Assume it might be the same as when we wrote to JPAC but would like to confirm. Thank you!

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)

[mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 3:33 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6)

(b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM

(US); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

We'll work up an e-mail on our process and the status of Sgt Domer's case and get that to you early next week. Will also ensure you are notified when a new Director is named and will relay to that person that Senator Moran has requested to meet with him/her early in their tenure.

Vr

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@moran.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 9:24 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM
(US); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

(b)(6)

It would be helpful to our effort if you/your team could provide as many details as possible about the process and the status of Sgt Domer's case for inclusion in a letter from the Senator. From our side of things, it is difficult to understand reasoning as to why this investigation and recovery would not occur during this timeframe given the proximity to other planned PNG missions and the cancellations in years past. Our hope is that you will help us justify this case and help deflect reasoning that is contrary to our position.

In addition to the letter, please advise when a candidate has been named to direct the DPAA and if/when that individual will be making office calls in the Senate. Consider this a request to meet with that individual in the Senator's office once his/her selection has been announced.

Thanks much,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Military Legislative Assistant
U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, Kansas
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Phone (202) 224-6521 | Fax (202) 228-6966

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
[mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 2:43 PM

To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM
(US)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

Nothing changed from the phone call and we are not walking back our message. During the phone call we were clear that we were working with our Operations directorate to try to schedule Sgt Domer's site during other PNG operations in January 2016, however, neither an investigation nor a recovery at Sgt Domer's site has been finalized. The fact that we are trying to schedule an operation is "good news," but clearly not the best news. I still see us as working together on this and we'll keep you informed on the scheduling issue. A letter from the Senator will help raise the profile of this case to our leadership and help us to advocate for operations at this site.

Vr

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@moran.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 9:18 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

(b)(6)

Then what was explained with the "good news" discussed on the phone? I'm confused. (b)(6) shared that he had this case added to the schedule for investigation and had already inquired about adding on the recovery mission as well. When I asked about adding the recovery mission, I believe you told me that it wasn't a stupid question at all given the obvious proximity and length of time it has taken to get to the site. My takeaway was that Sgt Domer's case was set for Jan 2016 utilizing the same or similar local contractors who discovered the aircraft in 2002, and while there are always factors (several we discussed regarding previous cancelations) the next step with a letter from the Senator was to prevent any and all factors that might remove this case from the schedule in Jan 2016.

The message seemed pretty clear to me that we were working together to keep Sgt Domer's case on the schedule for Jan 2016 yet now the message seems to be walking that back. What am I missing and what changed from our phone call? The comment of "whether or not we plan on conducting an operation at Sgt. Domer's site" is discouraging for a number of reasons and is contrary to what was discussed on the phone. Whom should I speak to or have the Senator speak with to get this back on track?

(b)(6)

Military Legislative Assistant

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, Kansas
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Phone (202) 224-6521 | Fax (202) 228-6966

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
[mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:15 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US) (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

To be clear, Sergeant Domer's case is not currently scheduled for Fiscal Year 2016. DPAA is currently finalizing its Fiscal Year 2016 Operations Plan and hope to conduct underwater operations in Papua New Guinea in January 2016. Currently, Sergeant Domer's case is not scheduled for investigation or recovery, however, DPAA is determining whether we can add his case for investigation while we are in Papua New Guinea during other operations. Scheduling and conducting operations is contingent on many factors to include available manpower, funding, host nation access, availability and suitability of local support. We are doing everything we can to include this case on our FY 16 Operations plan. We will inform you once the plan is finalized and whether or not we plan on conducting an operation at Sgt. Domer's site. Please let me know if you need any further information.

Vr

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@moran.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 2:34 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US); (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

(b)(6)

We just need the relevant info about the Jan 2016 investigation and potential recovery to put some text in a letter from the Senator to make certain this mission stays on schedule.

Also, (b)(6) may have a name for you of his sister-in-law.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
[mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]

Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 2:11 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US) (b)(6)

(b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: SGT Domer (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

Sorry for the late response. I was out of the office the last several days and just returned. Appreciate the information relative to Sergeant Domer. As we discussed, (b)(6) is working with our operations department to see if can get to the site in January. We'll let you know as soon as we hear from them on whether or not we'll be able to do that. Look forward to working with you on this.

Vr

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

External Communications

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@moran.senate.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 12:13 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV OSD OASD LA (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US) (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: FW: SGT Domer

Thanks again for chatting yesterday. I think you all have this email but maybe not the attachments. The timeline for the Domer case is below (starting in 2003) and the correspondence is attached.

The immediate next of kin is Sgt Domer's sister-in-law who is at least 97.

We are working on her name. But her son who is then Sgt Domer's nephew, (b)(6) the Kansan who has been working with (b)(6) for years on this case, (b)(6) is copied and is a wealth of information.

Appreciate your help moving forward to make certain Sgt's Domer's recovery is carried out in Jan 2016.

Thanks.

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2015 3:43 PM

To: (b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US)

Subject: RE: SGT Domer

(b)(6)

I feel like the story is changing a bit - not your fault - but the original reason was not about uncharted waters but a cancelation due to the government shutdown in Oct 2013. As you'll see attached, this is a case the Senator has been asking about since 2004 (really 2003, as referenced in the Feb 2, 2005 letter). In the July 24, 2012 response letter, JPAC scheduled the recovery mission in 2012, which was canceled and added back to the mission schedule list between Nov 2012 and Jan 2013. The fact that this survey/recovery mission was scheduled twice indicates to us there is an issue of priority and not a matter of inaccurately charted waters. I have also attached Sgt Domer's IDP in case if it should be useful.

A few new pieces of information to share with you...

We were disappointed to learn that JPAC has been conducting recovery missions and investigations in PNG and the surrounding areas since Jan 2015. I'm not certain whether some or none of these missions are sea-based but we'd be curious to learn what types of missions have been/are being conducted. Here are some clips:

1.) (JPAC): Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, 2015

<http://portmoresby.usembassy.gov/mr-010615.html>

2.) U.S. recovery operations to continue in PNG

<http://www.solomonstarnews.com/news/regional/5492-u-s-recovery-operations-to-continue-in-png>

Digging a little deeper, I was pretty shocked to learn about a dive to the wreckage of Sgt. Domer's aircraft that occurred in 2002. I am waiting to hear back from the sources (PacificWrecks and the diver (b)(6)) that produced this information to validate it's accuracy but it would seem this summary provides the exact facts we know to be true about this case. If this information (to include the photos of the wreckage) is confirmed, the notion of the waters surrounding Kawa Island not being accurately charted would seem unfounded. Given the Senator's personal interest since 2003, this would be incredibly disappointing. Here is the site I am referencing: <http://www.pacificwrecks.com/aircraft/b-24/41-23752.html>

(b)(6) I know this is a lot of information but I suppose that is part of the problem. Not only is there quite a history of inquiries from the Senator but I was able to find material about this incident and presumably a voluntary dive to the site that is completely new information to us and the Domer family. I worry this is new information to JPAC/DPAA as well. And further worry that claiming these waters are not accurately charted is speculative, at best. Knowing that you are the messenger, my hope is that you may ask the folks on the other end to take another look at their message.

Happy to chat as well.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) USARMY OSD OASD LA (US)

[mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 2:32 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: SGT Domer

(b)(6)

Re the SGT Domer case.

This is classified as an underwater recovery. The previously scheduled operation did not occur because the approach to and waters surrounding Kawa Island are not accurately charted causing the team to forego the planned activity. It was not as a result of a lack of funds nor due to the reorganization. DPAA is actively working with the Navy on this issue but it is not on the FY 15 OP Plan. Unfortunately our underwater recovery assets are in high demand and are low density. The FY 16 plan is not set so it is not known if the recovery will be scheduled next year.

Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Best,

(b)(6)

Special Assistant, Asian & Pacific Security Affairs Office of the Assistant
Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs

(b)(6) Pentagon

Washington DC

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 29 Jul 2015 22:28:24 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: VTV's Special Documentary on artifact exchange is being on air this Satu....

No, (b)(6) I didn't forget, but those things come and go, and the mission is too important to just give up, especially now, when we have what I absolutely KNOW is our final chance to get it right in a big way, and I do believe Mike Linnington is the guy who can do it, with a lot of help from those of us who'll be entirely honest with him, as anyone serious needs. Hang in there, and you're not too weak, any more than anyone who fights and fights, gets beat on and beat on, isn't listened to and keeps on trying. It can really get overwhelming, even for me, and you know I don't give up, just can't. Never considered it an option, though have come close on many occasions. After all, we're human too, Ann

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In a message dated 7/29/2015 7:24:56 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Having gone through four different leadership teams since 2006, I was worn out and broken down. I had lost all motivation for the job and the mission under Alisa. I truly admire (b)(6) for stepping up and taking the job on. I was too weak. As to the issues, you are forgetting how many times we screwed up and how many times you signed and hung up on me when I could not explain how we screwed up again.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 06:46 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: VTV's Special Documentary on artifact exchange is being on air this Satu....

Great, thanks, that was quick, but then you always are, and congratulations again on making the decision you made to stay out of (b)(6) way in terms of Ext. Communications Directorship. I'm glad you're not on the inside circle of that effort, but do you happen to know who is the primary speech drafter? Or the publisher/editor of The Quest? Or who botched the 2015 National POW/MIA Recognition Day poster

despite (b)(6) promise to (b)(6) and me on the correction? It seems Ext. Communications is jumping from one none-too-bright action to the next, and I simple don't know why when I know (b)(6) is bright and should know better. Is he OK?

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In a message dated 7/29/2015 4:51:55 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

I will send him the below as a reminder

The League Delegation flew commercial aircraft from Vientiane to Savannakhet, drove from there to the Xiengxai Hotel in Xepon. We flew by helicopter early the next morning to 3 of the 4 field recovery sites, but were unable to land in a safe landing zone at the fourth. We spent an interesting, educational and inspirational evening with that recovery team at their base camp, the Somsanit Guest House in Vilabouli. DPAA Interim Deputy Director Major General Kelly K. McKeague, USAF, just led POW/MIA Consultations in Vientiane, receiving positive responses on several specific issues raised earlier by the League Delegation and US Ambassador to Laos Dan Clune, an effective advocate for the mission. Operations in Cambodia have been sporadic at best, with only one JFA in 2014, postponed twice in 2013. The 50th JFA began January 14th and will continue through March 23rd; however, due to border disputes in Stung Treng Province and concern for team safety, the JFA was reduced to a single, but expanded recovery team conducting operations on Koh Tang. The League Delegation flew by helicopter with then JPAC/now DPAA Detachment 1 Commander (b)(6) to Koh Tang, location of those still unaccounted-for from the tragic USS Mayaguez incident in 1975, in which three Marines were inadvertently left behind alive, killed by the Khmer Rouge, then buried on the island. The recovery team was given approval to extend time to complete the one site and move to others in close proximity. Maj Gen McKeague just visited Cambodia and met with the Cambodian POW/MIA Committee Leadership and visited the US team on Koh Tang.

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 4:30 PM

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

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

Did you tell him (b)(6) and I were there in February? And that wonderful Archeologist (b)(6) was the scientist on the lead?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 29, 2015, at 8:17 AM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

<(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

>

> We had a nice time. He had some questions about the trump comments and also a buddy of a buddy is on a mission to account for the marines from koh tang and was unaware the department was working it so I gave him a rundown.

>

> ----- Original Message -----

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

> Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 09:41 PM

> To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

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

>

> Nope, I didn't see the Teddy Roosevelt special. I am not often home

> to see such things mostly because I don't look ahead and plan

> sufficiently. Hope you haas a good time with the Mayor

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Jul 28, 2015, at 12:46 PM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

<(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

>>

>> Have

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 30 Jul 2015 15:48:34 -0400
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); McKeague, Kelly K Maj Gen USAF DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Herkimer Community Welcomes Home MIA WWII Airman

This included a video clip, but I couldn't get it to copy. It included the typical coverage and much is here in the quotes of the nephew, Ann

Herkimer Community Welcomes Home MIA WWII Airman

By Cara Thomas

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 07:09 PM EDT

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[After More Than 70 Years, Remains of WWII Pilot are Coming Home to Herkimer](#)

07/28/2015 06:05 PM

HERKIMER, N.Y. -- Wednesday was a day 2nd Lieutenant Edward Barker's family thought would never come; a day to salute a young man's service and say, welcome home.

"I've been working with the POW/MIA Department of New York for 20 years, so this has been an initiative that's been very important to me because I had a skin in the game, so to speak," said Mark Shoemaker, Barker's nephew.

Barker was a fighter pilot in World War II, stationed in Papua New Guinea. In 1944, Barker disappeared. He was on a training mission and never came back. The Department of Defense searched the crash site several times, but didn't find his remains until they excavated the location in 2012.

"New Guinea is a big place. Where he was was 7,800 foot up on a mountain in the jungle. The chances of anybody finding him were pretty small, but they did," said Shoemaker.

After more than 70 years, Barker came home. His remains were flown into Albany and then escorted to his hometown of Herkimer, where veterans and residents were waiting to pay their respects.

"It's rare a lot of times that they are found and it's really a blessing to his family and just an honor to Herkimer County that he returns and we get to kind of pay respect to him, where it's due," said Melissa Bleaking, Herkimer resident.

"He missed out on the honors presented to all the veterans at World War II. His family missed out on it, so we try to give them a little extra and then to make sure that they're not forgotten," said Commander Michael Wainwright of VFW Post 4915.

Barker will be laid to rest on Saturday. The funeral and burial will take place at Calvary Cemetery in Herkimer. He will receive full honors and be buried next to his mother.

"Rather than a regular funeral where everybody's upset and saying goodbye, we're happy and saying hello, welcome home," said Shoemaker.

Barker's remains will be escorted from Fenner Funeral Home to the cemetery Saturday morning. The funeral begins at 12 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery in Herkimer. The public is invited to attend.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 3 Aug 2015 15:24:15 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: True Appreciation of Freedom (U)

Do you mean (b)(6) or Mike L?

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In a message dated 8/3/2015 3:23:38 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

No one has told me NOT to provide it to you, but I think it not fair to him to share with anyone until he see it, especially as he first arrives and this is his first big event. Have you asked him to see the agenda to provide insight or comment?

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 12:17 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: True Appreciation of Freedom (U)

I've always advocated consulting at the initial stages to get potentially useful input, but somehow, since 1992, there have not been many receptive ears, likely due to insecure DASDs, or that seems most likely. Mike won't want any insights from me, fearful as he is that anyone perceive "the League" (meaning me) had any influence on a given policy or program, or so he has indicated. I don't know what it will take to get beyond the stupidity of trying to equalize "the playing field" into all warrant the same inclusion/exclusion or consideration, but it's about time reality comes into the scheme of things, particularly if Mike L. means what he says in wanting a "partnership" with the League. As I told him, we once had such a partnership with the USG, but that went out the window in 1992, due to the Vessey, Kerry, Kerrey, McCain, Quinn cabal encouraging "one-stop-shopping" with formation of DPMO. Such is life in the real world of too-often-petty internal machinations. It is sad to see, but time will tell and I'm betting on Linnington and his vision, strategy and determination to get things right, in perspective and moving ahead without guilt, but with confidence and commitment. I guess we'll find out. Have a good week, Ann

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In a message dated 8/3/2015 11:45:04 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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)(6) is back on Wednesday and will know for sure.-(b)(6)

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

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

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

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

Subject: Re: True Appreciation of Freedom

(b)(6) 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)(6)@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)@aol.com
Sent: 3 Aug 2015 17:16:52 -0400
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>

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Subject: Re: MIA questions - newspaper story

OK, now this makes more sense, but the Bradway case?

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Sent: 3 Aug 2015 18:44:16 -0400
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Subject: Re: MIA questions - newspaper story

Well, I guess since we started it all, and I first wrote to the Military Armistice Commission CO in August 1978, the least I can do is try to help, right? I'll send a note to (b)(6) and ask him if they have been in contact to see what he has to say. Thanks, Ann

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In a message dated 8/3/2015 6:15:12 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
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The name is not familiar to me. I'm sure they are reaching out to the league as a result of all the press articles on the reorg.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 06:07 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: Re: MIA questions - newspaper story

Oh, OK, that makes more sense, but what can you tell me about one George E. Bradway, USA, killed in action/body not recovered in August of 1951. His family has written to me as well, so you know them too? And why are all these Korean War families starting to wake up and find the League? I sure have NOT been advertising for more work, to put it lightly, Ann

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In a message dated 8/3/2015 5:55:51 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
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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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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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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

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Subject: Holyoke City Hall will permanently fly POW/MIA flag

Holyoke City Hall will permanently fly POW/MIA flag



Holyoke City Hall will begin flying the POW/MIA flag under the American flag, in a display similar to that shown here from a Facebook image, in a ceremony Friday (Aug. 7). ((IMAGE FROM FACEBOOK PAGE))

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HOLYOKE -- The city will honor military veterans and their families Friday (Aug. 7) with the permanent display of the **Prisoner Of War/Missing In Action flag** at City Hall and the temporary raising of the Purple Heart flag.

The ceremony at 4:30 p.m. on the High Street side of City Hall will come a day before a dedication of **Purple Heart Trail signs** that will be unveiled for later installation on Route 202. That ceremony will be Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center, 291 Pine St.

"These two events reflect our city's deep gratitude for the devotion of our veterans," Mayor **Alex B. Morse** said Monday. "The POW/MIA flag above City Hall and the new Purple Heart Trail will make sure that we never lose sight of the sacrifices that have been made to keep us free."

The POW/MIA flag ceremony will come nearly 25 years after the U.S. Congress on Aug. 10, 1990 established U.S. Public Law 101-355, which recognized the flag of the National League of POW/MIA Families. The law states that the flag is "the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation." (emphasis added)

The POW/MIA flag can fly on the same pole as the American flag but it must be under and no larger than the Stars and Stripes, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA).

"The POW/MIA flag will be permanently flown under the American flag so we will never lose sight of those who today remain missing and have yet to return home," said James Mahoney, city veterans services director.

In a portable document format (PDF), available by searching online for "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs POW/MIA flag," the DVA gave a history of the flag:

"The black and white image of a gaunt silhouette, a strand of barbed wire and an ominous watchtower was designed by Newt Heisley, a former World War II pilot. Some claim the silhouette is a profile of Heisley's son, who contracted hepatitis while training to go to Vietnam. The virus ravaged his body, leaving his features hallow and emaciated. They suggest that while staring at his son's sunken features, Heisley saw the stark image of American servicemembers held captive under harsh conditions. Using a pencil, he sketched his son's profile, creating the basis for a symbol that would come to have a powerful impact on the national conscience."

The flag to be flown above City Hall has been donated by the Holyoke Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 801, Morse said.

Here is the program for the ceremony Friday, according to Morse:

Welcome by Jim Mahoney, director of the Holyoke Veterans Services Department

Invocation by Ralph Lefebvre, chaplain of the United Veterans of Holyoke

Presentation of Colors by the VFW District 7 Honor Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance led by Capt. James McInerney of the U.S. Marine Corps, retired

Introduction by Mahoney of Mayor Alex B. Morse

Introduction of other officials by Mahoney

Introduction of Eric Segundo, Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars Junior Vice Commander. Remarks will highlight the POW/MIA history, importance and the 25th anniversary of the vote by the US Congress to fly the POW/MIA Flag at the U.S. Capital

Introduction of Brian Willette, commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Western Massachusetts Chapter 875. Remarks will commemorate National Purple Heart Recognition Day.

Special recognition of veteran James Bronson, presented Morse

American flag with POW/MIA flag below and the Purple Heart Commemorative flag will be raised simultaneously as the "National Anthem" is sung.

Reception in mayor's office

On Saturday, the dedication of more than 20 of the "Purple Heart Trail" signs will be done to honor military men and women who were injured or died in combat.

Signs have been sponsored by individuals and organizations, at \$100 each, and will be installed on Route 202 here from Westfield to South Hadley later in August.

The Purple Heart is a medal awarded to U.S. armed forces members, or posthumously to a family member, who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy. It is the nation's oldest military award. Gen. George Washington first awarded the Badge of Military Merit in 1782 that by 1932 had become the Purple Heart.

The City Council voted Oct. 7 to name Route 202 Purple Heart Way after declaring Holyoke a Purple Heart City in February 2014. The naming is an overlay designation and didn't require that people who live on that route change their address names.

Among the places in reference to veterans that exist on Route 202 are the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, a state facility that provides residential beds and outpatient medical care for military veterans, and facilities named after veterans, such as Mackenzie Stadium, Beaudoin Village and Muller Bridge.

John S. Mackenzie, after whom the stadium is named, received the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism on the U.S.S. Remlick in 1917 during World War I. At sea, a 100-pound container of TNT got loose in

the choppy waters and in order to keep the explosive from banging around, Mackenzie sat on it until it could be secured, veteran James Bronson, of Holyoke, told the City Council in October.

U.S. Army Lt. Raymond O. Beaudoin was posthumously awarded the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor. He was killed by machine gun fire in Germany in April 1945 after leading several attacks against fierce fighting near the town of Hamelin. The Beaudoin Village apartment complex on Leary Drive is named after him.

The U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor also was awarded posthumously to U.S. Army Sgt. Joseph F. Muller, for whom the Muller Bridge between Holyoke and South Hadley is named. He was killed on Okinawa, an island of Japan, in May 1945 after he jumped on a grenade in a foxhole to save other soldiers from harm.

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Subject: WWII veteran's effort to recover MIA remains in the Pacific bears fruit

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Leon Cooper, a World War II veteran and a Higgins boat commander during the Battle of Tarawa, discusses his life's work of bringing former US prisoners of war home July 28, 2015 in Tokyo, Japan.

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Leon Cooper poses with Kokichi Nishimura, left, July 25 at a Japanese hospital. Cooper was a Navy lieutenant commanding a group of landing craft called Higgins boats launched from the USS Harry Lee, a passenger ship that carried Marines to some of the toughest battles of the Pacific, including the invasion of New Guinea. Nishimura was a lance corporal in the Imperial Japanese Army's South Seas Detachment and participated in the invasion of Guam before fighting in New Guinea. The World War II veterans shared war stories and talked of their efforts to retrieve the remains of fallen U.S. and Japanese soldiers from remote Pacific battle sites.

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On a sunny day last October, 1st Lt. William "Billy" Parker Cook was laid to rest at an Oakland cemetery with full military honors, surrounded by a small group of family members who had never met him. That's because the ceremony took place almost 70 years after the World War II bomber pilot had been killed in action.



• **POW/MIA accounting agency dedicates new science lab to identify remains**

Ask the chief of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency about the benefits of the massive science lab dedicated this week, and high on his list is worker morale.

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- Thirty-nine Marines previously MIA returning to US
- Lost dog tags returned to World War II veteran

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — If Leon Cooper and Kokichi Nishimura had run into each other during World War II, the result might have been deadly.

When they met in Tokyo in late July, a warm handshake was followed by war stories and talk of their efforts to retrieve the remains of fallen U.S. and Japanese soldiers from remote Pacific battle sites.

Cooper was a Navy lieutenant in command of a group of landing craft called Higgins boats launched from the USS Harry Lee, a passenger ship that carried Marines to some of the toughest battles of the Pacific, including the invasion of New Guinea.

Nishimura was a lance corporal in the Imperial Japanese Army's South Seas Detachment and participated in the invasion of Guam before fighting in New Guinea.

"I was very moved by a guy who was my mortal enemy at one time," Cooper, 95, said after visiting Nishimura, also 95, at a Tokyo hospital. "If he and I had met during the war in New Guinea, one of us would have been killed or at least seriously hurt by the other."

Cooper was in Japan with Los Angeles documentary filmmakers Steve Barber and Matthew Hausie. The trio are visiting the sites of six major battles that Cooper fought in during World War II. They've been to Tarawa and the Philippines and plan to visit Guam, Iwo Jima, Kwajalein and the Gilbert Islands.

In New Guinea, Nishimura fought on the Kokoda Trail where the Japanese engaged in a series of deadly skirmishes with Australians in an effort to take Port Moresby. Shot three times, he was the lone survivor in a 56-man platoon that was wiped out in the Battle of Brigade Hill, according to the 2008 book "Kokoda Bone Man" by Australian journalist Charles Happell.

Meanwhile, Cooper was landing Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces on New Guinea at Hollandia and Aitape in an effort to cut off supplies for Japanese troops. He hasn't been back since but plans to go there on his next trip.

He'll be following in Nishimura's footsteps. Motivated by stories of Japanese troops who refused to believe that their nation had surrendered and survived in the jungle for decades, he spent eight years searching for the remains of those who went missing in action.

Nishimura retrieved numerous sets of remains earning him the nickname “Bone Man of Kokoda,” Cooper said.

The meeting between the two old warriors was emotional.

“I offered my hand in friendship, respect and admiration for a man who, like me, wanted to do more to have his country understand what these guys had done,” Cooper said.

He got interested in repatriating the remains of lost war dead after a 2007 visit to the site of his first battle — Tarawa. His goal at the time was to get trash cleared from the beach where he landed Marines in 1943, but islanders told him about the graves of unidentified Marines and sailors, he said.

That first trip was chronicled by Barber and Hausie in “Return to Tarawa: The Leon Cooper Story,” a 2009 documentary narrated by actor Ed Harris.

The filmmakers went back in 2008 with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and made “Until they Are Home,” narrated by Kelsey Grammer, about the recovery of two sets of remains from Tarawa.

The search for remains on the island — where hundreds of U.S. troops are believed to be buried — bore fruit last month with the return of 39 sets of remains, including those of Medal of Honor recipient Alexander Bonnyman Jr., to the U.S.

Cooper said it’s now his calling to search for other MIAs in the Pacific.

“More of our guys lie in unmarked graves in the Pacific than in Europe where battles were in areas with urban populations,” he said.

Last year Barber and Hausie took Cooper to the Philippines to search for remains and made a documentary called “Return to the Philippines,” also narrated by Harris.

Cooper said he’s frustrated with what he sees as the Defense Department’s lack of effort to find servicemembers lost overseas and its failure to test the DNA of thousands of U.S. troops buried as unknowns in Manila.

The trio talked to volunteers searching for remains of servicemembers there but, Barber said, they got little help from the U.S. and Philippines governments. There’s an agreement between the two nations to facilitate the search for soldiers lost in the war, but neither side appears to be actively looking for them, he said.

Barber said he’s inspired by Cooper’s efforts.

“Leon is the last U.S. WWII vet in the fight,” he said. “There are a lot of World War II vets still alive, but he’s doing things that no other person his age can do.”

Air Force Maj. Natasha Waggoner, a spokeswoman for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, said in an email Friday that there are over 3,000 graves with unknown servicemembers in the Manila American Cemetery.

In April, Defense Secretary Ash Carter defined thresholds that must be met before disinterment of a grave can happen. These include compiling a list of missing servicemembers who could be among the unknowns and collecting medical and dental records and family DNA samples that may help identify the dead.

“DPAA is actively researching and working on meeting the thresholds that have been outlined so we can disinter these individuals,” Waggoner said.

Stars and Stripes staffer Wyatt Olson contributed to this report.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 4 Aug 2015 19:07:47 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: DPAA Invitation to NOK Re: Update

AND IT IS YOU WHO OWE ME THE BEER, THOUGH I READILY ADMIT YOU GOT ME ONE FOR THE RETIREMENT WHERE WE LOST SO MANY MORE WHO ARE IRREPLACEABLE! SAD DAY!

DID THE TRAIN WRECK? OR JUST HIT SOMETHING?

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In a message dated 8/4/2015 7:04:54 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

Because we have spoken about the agenda and the guest speaker? Ok, I stand corrected.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 06:48 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: DPAA Invitation to NOK Re: Update

WHY on earth would you think that I've said anything at all about the Korean War annual? I haven't, and the director and I have not even discussed the topic!

I know you've had senior officials as Michelle Flournoy and Christine Wormuth read the speeches provided earlier to the Vietnam War NOK, as I recall, but that is not any discussion I've entered into before. I just want THIS Korean War annual to be different and better, substantive on North Korea, and demonstrate that things are going to be different and try, at least try, to keep the nut fringe from engaging the media to undercut Linnington before things can become clearer and he has a change to get things right, as I believe he will.

In sum, get out of the bunker and promote all that you can do and do so well. I didn't "cast a wide net over" anything, nor have I, and I'm sick and tired of being cast in a role I don't want and didn't seek. So please pass the word and, if trying to help keep the new Director from being undercut before he can really get started is considered bad, so be it and I don't give a "fig" what anyone thinks any more. But I'm also through trying to defend them all.

Have a good evening, Ann

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In a message dated 8/4/2015 6:35:26 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

But on this topic, I do have a concern in that sometimes in your effort to assist the new leadership, you sometimes cast a wide net over and that can rub folks wrong. At least for me it does. For example, I think the Director may be under the impression we never get any senior level folks to attend the Korean War annual. My memory on this only goes back to 2006 when I moved to family support, but I might point out the names DepSecDef Gordon England; USDP Eric Edelman; USDP Michelle Flournoy; USDP Christine Wormuth; ASD for Global Security Affairs, Joe Benkert; LTG John Toolan, USMC; LTG Bobby Wilkes, USAF; SGT Major of the Army Raymond Chandler; and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, SgtMaj Bryan Battaglia, and countless DASDs, DASS, and Special Advisors to DoD and State.. Some might be correct that the NSS does not attend, but that is not from lack of trying. It simply is the reality that the last two White Houses have been clear since 2006 where they stand on North Korea.

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.

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)

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 collectively 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)@aol.com
Sent: 5 Aug 2015 08:22:12 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER

As noted earlier, I get such claims ALL THE TIME, and try to answer by ignoring the claim. The latest was a guy wanting to use our logo on what I presume may well be a fake solution to addressing purported Agent Orange suffering by American veterans, claiming he sent his request December 9, 2014. He also claimed the unnamed Vets were asking him to put the US and POW/MIA flags on the LABEL OF THE FAKE MEDICAITON!

What I wanted to say was "gag me more" and this is a BS attempt to rake in unwarranted \$\$\$ from our Vets and the VA, but of course I didn't and couldn't. I know the entire incident could have been a set-up, but the mission is more important than dwelling on "pebbles" of whatever kind.

Please think about all the people you have helped, instead of how you are being mistreated? No doubt there have been unfair and unwarranted attacks, but not from the League nor me, though of course I get angry too. Believe it or not I'm also human, not to mention I purportedly "retired" over four years ago!

Try to have a good day despite anything and everything, and take a train that doesn't routinely run into trees?Ann

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In a message dated 8/5/2015 8:14:06 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Ann, sorry, if she sent a request for a speaker as she claims, it would be nice to know who sat on it so I can fix it.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 08:10 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: REQUEST FOR SPEAKER

(b)(7) you really DO need to get out of the bunker. There were NO accusations in my note, the requestor is a she, not a he, the date is BEFORE September 18th, Recognition Day, and I was hoping for a positive response, obviously NOT forthcoming. So what is REALLY bugging you?

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In a message dated 8/5/2015 8:03:19 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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.

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)

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
Subject: Re: REQUEST

Hello, (b)(6) and thanks for your note, frustration and all. I certainly 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)

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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)@aol.com
Sent: 5 Aug 2015 13:26:30 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Fwd: VFW Resolutions, 2015
Attachments: VFW-#417.Res.ProtectPOW-MIAMissionFunding_2015.doc, VFW-#418.Res-More.Unilat.OW-MIA.Actions.by.SRV_2015.docx

Sorry, I forgot to bcc you all when I sent this to all League officials, Ann

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



Sent: 8/5/2015 1:21:50 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: VFW Resolutions, 2015

Here are the two resolutions passed by the VFW at their recent national convention.
Ann

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Resolution No. 417

PROTECT POW/MIA FULL ACCOUNTING MISSION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is deeply committed to achieving the fullest possible accounting of 83,000 missing Americans that include approximately 73,600 from World War II, 7,900 from the Korean War, 1,630 from the Vietnam War, 126 from the Cold War, and 6 post-Vietnam that include Operations Eldorado Canyon (1), Desert Storm (2) and Iraqi Freedom (3); and

WHEREAS, it is hoped that the merger of the former Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and the Air Force Life Science Equipment Laboratory, into the new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) will produce the unity of command necessary to achieve the fullest possible accounting of missing and unaccounted-for Americans; and

WHEREAS, DPAA has strong bipartisan support on Capitol Hill, which will be necessary should additional funding be required to support recovery operations in North Korea, which have been interrupted since 2005 due to U.S. safety and security concerns; and

WHEREAS, without additional funding to meet expanded requirements, DPAA could be forced to postpone or cancel difficult recovery sites in favor of potentially more productive locations, such as mass burials or multi-crewman aircraft crashes. Full funding enables DPAA to efficiently plan, resource and accomplish its worldwide mission to recover, identify and return to their families all missing American service members from all wars and conflicts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we call upon Congress to fully fund the requested amounts for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and all supporting organizations involved in the Full Accounting Mission.

Submitted by Commander-in-Chief
To Committee on NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN AFFAIRS

APPROVED by the 116th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Resolution No. 418

CALL FOR MORE UNILATERAL POW/MIA ACTIONS BY VIETNAM

WHEREAS, 2,583 Americans were listed as missing and unaccounted-for at the end of the Vietnam War. As of February 2015, the number of missing is slowly nearing 1,630 due to a combination of increased U.S. Government emphasis, better research and identification technology, stronger diplomatic ties with host governments, and access to aircraft crash and ground battlefield sites; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam had a comprehensive wartime and post-war process to collect and retain information and remains, and according to the National League of POW/MIA Families, this unilateral effort enabled the Vietnamese to locate and return remains to U.S. custody along with records that continue to offer significant potential; and

WHEREAS, onsite joint field operations are also achieving increased results. The process now includes both U.S.-led Joint Excavation Teams and Vietnamese-led Recovery Teams that are assisted by fewer Americans who are experts in their fields of forensic science, EOD and medical. This formula allows a greater number of teams to “increase the pace and scope of field operations,” as requested by Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, increased military-to-military relations is also benefiting the Full Accounting Mission. U.S. Navy assets are increasingly allowed to participate in underwater survey and recovery operations, which has long been advocated for by the VFW; now, therefore

any reports of live American servicemen. well as speople to turn over the remains of Americans or information on American burial sites, aVietnamese authorize its officials to locate and release immediately to the United States all records relating to Americans missing from the Vietnam War, and to urge the continue to in this cooperative effort, that we urge Vietnam to BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we encourage Vietnam to continue to expand the number and frequency of Vietnamese-led recovery operations; and

Submitted by Commander-in-Chief
To Committee on NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN AFFAIRS

APPROVED by the 116th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 7 Aug 2015 18:04:27 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Press Release for Korean War ID (U)

Got it now sat Malaysian Embassy

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 7, 2015, at 5:24 PM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

I think you call her something that begins with B and rhymes with bitch.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 04:51 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Press Release for Korean War ID (U)

Yes, you told me, but I don't know what "PH" is, that is without a lot of thought and I don't have time at the moment. I have to leave for the Lao Embassy then on to the Malaysian Embassy for an ASEAN Anniversary function that I REALLY don't want to attend, but have to! In fact, leaving now, but will be in the office a LOT this weekend, after morning errands on Saturday. Later, Ann

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In a message dated 8/7/2015 4:46:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Oh wait. I told you a couple days ago regarding our discussion about PH.

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

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

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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>

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:33 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: RE: Airman Missing From World War II Accounted For (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

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.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:31 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Airman Missing From World War II Accounted For (U)

(b)(6) I've repeatedly asked (b)(6) and Melinda Morgan to add the League to the distribution list for ALL wars. So that I don't have to repeat that request, would you mind quietly asking someone to make that happen? I'm not trying to be overly critical, but I would like to receive the ID announcements, and thanks in advance, Ann

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In a message dated 8/7/2015 4:28:15 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

I don't track the PAO announcements but the announcement below sure looks like it was written by us.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 3:41 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Airman Missing From World War II Accounted For

(b)(6) was there an announcement made yesterday?

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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
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NR-321-15

August 06,
2015

Airman Missing From World War II

Accounted For The Department of Defense POW/MIA

Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that the remains of a serviceman, missing since World War II, have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors. U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Stephen V. Biezis of Chicago will be buried Aug. 14, in Arlington National Cemetery. His co-pilot, 1st Lt. James F. Gatlin of Jacksonville, Florida, was buried Jan. 30, in Bushnell, Florida. On Dec. 23, 1944, Biezis and his crew of five were assigned to the 575th Bombardment Squadron, 391st Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force and were deployed to Germany. Biezis was the co-pilot of a B-26C Marauder that crashed after being struck by enemy fire while on a bombing mission against enemy forces near Ahrweiler, Germany. Biezis, Gatlin and three other crew members were reported killed in action. His remains were not recovered during the war. One of the

crew members parachuted from the aircraft but was captured and held as a prisoner of war by German forces. Following his release, he reported to U. S. officials that he had no knowledge of the fate of the remaining crewmen. Following the war, the American

Graves Registration Command (AGRC) conducted investigations on the loss of Biezis and his crew and successfully located the crash site, near Manderscheid and Bettenfeld. The remains of two crewmen were recovered. On May 27, 1999, a U.S.

team

investigating World War II losses in Germany visited a crash site near Bettenfeld. Two German nationals had researched the crash site and showed the team artifacts that were found and turned over remains collected from the site. Those remains were identified as Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Joe R. Sanchez, 20, of Los Nietos, Calif. He was accounted for in March 2011 and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Between 2011 and 2014, the Department of Defense teams traveled to Bettenfeld and conducted operations at the crash site. To identify Biezis' remains, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) used forensic identification tools to include mitochondrial DNA, which matched his sister and cousin. Of the

16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died. Today, more than 73,000 are unaccounted for from the conflict. For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans, who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil or call 703-699-1420. U.S. Department of Defense

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Updates from the U.S.

Department of Defense

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 9 Aug 2015 14:42:32 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Picked up from Google, so that makes it worse, but already had, not from DPAA!

Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Announces

Airman Missing From World War II Accounted For

Last Updated: Sunday, 09 August 2015 04:58

August 2015 - The Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has announced that the remains of a serviceman, missing since World War II, have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors. (emphasis added)

Really? I didn't bother with the rest, but the title and the first sentence were enough to form the basis for my asking WHY can't DPAA get this minor, but important point yet? I simply don't understand. I've pointed it out and appealed for common sense to temper expectations and bring realism, but what is it going to take? Another admonition from the Senator McCaskill or Ayotte, or others, accusing DPAA of misleading the WWII families? That should be behind you, left in the dust of DPMA and JPAC, but can you two please prevail on Lt Col Morgan or whomever is drafting these announcements to use them as a solid means of public diplomacy, generating realistic expectations from the families and veterans, as well as some form of commendation or requirement of the foreign governments involved?

Thanks for your consideration, and even more if you can somehow prevail on your own office personnel to recognize the importance? Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 10 Aug 2015 14:33:35 -0400
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
Attachments: AFSAPOW-MIARemembranceDaySlidesforIDS.pptx, smime.p7s

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)

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

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

Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 7:21 PM

To: (b)(6) 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)

AFSA POW/MIA Day Sept 17/18



**POW/MIA
DAY**

**September 17/18 at JBA
Motorcycle Safety Course**

**Help honor our brothers
and sisters in arms with
the JBA 24 hr POW/MIA
flag run starting at
0930L**

**We will never
forget**

Hosted by AFSA Chapter 102
POC: TSgt Joshua Erhard, 1st Airlift Sq

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www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044DA4A72FA4F58-jbandrews/29091469

AFSA POW/MIA Day Sept 17/18

- Sequence of Events: 17 Sep0930
Opening Speaker Mrs. Ann Mills-Griffiths @
Moto - Desire formations or elements of AF
and Navy 1000 Base Leadership Perimeter Run
1230 Commence Laps at Moto Training Area
1400 Former POW Speaks at Base Theater 18
Sep0930 Former POW runs from moto to West
RampF16 Flyover, Skydiver, Airshow Opening
Ceremony 1000 Green Knights/Rolling Thunder
take flag to AF memorial

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 10 Aug 2015 16:23:06 -0400
To:

(b)(6)

Subject: Pentagon still searching for its lost WWII veterans

Pentagon still searching for its lost WWII veterans

By Laurent Barthelemy



Washington (AFP) - Long dead but little forgotten, US soldiers who disappeared across the globe during World War II are being reunited with their loved ones in a dogged push to find and bring home their bodies.

From the forests of Germany to the jungles of Papua New Guinea, US experts employed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency -- among them historians, archeologists and forensic experts -- are the main sleuths.

When recovery of a body is possible, the Pentagon specialists turn the remains over to an ultra-modern lab in Hawaii for identification and then wait for the ultimate reward: bringing the bereaved back together with their long-lost relatives.

Stephen Johnson, a historian-investigator, recalled how a delighted woman, whose father had been found in a German forest, exclaimed: "You gave me back my daddy."

"I think of her when I work on a case," Johnson said.

The woman, now a mother and grandmother, "had come to peace" after finding out the exact fate of her father, who died when she was 18 months old, Johnson said.

Sandi Jones, who lives in Montana, said she felt immense joy when the agency called her in June 2014 to say that her uncle had been found 70 years after his plane went down in the jungles of Papua New Guinea.

"I was flabbergasted," the 60-year-old said.



The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu holds the remains of many unidentified US ...

The uncle, whose photo Jones kept even though her grandparents refused to speak of him, was buried near the family ranch with honors in the presence of US Air Force officials.

The agency also gave the family his Masonic ring, which was discovered among the crew and deduced to be his since he was the only member of a Masonic Lodge.

- 'Tied' allegiances -

Johnson said the willingness to return a soldier at any cost dates back to the nation's birth.

President George Washington, the first head of the US military, thought that "the allegiance of the Army to the nation was directly tied to the allegiance of the nation to the Army," he said.

"You don't stop being a member of the US military because you die," he added.

It is this logic that has driven the POW/MIA agency to take on a project to exhume 388 sailors and Marines who were killed aboard the battleship USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

At the time, remains of most of the crew could not be identified after spending weeks in the water, and the bodies were interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

Now the agency hopes to identify remains through dental and DNA analysis -- a daunting task considering that the bones are mixed together, Johnson said.

The agency, which uncovers around 70 bodies a year, has fallen short of Congress' goal of 200 bodies annually.

Meanwhile, private associations are aiding in the effort.

History Flight, whose multi-disciplinary team includes historians, archeologists and soil specialists, is searching for the remains of several dozen Marines on the Tarawa Atoll in Kiribati, from the war's Pacific theater.

The quest began in 2007 and has cost nearly \$1.5 million, according to History Flight president Mark Noah, who decided to search for the missing planes after becoming interested in lost flights.

"For us, it's a humanitarian issue" said Noah, an airline pilot for 50 years, explaining that many of the children and relatives of the disappeared are still alive.

Just over 73,000 US World War II soldiers are still missing or unidentified according to official figures.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 12 Aug 2015 10:46:38 -0400
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US);McKeague, Kelly K Maj Gen
USAF DPAA FO (US)

(b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: Middle School Football POW/MIA

Just FYI.....and then there is the expected thunderous reaction to the stupidity of Mr. (b)(6) foolish, unsubstantiated attempt to besmirch our POW/MIA flag as racist, a transparent effort to garner readership by linking to today's headlines.

What WILL some people stoop to, regardless of their political bent? God only knows, but some of us well recall the publication of H. Bruce Franklin's book citing the POW/MIA accounting mission as a "mythology" and a construct of the far right, so why are we not surprised? We all need to focus first on the mission, especially those of you in government, and some of our supporters are writing and calling to defend the honor of the POW/MIA flag and its symbolism of the mission. Best to all, Ann

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)@aol.com, (b)(6)@comcast.net
CC: (b)(6)@aol.com, (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org,
(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com, (b)(6)@gmail.com
Sent: 8/12/2015 10:24:35 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: Middle School Football POW/MIA

Ann,

That's wonderful. Great idea and thank you. Another thought possibly would be delivering the game ball to the officials at tomorrow night's game at 730pm. Still way too short of notice but give's us an extra day. Thank you for such a quick response and your assistance.

Warm Regards, (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 10:09 AM
To: (b)(6);(b)(6)@comcast.net
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com ;(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org ;
(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com (b)(6)@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Middle School Football POW/MIA

(b)(6) we do not have our own returned POW directory of names and addresses of the surviving Vietnam War POWs, but by copy of this email, we are asking Tom Hanton,

NAM-POW President, to spread the word. Recognizing that this is virtually last minute, the chances are slim, but one never knows and, in this instance, we certainly understand that the participation of a returned POW would be very meaningful to the middle school football team you coach. If not a returned POW, perhaps KY State Coordinator (b)(6) could locate a POW/MIA family member who could serve in this capacity. Regardless, we all hope the program and your first game with our logo on each helmet goes well and successfully.

Best wishes,

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In a message dated 8/12/2015 9:54:23 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6) writes:

All,

Thanks once again for all of your help. Something I should have thought about well before today is locating a former POW in my area. We are going to place the POW/MIA decal on our team helmets tonight and thought it would be appropriate to let an actual former POW do the first one. Is there a way to locate someone thru a directory of some sort? We are 10 minutes south of Cincinnati. Our first game is tomorrow night.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 4:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Ann Mills Griffiths ; (b)(6)
(b)(6)@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Middle School Football

Hi (b)(6) I'm so pleased you were able to follow through on your idea and get the logo decals on your players' helmets. Thank you so much for raising public awareness in this way. I have forwarded your information to our Kentucky Coordinator (b)(6) and I'm sure she will be in touch with you.

Good luck in your opening game, and all season!

(b)(6)

Regional Coordinator
National League of POW/MIA Families

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

From: (b)(6)

[mailto:

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 4:02 PM

To: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com

Subject: Middle School Football

(b)

This is (b)(6) at Summit View Middle School in the northern part of Kentucky just ten minutes south of Cincinnati. I spoke with you over the telephone about two months ago regarding the use of the POWMIA logo as a commemorative decal on the back of our players helmets.

I am happy to inform you that we secured the services of a printing company to work those up for us. Our first regular season game is on the evening of August 13th. At that time my entire team will proudly display those decals on each and every one of their helmets and will do so for the remainder of the season.

I want to thank you for your assistance in pointing me in the right direction on this topic. We are honored that you are allowing us to do this and have great hopes that this small symbol of our respect and appreciation will have a positive impact on those around us and those for whom this symbol represents.

Thanks again and God Bless,

(b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone=

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 13 Aug 2015 19:06:13 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Morgan, Melinda F Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: RE: Fwd: Google Alert - POW/MIA (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Agree, I stand by my comment made during yesterday's staff meeting.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:15 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Morgan, Melinda F Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Google Alert - POW/MIA

I don't think this is our fight to wage and further it is out of the main stream. Thoughts?

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 01:33 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Fwd: Google Alert - POW/MIA

And there is more coverage, now going out on Google.Com. Is DPAA going to issue any statement regarding the POW/MIA logo? Or stay out of the line of fire? Since the new Director intends to take on false assertions and unwarranted accusations, I'd think he might want to issue something in support of this national and international symbol of what is good and right about DPAA's mission? Ann

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From: googlealerts-noreply@google.com
To: (b)(6)@aol.com

Sent: 8/13/2015 12:03:53 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Google Alert - POW/MIA

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<<https://www.google.com/alerts?source=alertsmail&hl=en&gl=US&msgid=MTY5MjczMdIxMjg3ODEzNjkwMDk>>

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Newsweek

The POW/MIA Flag Isn't 'Racist Hate,' It's Support for Veterans and Their Families

<<https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.newsweek.com/pow-mia-flag-veterans-racist-362508&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTY5MjczMdIxMjg3ODEzNjkwMDkyGjExYWU1MTZIY2UwZjUwOTI6Y29tOmVuOlVT&usg=AFQjCNHSlcOnFflzEqgffkM54tE7J9jT-g>>

Newsweek

The black POW-MIA flag flies underneath the American flag over the White House in Washington, September 19, 2014. Larry Downing/Reuters.

Column calling POW/MIA flag racist causes outrage

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Thanks, (b)(6) and Good morning.

I was fairly confident such would be the case; thus we also sent the basic concept of what Mr. (b)(6) is needing to the NAM-POWs, in the hope that perhaps their historian might have such information in their records. I would suppose the only other hope might be at RAF Bentwater might have retained a record of alumni against which one could compare a solely USAF list.

Certainly we all understand that DPAA's analysts must focus on recovery of those still missing, rather than historical study of each man's career and assignments before capture or addition to the list of those missing. For that we are all most grateful, much as we appreciate the honor and recognition that others wish to bestow on a unique group of Americans.

(b)(6) I would suggest you accept and try to utilize the list of USAF personnel or once listed as captured or missing and see what develops and thank you for your efforts.

Good luck to those of you participating in the Korean War/Cold War annual government briefing continuing today, and best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 8/14/2015 6:32:32 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

mr. (b)(6)

Unfortunately DPAA does not have the info on individuals stationed at particular bases prior to their losses as it is not needed in our efforts to account for them. It might be possible to figure out a list, but it would require a depth research as to which units were stationed there and then looking for unit histories and rosters at the National Archives or the Air Force Historical Office to determine if they still exist. We can provide lists of USAF unaccounted for from both Korea and the Vietnam wars if that would be useful to you.

Thank you for honoring our missing.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 03:45 PM

To: (b)(6)@suffolkonline.net>

Cc: Ann Mills-Griffiths <(b)(6)@aol.com>; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC

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

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

Subject: RE: POW/MIA Memorial Garden, BCWM Museum

Hi (b)(6)

Either option would work fine. If cost is the issue – putting the numbers with the as of date and leaving out the disclaimer would probably be less expensive. That said it would also be nice to have the bit about ongoing efforts and probably would not add much cost.

The DPAA's external affairs office should be able to help with the 2nd question. I'm copying them on this reply.

Please send pictures of the commissioning for us to post!

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@suffolkonline.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:58 PM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: POW/MIA Memorial Garden, BCWM Museum

Hi (b)(6) I hope you are well.

I would like some advice on how to proceed with our memorial garden. We are small, and don't have a lot of resources for continuous updating of displayed names or totals.

The garden will (hopefully) display the names of US military personnel assigned to RAF Bentwaters before they were shot down, captured, or killed either in Korea or Vietnam

I am thinking of either displaying the totals for the entire conflict at the end of each conflict with a disclaimer work continues with the Charity and US Gov to recover remains

-OR-

Display the current numbers as of the date of commissioning the garden.

Second, do you have any leads/contacts that I can find out from the USAF personnel listed as POWs/MIAs, if any were assigned to RAF Bentwaters before their tour to Korea or Vietnam? I'm running into blank walls at the moment, so any advice you can give would help.

Thanks in advance.

Take care, cheers

(b)(6)

Suffolk Lupus Group Coordinator

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UK / European Coordinator for the National League of POW/MIA Families



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Tel: (b)(6) / Mob: (b)(6) -- **Please note this new mobile number**

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Aug 2015 15:23:50 -0400
To:

(b)(6)

Subject: Video Clip on Fox News

[Controversy over calling the POW/MIA flag racist](#)

Fox News

Controversy over calling the **POW/MIA** flag racist, Aug. 13, 2015 - 3:31 - Former Army helicopter pilot Amber Smith reacts to Newsweek article.

   Flag as irrelevant

AMG Comment: A beautiful, articulate young woman, but I have to wonder why she wouldn't also have stated that our POW/MIA flag is a symbol of unified determination and commitment to account as fully as possible for those still missing? Is that hard for anyone to understand? I mean that it isn't "just" to honor and remember, but to reinforce our commitment to do our best to bring them home to their families and our country, if possible, and, if not, at least their families will know our government did its best. That seems easy enough to understand, but I know I speak for all when I offer our appreciation for defending the principles we all share.
Best, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Aug 2015 16:35:08 -0400
To:

(b)(6)

Subject: Re: The American Legion Chimes in on "Racist Hate"

Just learned that the new DPAA Director, Mike Linnington, will also be speaking at The American Legion's National Security Commission Forum. That is great news! And he also spoke at the VFW's National Convention, another smart action as he came across as real and genuine, as well as committed, dedicated, smart and competent. So long as things keep going in a positive direction, these factors generate trust and confidence, thus easy to be unified in partnership to accomplish a shared mission.

Author of The Legion's opinion piece at the link provided below is (b)(6), American Legion (b)(6) and a Veterans of service in Afghanistan. Have a good weekend, Ann.

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In a message dated 8/14/2015 4:25:34 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@aol.com writes:

Please see web link: <http://burnpit.legion.org/2015/08/article-claiming-mia-pow-flag-racist-easy-favorite-dumbest-thing-ever-written>

I'll be speaking at the National Security Commission of The American Legion's national convention on August 29th. Should be an enjoyable forum, as it usually is.

I'm assuming someone from DPAA has also been invited, but don't yet know who. If the past is prologue, we'll jointly do Q & A, once again demonstrating a unified effort and partnership that existed from 1981-1992 and is now, hopefully, being restored.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 18 Aug 2015 12:54:12 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: HOW DID IT GO? (U)

Glad to hear it, and what did he say? I'd be very interested, of course, Ann

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In a message dated 8/18/2015 10:53:21 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) did a wonderful job of addressing this issue during his remarks and later in other briefings when it would come up again.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 10:25 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: HOW DID IT GO? (U)

You're lucky, as I would think the "grumbling" might have focused on finding a w2ay to engage the insane "regime" of Kim Jong Un, despite the major, significant divisions that exist. Now THAT would have been worthwhile to discuss, but only with informed participants, NOT those complaining about a hotel, etc.

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In a message dated 8/18/2015 10:20:29 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

One group at one table had lots of suggestions on how we could re-do the agenda to how we could find a better hotel. They were all very well intentioned but lacked any appreciation for how the Department selects hotels (one cannot contract an event a hotel but then ask folks stay at cheaper hotel) and changing the agenda will not allow us to change the fact that we have little new information to brief the families because we do not have access to North Korea.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:58 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: HOW DID IT GO? (U)

Well, I'm glad you felt it went well and at least I tried to give input, but apparently some of my suggestions were included, just not mentioned on the agenda. So no thanks on the CIA recommendation? The CIA not forthcoming? Surely you jest! But what was the nature of the grumbling of the minority? Anything substantive? 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 The League is a tax-exempt, humanitarian organization (23-7071242), eligible for donations through the Combined Federal Campaign, #10218 In a message dated 8/18/2015 9:25:07 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes: 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) or (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 (b)(6) 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)(7) 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 Ann Mills-Griffiths Chairman of the Board & CEO National League of POW/MIA Families 5673 Columbia Pike, Suite 100 Falls Church, VA 22041 703-465-7432 www.pow-miafamilies.org The League is a tax-exempt, humanitarian organization (23-7071242), eligible for donations through the Combined Federal Campaign, #20818

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 19 Aug 2015 13:09:07 -0400
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US);McKeague, Kelly K Maj Gen USAF DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);(b)(6) CIV (US);(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);Morgan, Melinda F Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US);Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Summmit View Middle School Honoring POW/MIAs
Attachments: FullTeam&Cheerleaders.jpg

I sent this to all League officials, but should have copied you all so that you can see the efforts being made to educate the younger generation on the values represented by the accounting mission we pursue in partnership. We felt this was inspirational and wanted to share it with you those on your collective staff who do the hard work of pursuing answers for us all. Best, Ann

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

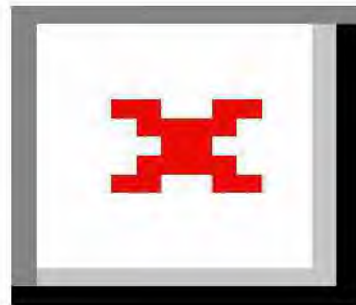
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Sent: 8/19/2015 1:01:25 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Summmit View Middle School Honoring POW/MIAs

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TUE, 08/18/2015 - 12:28 RCN NEWSDESK

Change has arrived at Summit View Academy, the combined elementary and middle school in Independence. Academically, the school will emphasize science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) beginning this year. Also new this year is Head Football Coach Bill McLeid, who hopes to end years of losing seasons. McLeid was a staff member at the middle school last year and took over as head football coach this season.

Changing what he called a losing culture required a lot of direct communication with potential players.

"For us, I went out and got a good amount of kids to come out and play football this year back in the spring and that kind of made some people uneasy because they didn't know what was going to go on at the school," McLeid told *The River City News*. "The football team remains, the school will be the same other than how they teach things and it's all systems go. One of the things that I do find, is that a lot of the kids don't come out to participate, so I made it a mission of mine to go into the school hallways and ask these kids to

come out and play. I look them in the eye and say I want them to come play football for me, and that seemed to make a difference. I have 56 kids on the roster this year as opposed to 30 or less over the last three or four years, and they're having a great time."

The school intends on changing the mascot and team colors for the school over the course of the year, another step towards changing the losing identity. "In terms of the team itself, it's been kind of a tough road for athletics at Summit View as a whole, really not a whole lot of success. A lot of losses, but some bright spots in there over the last four, five or six years from an athletic perspective. Football, not so much. It's been kind of a losing culture, so we have some things that we kind of need to focus on to try to change that. Why it happens to be that way, I really don't know based on the demographics of our school system," McLeid said. "One of the things that we are trying to focus on this year, not only being a fundamentally sound football team, but trying to focus on more on life, scholastic, what it takes to be a man of integrity, what it takes to be a productive citizen in life, we're just trying to focus on a lot of things and wrap them all into one. If you know anything about football, it's probably one of the best sports to do that, because those life lessons are out there in the field every day. My coaching staff and I are trying to wrap all of that into one significant thing. I think it's starting to resonate with these guys." One of those examples is demonstrated by the POW-MIA decal the team has added to its helmets this season to honor the Prisoners of War Missing in Action. The team also plans to visit the soup kitchens in Covington and Newport as one of its practice times to give community service to those in need.



Another element to the culture that McLeid intends to improve is building a relationship with the Simon Kenton football program since the high school receives many of its students from Summit View.

"I have a good relationship with Simon Kenton head coach Jeff Marksberry and with his help, we've tried to build that bridge. It's been wonderful. Jeff is a great guy, he's been a great help to me and my kids, he has allowed me to bring my team up there to the varsity field and practice with his varsity team and coached by his coaching staff and that really got my kids excited. I want these kids to see what the next level is and what's in store for them when they move on to the next level."

McLeid wants to see success on the field, but he's more concerned about molding quality young people into good citizens once they grow up.

"We want to win, but we want to do it the right way."

Written by Bryan Burke, associate editor

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From: Ann Mills-Griffiths
Sent: 21 Aug 2015 13:48:16 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: POW status ? (U)

Lakes around, but Orlando isn't on the ocean, but they do have a beautiful golf course in their gated community. It is really pretty, quiet and secluded too. But, it is also pretty flat! (b)(6)
(b)(6) sure won't have any mountain biking fun around here!

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To: Ann Mills-Griffiths <(b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Aug 21, 2015 1:27 pm
Subject: RE: POW status ? (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Excellent. How far are they from
the water? Hope your flight was easy.

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

From:
Ann Mills-Griffiths [[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)@aol.com](mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com)]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015
1:25 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: POW status
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That's great, and I hope your mother is doing much better. (b)(6) and
(b)(6) new home is beautiful!

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(b)(6)@mail.mil>
To: (b)(6)@aol.com'
(b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Aug 21, 2015 8:11 am
Subject: Re: POW status
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I'm heading to Jersey tonight!

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

From:
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 08:10
AM
To:
(b)(6)@aol.com' (b)(6)@aol.com>
Subject: Re: POW status
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Yes, if he
was absent for 29 days, the army would have listed him as
missing, missing/captured, or a deserter.

----- Original Message

From:
(b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com
<mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com?>]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015
08:07 AM
To:
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: POW status
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Thanks and this
is sufficient. Yes, it was nice and I'm glad that (b)(6) is no longer so
exclusive when it comes to openly associating with the mission as he used to
be.
I've always known he was a really good guy. Have a good weekend too. Ann Sent
from my iPhone On Aug 21, 2015, at 6:55 AM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) >
wrote: Ann, there is no lenght 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
recognized 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
co 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 listes 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.

From:

(b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(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 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 The League is a tax-exempt, humanitarian organization (23-7071242), eligible for donations through the Combined Federal Campaign, #10218

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, > wrote: Hello Mr.

(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. Id 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, 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 The League is a tax-exempt, humanitarian organization(23-7071242), eligible for donations through the Combined Federal Campaign,

#10218 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. (b)(6) Canada NOM 1H0

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths
Sent: 21 Aug 2015 13:34:53 -0400
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Cc: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6)@bhs.idaho.gov (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV USARMY HRC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: Re: Good news

That's BEAUTIFUL, (b)(6) congratulations! (b)(6) please put up with a note our KY State Coordinator just notified us it was passed, but no date yet on availability. It could spur others to action. Again, congratulations, (b)(6) That is great news!

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com>
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>; Ann Mills-Griffiths
(b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Aug 21, 2015 10:08 am
Subject: Good news

Application has been approved for KY. Details still to come as to when they will be available... I will be the first in line!

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 25 Aug 2015 18:31:13 -0400
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

(b)(6) thanks so much, and you're in very good hands, Mr. (b)(6) though I can empathize with having used the wrong name using an iPhone. I would do much worse, but one way or another, you'll now get your posters and, (b)(6) thanks for responding so quickly to his obvious frustration. Best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 8/25/2015 6:26:40 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Mr. (b)(6) my apologies too on mixing your name! I'm typing on a blackberry. Best,
(b)(6)

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

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

Mr. (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 Mr. (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) or (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 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 seem 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) somebody please help me ivdo the missing man table all over at schools college's veterans programs

From: (b)(6)
Sent: 26 Aug 2015 15:30:42 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: remains and quest (U)

Thanks for the follow up (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 3:13 PM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: RE: remains and quest (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) just to follow-up, one of our Vietnam War analyst did some research. The name, Irwin, does not correlate to a loss and the information on Wilson does not correspond to the facts of any known losses. Nonetheless, our analyst tried to reach the source and his daughter and left messages but no one has returned the call. Best, (b)(6)

-----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 in Houston. 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 North Carolina 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 NC 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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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)
Sent: 26 Aug 2015 11:43:36 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: posters (U)

Thanks again (b)(6)

(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?

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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)
Sent: 29 Aug 2015 15:16:38 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Poster in the Mail (U)

The Duchess just wanted to make U feel GREAT!!! AGAIN!!!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 29, 2015, at 2:41 PM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)" <(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

>

> I don't know what you are talking about Duchess. I'm up in Jersey visiting my mom and brother.

>

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@windstream.net]

> Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 02:39 PM

> To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

> Subject: Re: Poster in the Mail (U)

>

> FINALLY got my posters. AND that great msg from my friend. Thanks!! Will distribute ASAP

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Aug 27, 2015, at 5:45 PM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)"

<(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

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>> CAVEAT: None

>>

>> Wait until you read what I wrote and you may change your mind. I would take all the postersBUT... I think we should wait until the dust settles as to where we (DPAA East) are going to be. That said, I think we should push our idea with our respective chains of command about displaying all of them at the League Meeting next year. If we get the go ahead on that, we could probably pay for the shipping. What do you think?

>>

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@windstream.net]

>> Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 5:33 PM

>> To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

>> Subject: Re: Poster in the Mail (U)

>>

>> If U think for one second that I will no longer "bother" U then U R crazy!!! Next thing is what if any old posters do U want?????????

>>

>> Sent from my iPhone

>>

>>> On Aug 27, 2015, at 2:44 PM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)"

<(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

>>>

>>> CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

>>> CAVEAT: None

>>>

>>> I tried to get Mr. Linnington to co-sign the package too but he did not like all the profanity I used

about you no longer bothering me about the poster.

>>>

>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@windstream.net]

>>> Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 2:42 PM

>>> To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

>>> Subject: Re: Poster in the Mail (U)

>>>

>>> Awesome!! Makes me feel REALLY special!!!

>>>

>>> Sent from my iPhone

>>>

>>>> On Aug 27, 2015, at 1:47 PM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)"

(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

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>>>> CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

>>>> CAVEAT: None

>>>>

>>>> I personally packed your poster order yesterday. I even wrote a note on the package. Mr. Linnington was right there next to me packing too. It's all hands on deck to get out the 7000 orders we have. We dropped off 1200 at the Pentagon for mailing today.

>>>>

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 2 Sep 2015 10:26:09 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US); (b)(6) CIV
(US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: FW: POW/MIA Ceremony (U)

Thanks, All, for the quick reaction and, in advance, for the follow-up. Best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 9/2/2015 9:26:36 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) and (b)(6) can you help? Our most sincere gratitude in advance.

Best,
(b)(6)

-----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 (b)(6) 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 gest speaker but I lost his phone# I was hoping that you guys my 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 (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 2 Sep 2015 12:23:17 -0400
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org;Morgan, Melinda F Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US);Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Google Alert - POW/MIA

The hits on nationwide POW/MIA-related activities is building and will continue to do so, thankfully, Ann

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From: googlealerts-noreply@google.com
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 9/2/2015 12:04:01 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Google Alert - POW/MIA



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Daily update - September 2, 2015

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 2 Sep 2015 15:35:49 -0400
To: Gardner, Gregory L CIV USARMY HRC (US) (b)(6) CIV
USARMY HRC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV
DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Inquiry that Came to the League

Thanks, Greg, and I'm sorry to add to your already huge workload. Best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 9/2/2015 3:24:05 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

Ann,

We'll reach out to her and figure this out.

Greg

Greg Gardner
Chief, Past Conflict Repatriations Branch (PCRB)
Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC)

Personal Line: (b)(6)

Team Line: (b)(6)

(b)(6)@mail.mil

U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
ATTN: CMAOC/PCRB
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE DEPT #450
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5405

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 2:13 PM

To: Gardner, Gregory L CIV USARMY HRC (US)

<(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6)@mail.mil; (b)(6)

(b)(6) CIV USARMY HRC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>

Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>;

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

<(b)(6)@mail.mil>

Subject: Inquiry that Came to the League

Hi, Greg and All,

I just got off the phone with one (b)(6), inquiring about her uncle, (b)(6) DOB (b)(6) served in the Army, whom Ms. (b)(6) claims was missing in a collapsed boat of some kind in SEA, per her mother. I checked our DoD list and no one by that name is listed as ever having been POW, MIA or KIA/BNR; however, I told her I'd contact someone in the Army Casualty Office to check further as your office retains all the Army records.

Ms. (b)(6) sounds a bit vague to me, but why on earth anyone would make up such a story is beyond my ability to understand, so over to you all. Her phone number is (b)(6) and her email address is (b)(6)@gmail.com <mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com>. I hope you can help her, Ann

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 4 Sep 2015 18:50:15 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Fw: Invitation for Cypriot Ambassador - IMPORTANT/TIME-SENSITIVE (U)

I don't get the connection frankly.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 02:46 PM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: Invitation for Cypriot Ambassador - IMPORTANT/TIME-SENSITIVE (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Sir,
There is a list of Ambassadorial invitees and I don't think the Cypriot Ambassador is on the list. I can verify that with (b)(6) on Tuesday and if he isn't we can look into adding him.

Vr

(b)(6)

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

From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 2:27 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: Invitation for Cypriot Ambassador - IMPORTANT/TIME-SENSITIVE (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) -- have we provided a list of "recommended" Ambassadors to include in this year's POW/MIA celebration at the Pentagon? Is Cyprus among them?

Mike Linnington
Director, DPAA, USD(P)

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 2:19 PM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Subject: Invitation for Cypriot Ambassador - IMPORTANT/TIME-SENSITIVE

Mike, I don't know which foreign diplomatic missions were invited to the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Pentagon, but (b)(6) announced it to those on the DPAA-hosted conference call last week. For this reason, it is important that someone with the responsibility and/or approval authority for the list of distinguished guests receive this request and, hopefully, extend an official invitation.

The requestor, Nick Larigakis, worked several years for the League/me in the 1980s into early 1990s. He is

a very good guy and obviously accomplished as he has been President and COO of the American Hellenic Institute for about 20 years. He works closely with the Cypriot and Greek Ambassadors and received this request to attend the National POW/MIA Recognition Day event at the Pentagon on the 18th. I'm hoping you, or others you know, whether in USDP or OSD/ISA, can facilitate this request. (b)(7) handled all the invitations to the families and veteran groups, but the VIP invitations and RSVPs are likely handled by OSD/Protocol.

I look forward to confirmation that this can be achieved, pleased that the Ambassador of Cyprus to the US actually desires to attend, demonstrating how widely supported our worldwide accounting and recovery efforts have become.

I hope you found all in good order upon your return last night and welcome back. Ann

PS: I also hope the language DPAA long ago proposed for the President's proclamation reflects DPAA's ongoing mission and that POTUS signs it before the 18th. While best to have it printed in the official program, as was the case in earlier years, it is usually too late these days and is, therefore, printed and inserted separately.

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From: (b)(7)@ahiworld.org
To: (b)(7)@aol.com
Sent: 9/4/2015 1:33:07 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Info re Cyprus Ambassador

Hi, Ann

Sorry for the bad phone quality. We are stilling trying to work out the kinks in our new system!

As discussed, I would appreciate anything that you could do to provide the Ambassador of Cyprus to the United States with an invitation to the Pow/MIA Recognition Ceremony at the Pentagon. Further, if he can be seated in a vip area, I would be grateful.

Thanks again for your assistance regarding this matter and I apologize for any inconvenience.

The Ambassador's info is:

Ambassador George Chacalli
Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the United States
Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus
2211 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008
202-462-5773

Email: ambassador@cyprusembassy.net

Warmest regards,

Nick

Nick Larigakis

President & COO
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1220 16th Street NW
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Office: (b)(6)
Fax: (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 4 Sep 2015 15:59:26 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Pentagon tour (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.

Great, and thanks a lot; I think you'll all enjoy it, Ann

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In a message dated 9/4/2015 3:46:19 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:
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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 SecDed 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)(6) and what cell phone do you want them to have? I'll get (b)(6) for you as well, and tell (b)(6) 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:

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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)

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

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CAVEAT: None

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

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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)

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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

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(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 (b)(6) 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: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com
To: (b)(6)@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.


(b)(6) 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 (b)(6)

(b)(6)	dob	(b)(6)
(b)(6)	dob	(b)(6)

I will call you with the SSNs as I don't want to put them on the Internet.

(b)(6) wants to know if he is allowed to take a camera with him.

Love 

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 6 Sep 2015 13:54:35 -0400
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org;Morgan, Melinda F Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US);Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
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FYI, and posting as you see fit, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 7 Sep 2015 12:31:40 -0400
To:

(b)(6)

Subject: Legion ceremony linked to POW/MIA Recognition Day

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Posted: Monday, September 7, 2015 12:00 am

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Dubuque American Legion Post 6 next week will conduct a ceremony to commemorate POW/MIA Recognition Day.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Post 6 headquarters, 1306 Delhi St. The presentation will include information about POW/MIA veterans and the history of the POW/MIA flag.

The featured speaker is Elaine Palen, Iowa state coordinator for the National League of POW/MIA families. Her brother-in-law is Carl Anthony "Tony" Palen, of Dubuque, whose name is among the thousands etched on "The Wall" -- the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. (emphasis added)

On Jan. 3, 1971, the aircraft Tony Palen was riding in was shot down over South Vietnam. He was part of a six-man team being sent to pick up a new UH-1 helicopter for his unit, the U.S. Army's 61st Assault Helicopter Company.

The crash site was reported found in June 2001. Two witnesses reported finding and burying two badly burned bodies. The Army had declared Palen dead Aug. 22, 1978.

The event will conclude with a roll call of area veterans -- eight total from the Korean and Vietnam wars -- who are known to still be missing in action.
In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 8 Sep 2015 08:29:55 -0400
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPMO
(US) (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Re: Pow/Mia posters

Mr. (b)(6) I don't have any idea whether your ordered posters from DPAA or the League office, so I'm copying those who may be able to respond intelligently, but I would assume the answer to your question is yes. It would be a bit after-the-fact to receive them AFTER September 18th.

Thank you for your support, and I regret your obvious frustration.

Best wishes,

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In a message dated 9/8/2015 8:23:40 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

Will I have these posters before the recognition day sept 18 /2015

Sent from my iPad

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 8 Sep 2015 15:45:11 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Invitation to POW/MIA Recognition Day (U)

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Thanks, (b)(6) I got mine at home and think I already RSVP'd, so see you there, Ann

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In a message dated 9/8/2015 2:34:13 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Dear All,

I have attached an electronic version of SecDef's invitation to the ceremony at the Pentagon during the POW/MIA Recognition Day observance (just in case you have not received it in the mail).

Please call/email us with any questions that you might have. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

241 18th St. South, Ste. 800
Arlington, VA 22202
Tel.: (b)(6)

(b)(6)@mail.mil

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 9 Sep 2015 07:18:57 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: POW MIA Day

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Presumably, but it is offensive!

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In a message dated 9/9/2015 7:15:31 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:
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.

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:
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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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In a message dated 9/8/2015 6:16:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:
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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 9 Sep 2015 07:17:54 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: POW MIA Day

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Those are precisely the kind of people who want most to be recognized and thanked for serving. UGH!

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In a message dated 9/9/2015 7:14:18 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:
They keep sending us emails asking to me invited. It seems like the leadership of every local vets group within 150 miles wants to come or is coming. We keep telling them that their national leadership is already attending and that aren't going to be able to sit down and there is standing room only but they don't seem dissuaded.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 07:04 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: POW MIA Day

By the way, why don't you all NOT invite them?

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In a message dated 9/8/2015 10:05:54 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:
I think a word from you to their national leadership would do far more to pass the word down to get the word out vice sitting in the stands....

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Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 10:04 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com' <(b)(6)@aol.com>
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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 9 Sep 2015 08:36:57 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Fw: POW/MIA Recognition Day Invitations (U)

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Great, and I would add, thus demonstrating the nationwide support for our accounting mission."

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In a message dated 9/9/2015 7:31:44 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:
I hope the below comes across well. Let me know what you think.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 07:23 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US); (b)(6)@davmail.org' <(b)(6)@davmail.org>
Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD PA (US); (b)(6) DPAA FO (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: POW/MIA Recognition Day Invitations (U)

Mr. (b)(6) the one thing I would add to this is that as great as it is to have all the veterans attend and observe the SECDEFs ceremony, it would be as good if not better for members of veterans organizations to set up and hold their own ceremonies in their respective communities. We can help facilitate such events with fact sheets and draft remarks. That way the day, the missing, and their families are recognized outside the national capital area.

Best Regards,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 11:06 AM
To: (b)(6)@davmail.org (b)(6)@davmail.org>

Cc: (b)(6) CIV OSD PA (US); (b)(6) DPAA FO (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: POW/MIA Recognition Day Invitations (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Dear Mr. (b)(6)

I was asked to respond to your email about the invitations to the POW/MIA Recognition Day (I am responsible for relevant organizational matters on behalf of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency). We mailed out the invitations for the POW/MIA Recognition Day before the holidays, so you will receive them today or tomorrow. DAV are leading the list, as usual. I have attached the electronic version, just in case.

You can bring any number of people, the only caveat is that seating is extremely limited, and it is a 50-minute (read: one hour) ceremony. We will be able to seat three-four persons, and those who can stand will have to do so (our most sincere regrets!). Since we have not received all RSVPs yet, it is hard to say how many people will attend. Of course, we will do our best to accommodate your people.

Please call/email any time with any questions you might have. Thank you very much!

Respectfully,

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Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

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(b)(6)@mail.mil

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths
Sent: 9 Sep 2015 15:58:37 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: voice mail on stats (U)

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I tried to print it by logging onto the URL you sent, but it said it won't come up!!!

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil>
To: (b)(6)@aol.com' (b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Sep 9, 2015 10:31 am
Subject: RE: voice mail on stats (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann, the correct number is 1626
per the attached stat report from August 31. We did not do a press release on
Lieutenant Stanley G. Johnson, USMC, who was part of a group which were
recovered in 1998 but the family of Johnson had not been briefed/approved until
August 5.

Caution-www.dpaa.mil/portals/85/Documents/VietnamAccounting/2015_stats/Stats2
0150831.pdf

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Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, September
09, 2015 12:21 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com<mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com>

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!

Original Message -----

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

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)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil<mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil>>
wrote:

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CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

> CAVEAT: None

>

> I'm checking with (b)(6) I

think the person that took over for (b)(6)

> (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: 9 Sep 2015 22:14:21 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: RE: AFDIL DNA capabilities (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Thanks, Ann. Yes on the new org name. We'll reach out sometime this fall. Thanks.

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 6:42 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Re: AFDIL DNA capabilities (U)

Thanks, so it IS Outreach & Communications now? And apparently congratulations are in order as the "Interim" seems no longer applicable. Let us know when you're in the market for 2016 poster concepts as we have one ready, and best, Ann

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In a message dated 9/8/2015 5:58:10 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

VSO/MSO/FSO Colleagues:

During last week's monthly FSO/VSO call, Mr. Rick Downs, President of the Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs asked about the possibility of establishing partnerships with outside laboratories, as DPAA expands our efforts in research, investigation, recovery, and IDENTIFICATION of our missing from past conflicts. His question/comment pertained to any backlog in DNA testing at AFDIL, and if a backlog occurred, would DoD consider partnering with outside organizations to increase our speed of identification.

In exploring the question with our AFDIL partners, there is currently NOT a backlog for

processing mtDNA (Mitochondrial DNA) Family Reference Samples (FRSs). Processing these samples is relatively simple, and the DoD lab has sufficient excess capacity to accomplish this task without delay. There are a small number of samples which were collected between 1991 and 2010 for which Y-STR (Y-Strand DNA) and auSTR (Autosomal Strand DNA) testing has not been done. These specimens are being tested for either Y-STR or auSTR when necessary in order to conduct identifications or exclusions for identifications as required.

At this time, there is no anticipation of AFDIL becoming backlogged to the point in which conducting identifications will be at risk. We will continue to work closely with the lab leadership and if there comes a time where we are not able to fully conduct our mission within the DoD laboratory we will certainly pursue other alternatives, which would likely include partnerships with other non-DoD labs which are willing with work for us under ISO 17025 accredited conditions. The laboratory's capacity and support is critical to the success of our mission and this is a subject that we will continue to monitor closely.

Rick, thank you for your question, and I hope this answers where we currently stand. If you have additional questions or concerns please contact Mr. (b)(6), Director of Outreach and Communication at (b)(6) or at the email address above.

Respectfully,

Mr. Michael S. Linnington
Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
2300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2300
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: 11 Sep 2015 11:02:39 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: POW/MIA Day Proclamation
Attachments: image001.jpg

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(b)(6) Did the number change? I thought you said it had not?

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@governor.ms.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 10:50 AM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: RE: POW/MIA Day Proclamation
Importance: High

Ms. (b)(6)

Good morning. Our office was informed from (b)(6) at the Veterans Affairs Board that some of the stats from the original POW/MIA Day Proclamation have changed. We have been asked to make the correction in the proclamation. Please let me know if you have any problems with this. The Vietnam stats have changed since the proclamation was done back in June due to the return of several remains. The official number now is 1,626 still missing-in-action. Also, the official number for the Cold War is 126 missing-in-action.

We need to make the changes ASAP as Mr. (b)(6) has to take the proclamation to a ceremony on September 18th.

Regards,

[cid:image001.jpg@01CFB17D.BE33D510]

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 10:13 AM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: POW/MIA Day Proclamation

Attached is an electronic copy of the POW/MIA Day Proclamation executed by Governor Phil Bryant. The original is being mailed to the League member of our state, Ms. (b)(6). If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

[cid:image001.jpg@01CFB17D.BE33D510]

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From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HRC (US)
Sent: Tue, 15 Sep 2015 14:58:44 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: Gantz, John A CIV USARMY HRC (US)
Subject: RE: Contact Information for NOK of 1Lt (b)(6) Korean War)
(UNCLASSIFIED)
Attachments: smime.p7s

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6)

John will contact them, but they did attend the 2015 Annual event. Not sure where the disconnect is - time?

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 10:17 AM
To: Gardner, Gregory L CIV USARMY HRC (US) - (b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: Contact Information for NOK of 1Lt Bliss (Korean War) (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Greg, per the below, the family of 1Lt (b)(6) has moved in the past year and below is their new address. Best! (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 10:03 AM
To: (b)(6) @gmail.com
Subject: RE: Annual Meeting (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

M (b)(6) I've taken the liberty of contacting the US Army and passing them your information so it is up to date in the Army's database. If you wish to contact the Army directly, I've included below their telephone number and address. Best regards, (b)(6)

U.S. Army

Department of the Army
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Fort Knox, KY 40122-5405
Tel: 1 (800) 892-2490

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From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 11:38 PM
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Annual Meeting

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Dear Ms. (b)(6) I deeply regret that you missed the DPAA-hosted Korean War/Cold War Annual Government Briefings. I'm sure you would have been invited had they had your current address. That is all handled by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, not by the National League of POW/MIA Families. Our mission is Vietnam War-related, but in reality, DPAA is the central focus for all of us. Toward that end, I'm copying Mr. (b)(6) Outreach and Communications Directorate and, should he not be the right point of contact, he will direct you to the appropriate person.

Best wishes to you and your husband and I sincerely hope your father-in-law will be recovered and returned to you.

Regards,

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

From: Administrator (b)(6)@gmail.com>
To: (b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Sep 14, 2015 5:22 pm
Subject: Annual Meeting

My husband is the PNOK for his father (b)(6) who was lost in Korea. We attended our first meeting in August 2014, and looked forward to coming each year. However, we received no information on the annual meeting this year. This morning I looked on the website for information, assuming the meeting would be in August again, only to realize that we had missed it.

Would you please add us to the list so that we can receive future notices (we moved to a new address May 2014):

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 15 Sep 2015 15:42:28 -0400
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More for your summary of events/activities that I am hoping someone is trying to track. Later, Ann (and I'm back from MCAS-Beaufort and Savannah)

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Prescott Daily Courier

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 16 Sep 2015 10:49:29 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@comcast.net
Subject: Re: (b)(6) email (U)

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That was before, not now, but we'll be glad to send ours next year. (b)(6) dealt with (b)(6) on this, not with me! I had to ask (b)(6).....and (b)(6) is on our Asso. Member List, as a courtesy, despite his being DNOK for (b)(6). That is why he got the invitation, I'm assuming, but (b)(6) is still a family member; our policy is once a family member, always a family member, as you can check on our web site. So it is.....Ann

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In a message dated 9/16/2015 10:44:12 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

We get a list from the services for all families residing within 50 miles. We also get/use a list provided to us by one Ann Mills Griffiths. Why else would we invite the likes of (b)(6)?

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 10:39 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@comcast.net
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OK, ENOUGH! (b)(6) and I are a powerful twosome, that I acknowledge, but you all do NOT use our

family member list, from what I understand. That is provided by the Service Casualty Offices. We provide our Associate Member list of people in the Metro DC area. See you both on Friday, Ann

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In a message dated 9/16/2015 10:27:07 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Dang. Ok, (b)(6) is sending one now. We always use the list that Ann sends us for the League invites. I think the only way to cut from that list is to not attend the dinner? Best! (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 10:22 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: (b)(6) email (U)

;) Yes, address is correct but email version is just fine. Glad to hear you are not removing resolved cases as I think it's important to be able to showcase our successes! See you all Friday. - (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 10:19 AM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@comcast.net
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: (b)(6) email (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann, though I tried to prevent her from doing so, (b)(6) included (b)(6) on the invite list -- my argument was that we should never have the two of you at the same location at the same time.

(b)(6), correct? (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 10:00 AM
To: (b)(6)@comcast.net
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: (b)(6) email

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Me, too, (b)(6) and your not having received one may be due to the fact that your dad is accounted for? That may removed you from the DPAA and Casualty lists for the Pentagon ceremony, as well as the USAF Memorial and others. I do hope to get to see you, but really glad to hear the school year is off to a positive start. It's a big one for (b)(6) too. Love, Ann

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In a message dated 9/16/2015 9:49:42 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@comcast.net writes:
Hi Ann, Never received my invite to the Pentagon ceremony and depending on timing (may have a conflict with (b)(6)???s teacher meeting) I plan to go on Friday. What???s a good email now for (b)(6) (b)(6) so I can ask for the e-version and get the details and my name on the list? Thanks and hope to catch a glimpse of you then. Have hit the ground running with the new school/sports year for the kids ??? lots of coordination and planning but things are off to a good start. So glad to see all the amazing Recognition Day events and coverage this year. Love, (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 16 Sep 2015 11:50:33 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@comcast.net; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Invitation to the POW/MIA Recognition Day (U)

Thanks, (b)(6) see you Friday, Ann

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 16, 2015, at 11:42 AM, (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:
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> CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
> CAVEAT: None
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> Dear (b)(6)
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> We mailed you an invitation to the POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony on behalf of the Secretary of
Defense to the address we have on file: (b)(6)
>
> I am attaching the electronic version in case you have not received the letter. Please call/email me with
any questions. Looking forward to see you on Friday.
>
> Thank you!
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>
> Respectfully,
>
> (b)(6)
> Office of the Secretary of Defense
> Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
>
> 241 18th St. South, Ste. 800
> Arlington, VA 22202
> Tel.: (b)(6)
> (b)(6)@mail.mil
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> <winmail.dat>

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 16 Sep 2015 17:40:56 -0400
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US);McKeague, Kelly K Maj Gen USAF DPAA FO (US);Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);(b)(6) CIV (US);(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Remarks to the DAR in Beaufort, SC, at the MCAS-Beaufort
Attachments: AMG.Rmks-MCAS-Beaufort,SC_9-10-15.pdf

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Just FYI, from the DAR last Thursday, Ann

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**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BEAUFORT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU, CHARLENE, FOR INVITING ME HERE TO BE A SMALL PART OF THIS LUNCHEON EVENT AND FOR YOUR KIND INTRODUCTION.

THE PATRIOTIC SUPPORT THAT DAR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES GIVE TO THOSE WHO SERVE OUR NATION – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE – ARE RECOGNIZED AND DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THIS MIA SISTER.

IN FACT, DAR'S RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR OUR ARMED FORCES IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO JOIN DAR, PROVIDING THE JOHN APSON CHAPTER, MCKINNEY, TEXAS, RECOGNIZED THAT MEMBERSHIP FOR ME ALSO CARRIED A PROVISION, NAMELY THAT I'D LIKELY BE UNABLE TO ATTEND ANY MEETINGS OR EVENTS.

YOU MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT PROVISION WAS BECAUSE MY HOME CHAPTER IS IN TEXAS BUT, IN REALITY, IT IS BECAUSE MY TIME, ENERGY AND ATTENTION ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE MISSION OF ACCOUNTING FOR AMERICA'S POW/MIAS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR AND HAVE BEEN FOR OVER FOUR DECADES.

I AM VERY HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY, INVITED TO SAY A FEW WORDS THAT, HOPEFULLY, YOU'LL FIND MEANINGFUL.

TO BE ASKED BY CHARLENE SHUFELT, WIFE OF RETIRED ARMY BG JIM SHUFELT, WAS ESPECIALLY GRATIFYING.

THIS IS DUE TO THE YEARS DURING WHICH I WORKED CLOSELY WITH JIM, WHEN HE AND CHARLENE WERE BOTH SERVING OUR COUNTRY AT THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

WE DID A LOT IN THOSE YEARS TO REVERSE A COURSE SET BY PRECEDENT FROM EARLIER WARS AND CONFLICTS.

OUR CHALLENGES THEN WERE, FIRST, TO GET THE ATTENTION OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THAT THE US WAS SERIOUS AND, SECOND, TO BUILD A NATIONAL CONSENSUS THAT STANDING BEHIND THOSE WHO SERVE INCLUDES MAKING OUR BEST EFFORT TO RETURN THEM – ALIVE OR DEAD – TO OUR NATION AND THEIR FAMILIES, THUS MAKING COOPERATION VALUABLE TO HANOI.

IT WAS WELL KNOWN THAT OVER 90% OF ALL LOSSES OCCURRED IN VIETNAM OR IN AREAS OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA UNDER VIETNAM'S WARTIME CONTROL.

SPEAKING HERE, TODAY, PROVIDES ME WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GARNER SUCH SUPPORT, NOT ONLY TO HONOR OUR NATION'S POWS AND MIAS, THOUGH HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE AND SACRIFICE IS VERY IMPORTANT.

BUT ALSO VERY IMPORTANTLY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY IS A MEANS TO RENEW OUR NATION'S COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNT AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE FOR US PERSONNEL STILL MISSING AND FROM OUR PAST WARS AND CONFLICTS.

FOR MOST OF US IN MY GENERATION, THE VIETNAM WAR GENERATION, WE'VE KNOWN AND EXPERIENCED THE CONTROVERSY OF WAR AND SEEN THE AFTERMATH SUCH DIVISIVENESS CAN BRING.

OVER THE YEARS, SINCE THE 1973 END OF ACTIVE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE VIETNAM WAR, THE LEAGUE HAS WORKED HARD, WITH MANY UPS AND DOWN, BOTH POLITICALLY AND IN TERMS OF POLICY, TO PRESS FOR SERIOUS EFFORTS BY OUR OWN GOVERNMENT AND EXPANDED COOPERATION FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

ENDING UNCERTAINTY AND BRINGING FACTS TO WAITING FAMILIES AND OUR NATION HAVE BEEN THE LEAGUE'S MISSION FOR OVER FOUR DECADES, DURING WHICH I'VE SERVED NEARLY 40 YEARS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, ALLEGEDLY RETIRED, THOUGH STILL WORKING IN THE OFFICE FULL TIME EVERY DAY.

OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN REALISTIC.

WE WANT ANSWERS THAT, ACCORDING TO US OFFICIALS OVER MANY YEARS, CAN READILY BE PROVIDED -- IF VIETNAM'S LEADERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE MORE SERIOUS COOPERATION AND RESPONSIVENESS.

OVERCOMING CURRENT CHALLENGES REQUIRES AN EDUCATED, COMMITTED EXECUTIVE BRANCH, BACKED BY INFORMED FAMILIES, VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, UNIFIED BEHIND AN APPROACH THAT CAN SUCCEED.

AS A VIETNAM VETERAN, FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CHUCK HAGEL HAD LONG BEEN DEDICATED TO THE ACCOUNTING MISSION, AND HE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY WHEN I MET WITH HIM IN DECEMBER, OF 2013, ADVOCATING MAJOR CHANGES.

NOTHING IS MORE FRIGHTENING THAN TO WATCH A SENATOR SHAKING HER FINGER AT AN AOR FORCE MAJOR GENERAL AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, STATING "IF YOU DON'T FIX IT, WE WILL."

IN VIEW OF SERIOUS DYSFUNCTION WITHIN THE ACCOUNTING COMMUNITY, THERE WAS LITTLE OPTION, AND THE LEAGUE STRONGLY SUPPORTED SECRETARY HAGEL'S DIRECTIVE TWO MONTHS LATER TO "COMPLETELY REORGANIZE" THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

AS A RESULT, THE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING EFFORT IS NOW ENDURING YET ANOTHER RE-ORGANIZATION, BUT THIS ONE IS VASTLY DIFFERENT AND, IN MY VIEW, THE MOST IMPORTANT.

IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, THE SINGLE AGENCY WE HAD RECOMMENDED WAS FORMED AS THE DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY, OR DPAA.

IT CONSOLIDATED THE TWO MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS AND ASPECTS OF OTHER LESS CENTRAL FUNCTIONS INTO THE LARGEST COORDINATED EFFORT THAT HAS EVER BEEN MOUNTED TO ACHIEVE REALISTIC ACCOUNTING OBJECTIVES.

IT IS CRUCIAL BECAUSE, IN MY STUDIED OPTION, NEVER AGAIN WILL THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT BE AS FAVORABLE AS CIRCUMSTANCES CURRENTLY ALLOW, EVEN EXTENDING TO INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS SUPPORTING INCREASED MILITARY COOPERATION AND ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND VIETNAM.

YES, OF COURSE, THE VIETNAMESE USED THE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING EFFORT AS THEIR BRIDGE TO NORMALIZATION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, PRECISELY AS WAS ANTICIPATED.

IN THE EARLY DAYS, SOME EVEN ARGUED AGAINST FOCUSING ON THE POWMIA MISSION, VIEWING IT AN OBSTACLE TO HANOI'S POLITICAL AGENDA.

THANKFULLY, PRESIDENT REAGAN AND HIS TEAM OF ASIAN SPECIALISTS DESIGNED THE STRATEGY THAT BROUGHT THE TWO COUTRIES TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY, INCREASINGLY COOPERATIVE ACROSS THE BOARD.

AND THE FRUITS OF THE IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATION SHIP CONTINUE TO EXPAND, NOW INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION IN THE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, SOMETHING I'VE ADVOCATED FOR DECADES.

IN FACT, WITH THE RISE IN AGRESSION OF THE PRC, RESULTING IN INCREASED TENSION IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, I WON'T BE SURPRISED TO SEE THE US AND VIETNAM ENTER INTO A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN BUILDING, STEADILY AND BROADLY, RESULTING MOST RECENTLY IN A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM.

A FEW YEARS EARLIER IT WAS PRIME MINISTER DUNG, THEN A COUPLE OF YEAR AGO IT WAS PRESIDENT SANG, BUT IT STILL STRUCK ME AS AMAZING TO MEET GENERAL SECRETARY TRUNG THIS PAST JULY IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL.

YES, I'VE BEEN TO VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA REPEATEDLY SINCE MY FIRST TRIP IN 1982, AND I'VE MET WITH OFFICIALS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS AS THE RELATIONSHIP EVOLVED SINCE THOSE EARLY DIFFICULT YEARS.

FORMATION OF THE NEW DOD AGENCY CAN AND, I HOPE WILL, MEASURABLY IMPROVE EFFORTS TO MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY ACCOMPLISH OUR LONGSTANDING, REASONABLE OBJECTIVES.

THE PERSON NAMED TO LEAD THIS NEW AGENCY RETIRED AS AN ARMY LTG LESS THAN A WEEK BEFORE HE WAS SWORN IN AS THE NEW SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE CIVILIAN DIRECTOR, MR. MIKE LINNINGTON.

HE HAS SELECTED HIS OWN DEPUTY, ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK SPINDLER, WHO WILL LEAD WORLDWIDE OPERATIONS FROM THE NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY JUST DEDICATED IN HAWAII.

MORE THAN 600 US PERSONNEL, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, ARE DEDICATED FULL TIME TO THE WORLDWIDE EFFORT, AND 1,019 AMERICANS PREVIOUSLY MISSING FROM THE VIETNAM WAR HAVE BEEN RETURNED AND ACCOUNTED FOR SINCE THE TRAGEDY ENDED IN 1975.

FEW BELIEVED THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE AND, FOR SOME, IT SEEMED EASIER AND MORE TRADITIONAL TO SIMPLY PRESUME THE MISSING DEAD AND GET ON WITH LLIFE.

WHAT SUCH PEOPLE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THEN, THOUGH MANY DO NOW, IS THAT UNCERTAINTY OVER THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE IS STRONG MOTIVATION TO SEEK ANSWERS.

THE VIETNAM WAR WAS DIFFERENT, THE BEGINNING OF TELEVISED WARS, THE RISE OF A QUESTIONING POPULATION THAT NO LONGER JUST ACCEPTED WHAT THEY WERE TOLD, BUT WANTED SOLID ANSWERS.

OUR QUEST WAS ALSO MOTIVATED BY KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT COULD BE DONE, WITH A SERIOUS EFFORT, TO OBTAIN THOSE ANSWERS, AND THE RESULTS ARE NOW THERE FOR ALL TO SEE.

YES, MORE CAN AND WILL BE DONE TO RECOVER, IDENTIFY AND RETURN TO THEIR FAMILLIES LOVED ONES LONG AGO LOST, IN FACT THE MISSION HAS EXPANDED.

THE LEAGUE'S ROLE SINCE FORMED IN 1970 HAS BEEN CENTRAL TO CHANGING THE WAY OUR COUNTRY CONSIDERS ITS DUTY TO THOSE WHO SERVE.

ONE OF OUR GREATEST SOURCES OF PRIDE IS KNOWING THAT THOSE SERVING TODAY CAN AND DO HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT SHOULD THEY BE CAPTURED OR BECOME MISSING WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY, EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO RETURN THEM HOME, ALIVE OR DEAD.

WE LONG AGO RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE VETERANS' COMMUNITY.

SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY ENABLES THE LEAGUE TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR ANSWERS, BUT ALSO HELPS ENSURE THAT CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ISSUE HAS PUBLIC SUPPORT AND MUST BE ADDRESSED.

THE UNITED STATES, WRIT LARGE, MUST CONTINUE TO SEND CLEAR, UNIFIED SIGNALS THAT THOSE WHO SERVE OUR NATION ARE NOT EXPENDABLE, THAT THEY WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR IF IT IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE.

THE VIETNAM WAR POW/MIA ISSUE, AND SPECIFICALLY EFFORTS BY THE LEAGUE, BROUGHT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO OUR NATION AND TO THE WORLD. THIS IS A CONTRIBUTION OF WHICH WE ARE, JUSTIFIABLY, PROUD.

THE IMPACT HASN'T BEEN ONLY ON AMERICA; COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, AS DIVERSE AS RUSSIA, KUWAIT, INDIA, JAPAN, BOSNIA AND CROATIA ALL NOW SEEK TO ACCOUNT FOR THEIR COUNTRYMEN MISSING FROM WAR.

SOUTH KOREA HAS NOW DEVELOPED ITS OWN FACILITY MODELED AFTER OUR CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY AND CONTINUES TO SEEK ANSWERS ON THEIR CITIZENS STILL MISSING.

SEEKING ANSWERS ON A NATION'S MISSING CITIZENS HAS BECOME A WORLDWIDE IMPERATIVE.

OUR POW/MIA FLAG IS NOW THE RECOGNIZED SYMBOL OF THE MISSION.

IN 1997, CONGRESS PASSED THE DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY98, INCLUDING LANGUAGE MANDATING OUR FLAG BE FLOWN SIX DAYS EACH YEAR: ARMED FORCES DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, FLAG DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY AND VETERANS DAY.

THEREFORE, THE LEAGUE'S FLAG NOW FLIES OVER THE US CAPITOL, THE WHITE HOUSE, OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, DEFENSE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (WHERE IT ACTUALLY FLIES DAILY), AND THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM.

ON PERMANENT DISPLAY IN THE US CAPITOL ROTUNDA SINCE MARCH 9, 1989, OUR POW/MIA FLAG ALSO FLIES AT ALL OFFICES OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, AND ON THE GROUNDS OR IN THE PUBLIC LOBBIES OF ALL MAJOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, ALL NATIONAL CEMETERIES, AND THE VIETNAM WAR, KOREAN WAR, AND WORLD WAR II MEMORIALS.

I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT SERVING OUR COUNTRY DURING MY 40 YEARS IN THIS MISSION, AND I GAINED A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT AND HOW IT WORKS, PERHAPS MORE THAN EVEN SOME INSIDE THE SYSTEM ARE REALLY COMFORTABLE KNOWING.

I'VE LEARNED MUCH MORE ABOUT THE NATURE OF PEOPLE – GOOD, BAD AND UGLY – THAN I PERSONALLY CARED TO KNOW.

I'VE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT FOREIGN PEOPLE, AND THE DIVERSE CULTURES FROM WHENCE THEY CAME, FROM MY MANY YEARS OF TRAVEL TO VIETNAM, LAOS, CAMBODIA, THAILAND, RUSSIA, FRANCE, GERMANY AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES; I'VE NEVER REALLY COUNTED.

WHAT I'VE LEARNED MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IS THE IMPORTANCE OF INTEGRITY, DETERMINATION, AND COMMITMENT TO PRINCIPLES, AND A SHARED PURPOSE TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL.

THE LEAGUE HAS FOUGHT FOR ANSWERS BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND, THANKFULLY, MOST OF THAT TIME OUR VETERANS HAD OUR BACK WHEN MOST NEEDED!.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE EFFORT TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED AND NOW SERVE OUR COUNTRY.

GOD BLESS THEM, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 16 Sep 2015 17:59:47 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Still on for Pentagon Tour?

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Hope so, and you have (b)(6) SSN's and fully names and DOBs, so all should be well, and thanks again for making this possible, Ann

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The City of Vineland 2015 POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony will be held Friday, Sept. 18, at noon, on the steps of city hall at 7th and Wood streets.

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Send Feedback

From: (b)(6)
Sent: 17 Sep 2015 14:50:56 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: POW/MIA Day Proclamation (U)

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HAHA - well, I didn't really figure that overnighting it would be realistic but he is wondering what happened.

And we didn't see an announcement about Johnson nor he under the news releases on your splash page...and fwiw he is kind of hidden in that stats page.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 12:58 PM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: RE: POW/MIA Day Proclamation (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

It is listed on the page. 1st Stanley Garwood Johnson.

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Overnight!? I'm sure Fox News will run a story of how DoD spent 50 dollars to mail a poster. I'll check to see what happened.

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 12:53 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
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Hey (b)(6)
I heard - how was it? Do we have a name?

Also - I got a call from an (b)(6) - very upset because his order for posters hadn't come in. His address is (b)(6) (b)(6) and his phone is (b)(6). He said he had ordered them from DPAA a month ago. Maybe someone could talk to him &/or overnight some posters?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 5:39 PM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Re: POW/MIA Day Proclamation

Sorry, I was in Norfolk last week. The correct number is 1626!

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 11:02 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: POW/MIA Day Proclamation

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(b)(6) Did the number change? I thought you said it had not?

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@governor.ms.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 10:50 AM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: RE: POW/MIA Day Proclamation
Importance: High

Ms. (b)(6)

Good morning. Our office was informed from (b)(6) at the Veterans Affairs Board that some of the stats from the original POW/MIA Day Proclamation have changed. We have been asked to make the correction in the proclamation. Please let me know if you have any problems with this. The Vietnam stats have changed since the proclamation was done back in June due to the return of several remains. The official number now is 1,626 still missing-in-action. Also, the official number for the Cold War is 126 missing-in-action.

We need to make the changes ASAP as Mr. (b)(6) has to take the proclamation to a ceremony on September 18th.

Regards,

[cid:image001.jpg@01CFB17D.BE33D510]

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 10:13 AM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: POW/MIA Day Proclamation

Attached is an electronic copy of the POW/MIA Day Proclamation executed by Governor Phil Bryant. The original is being mailed to the League member of our state, Ms. (b)(6). If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: 17 Sep 2015 15:03:30 -0400
To: (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@frontiernet.net
Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: FW: POW/MIA Recognition Day

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I dislike them intensely. I wouldn't look at them long enough to even see what they say. (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 2:46 PM
To: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@frontiernet.net
Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6)@mail.mil
Subject: Fwd: FW: POW/MIA Recognition Day

Thoughts? (b)(6) and I are not quite sure how to respond??? He IS a Vietnam Veteran, or so he says!

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To: (b)(6)@aol.com<mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: 9/17/2015 12:04:13 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@twc.com<mailto:(b)(6)@twc.com> [mailto:(b)(6)@twc.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 4:55 AM

To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org<mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>

Subject: POW/MIA Recognition Day

Attached are two renditions of my donations of my special sheet for September 18, 2015.

It just happens to be my 72nd birthday.

I served in the USAF and Vietnam. I was in Vietnam in 1969-1970-1970.

Please give my art work maximum dissemination for Friday's events. You have my permission to use this poster as you wish.

Just reply with letter of acceptance.

Thank you.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)@twc.com<mailto:(b)(6)@twc.com>

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 19 Sep 2015 12:51:37 -0400
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6)@hotmail.com
Cc:

(b)(6)

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More examples of articles published on events that took place on around National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sept. 18th, 2015. Interestingly, when you go to the DPAA web site, click on recent articles, the Korean War/Cold War "annual government briefings" are depicted, but nothing on the League's 46th Annual Meeting, the first appearance by DPAA Director Mike Linnington, then in position for only three days. That is a bit strange.

It is also one of the reasons I'm hoping each one of you is reporting YOUR participation in nationwide events to the addressees: (b)(6) League Administrator who handles the web site and Facebook page, and (b)(6), the CO State Coordinator who handles the League's Twitter account. (b)(6) is also the (b)(6), USAF, MIA/Remains Returned in April, 1988. (b)(6) (b)(6) MIA son and Vice Chairman of the Board, and (b)(6) Idaho State Coordinator, as well as their grandmother/mother, (b)(6) have remains strongly supportive and active in the League for decades, including the 25 years since their loved one was returned.

Please monitor do all you can to ensure that America understands the League's true role in sustaining the POW/MIA accounting effort over these many years. It is ironic that the Lao, Vietnamese and Cambodians clearly recognize and understand this reality, but some in the USG either choose to ignore, are ignorant or are misinformed. Regardless, it is not helpful for the most effective approach, namely unified support behind a carefully considered strategy that has the best chance for success in the shortest possible time, namely before it is too late and the prospect for results reduces.

Best to all, Ann

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Members of the Nellis Honor Guard stand while the missing man formation is performed during the National POW/MIA Recognition Day at Freedom ...

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On Friday, dozens of people joined in the rededication of a memorial to Montana prisoners of war and service members missing in action.

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On Friday, dozens of people joined in the rededication of a memorial to Montana prisoners of war and service members missing in action.

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In this 2014 photo provided by Pacific Wrecks, Justin Taylan, founder and director of Pacific Wrecks poses at a World War II airplane wreck site in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Taylan founded Pacific Wrecks 20 years ago after visiting crash sites and battlefields with his grandfather, a WWII veteran. Since then, the 37-year-old Hyde Park, N.Y., native has visited PNG dozens of times to search its dense jungles for wreck sites and is wrapping up a two-year contract with the Pentagon to help find the remains of Americans still listed as missing in action there. (Marcus Browning - Pacific Wrecks via AP)

By CHRIS CAROLA

From Associated Press

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) ??? Justin Taylan has been to the remote Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea dozens of times over the past two decades, spending countless hours slogging through crocodile-infested swamps in his quest to document as many World War II airplane wreck sites as possible.

Since 2013, he has conducted those missions for the newly reorganized Pentagon agency whose predecessor he and others had criticized for years for failing to recover and identify more remains of U.S.

service members.

Taylan's hiring is part of the military's plans to reach out to private groups and others to help with the search for thousands of American war remains scattered from Pacific jungles to the European countryside.

Though he said he cannot comment on the details of the cases he's worked on under his contract, Taylan said he has documented more than 80 wreck and war-related sites, including eight aircraft crashes associated with American MIA cases.

"So many organizations have something to give and share," Taylan, 37, told The Associated Press recently in between trips to Papua New Guinea. "It's an incredible turn of events to support the mission and get more MIA cases resolved."

The Pentagon lists 83,000 MIAs as unaccounted-for from WWII and the Korean and Vietnam wars. More than 73,000 are from WWII, with many of those deemed not recoverable because they were lost at sea.

In 2009, Congress set a requirement that the Pentagon identify at least 200 sets of remains a year by 2015. But less than half that number has been identified over each of the past two years.

Earlier this year, the Department of Defense unveiled its revamped Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, a move that came a year and a half after the AP obtained an internal Pentagon study that criticized previous efforts as being in danger of spiraling from "dysfunction to total failure."

In a shift many critics say is long overdue, the new agency is working with nonprofit organizations such as Taylan's Pacific Wrecks, Inc. and private firms to help with research and actual searches.

Other examples:

??? An Ohio archaeology firm was hired this summer to search for the remains of 1st Lt. Ewart Sconiers, a bombardier who died in a German POW camp in Poland in 1944.

??? History Flight, a Marathon, Florida-based organization, recovered the remains of 36 Marines killed on the Pacific atoll of Tarawa, one of the war's bloodiest battles. The remains were brought to Hawaii for identification in late July.

??? Leaders of the University of Wisconsin's Missing in Action Recovery and Identification Project plan to meet with military officials in Washington this month to discuss collaborations utilizing the college's DNA and genetics expertise. Last year, UW-Madison helped identify the remains of Pfc. Lawrence S. Gordon, a Canadian-born U.S. soldier killed in France in 1944. The university's MIA project leaders recently met with members of Kuentai-USA, a Japanese group that has found Japanese and U.S. MIAs on Saipan, scene of a major battle in 1944.

Hundreds of Americans are still listed as MIA in Papua New Guinea. Most were air crews who disappeared when their planes crashed in forbidding terrain that includes dense jungles and cloud-shrouded mountain peaks topping 13,000 feet.

Taylan, who lives in Hyde Park, New York, began visiting the southwest Pacific after taking a trip to the Philippines in 1993 with his grandfather, a former WWII Army photographer who served there. Taylan became fascinated by the numerous wartime plane wrecks and battle artifacts still visible and started a website, pacificwrecks.com, to document wreck sites, battlefields and MIA cases across the Pacific.

Taylan has visited hundreds of wreck sites and passed along any new information he gathered to the Pentagon. He eventually joined veterans organizations and others who criticized the government for taking in some cases decades to provide families with details about their loved one's loss during WWII.

Mark Shoemaker can attest to that frustration. His uncle, 2nd Lt. Edward F. Barker, disappeared in Papua

New Guinea during a training flight in 1944. A U.S. military team visited the wreck site in 1962 but found no remains. The site was revisited 40 years later, and again in 2012, when human remains were finally recovered. Barker's remains weren't identified until July, when they were returned to his hometown in New York's Mohawk Valley for burial.

Although Taylan wasn't involved in the discovery of Barker's remains, the Pacific Wrecks website had numerous details about the case, right down to the serial numbers on the fighter plane's machine guns. Taylan attended the funeral and met Shoemaker, who said he's encouraged people outside the Pentagon are being brought in to help with MIA missions.

"The government has to be involved in some way, but there's certainly a place for these guys," Shoemaker said. "There's obviously a lot of room for improvement."

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I assume that Rick Downes may have sent this to you but, if not, you should watch it to get a grasp of Amb Shear's and ADM Harris' responses, or lack of same, to Senator Ayotte's questions. Frankly, neither one did as well as I anticipated.

Of course I don't yet know ADM Harris, PACOM CO, but I thought even ASD/APSA Shear stumbled a bit. He is usually so much more articulate and is really also knowledgeable, so maybe just not having his best day. Later, Ann

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Friends and supporters,

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Today, the third Friday of each September, asks each of us to give thought to men who went off to war and never came home. We hope to learn what happened to them, bring them home, and find closure for the families still searching for answers to their fate.

All success in the mission comes through the support of committed members of Congress. We gratefully acknowledge Sen. Ayotte (NH), Rep. Nugent (FL), Sen. McCaskill (MO), Rep. Rangel (NY), and all Members who take this mission to heart not just on special days but throughout the year.

Please take a couple of minutes to view (and then share!) an example of Sen. Ayotte's commitment during yesterday's (9/17) Senate Armed Services hearing. This is the kind of effort that moves the mission forward.

(Caution-www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvK9VUaRfy0&feature=youtu.be)

All the best, as always,

Rick

Richard Downes, Executive Director

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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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
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UPDATE: September 21, 2015

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: There was recently an unannounced change to the number of Vietnam War missing and unaccounted-for US personnel. For various reasons, including wishes of the family, DoD announcements are often delayed far beyond the ID dates and sometimes not even made, as was the case with the most recent change, though not a recent ID, but reportedly in 2012. Several of those named this year were examples of how remains repatriated many years ago can now be identified using scientific technology and processes that weren't available in earlier years. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 957. 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 1,020. Of the 1,626 still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,268 (VN-467, VS-801); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate due to investigations resulting in changed locations of loss. 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.

SEPTEMBER 18TH WAS NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY: The national ceremony, always impressive due to troops marching in formation on the Pentagon parade field, was hosted by outgoing Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey, USA. The principal speaker was Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter who stated in part, "...we continue to improve our personnel accounting program and find new ways to meet one of our oldest and most sacred obligations. Just as the lessons we learned in our 20th century wars helped us improve how we have cared for the wounded, the fallen, and their families during our recent wars we're using 21st century methods to meet our commitments to those who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War, and remain missing. We're looking to expand our work and expand our partnerships. Our work with the nonprofits History Flight and BentProp are two examples of our collaboration with private organizations and individuals. We are also working with academic and other foreign partners to help account for our missing. We're also harnessing new technology. Investments and advances in forensic science will allow us to identify the previously unidentifiable remains of some of the fallen. And we recently opened a state-of-the art facility in Hawaii to help us take advantage of these new methods. And that's why we're using new communication channels to keep in touch with the families of the missing. We're developing a password-protected, cloud-based website that will allow our families to be informed around the clock. The League appreciates The Secretary's commitment to expand the accounting process to expedite answers for the families and the uncountable number of events, runs and ceremonies held nationwide and around the world.

PRESIDENT'S POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMITMENT: On July 21, 2015, at the 116th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), the President stated in part: "As communities across our country continue to mark 50 years since the Vietnam War, we say once more, welcome to all our Vietnam vets. As I think you heard this morning, we have a new POW/MIA agency, new leadership. We're building stronger partnerships with veterans' groups like the VFW. Because bringing home Americans taken prisoner or who've gone missing is a sacred mission, and we are stepping up our efforts for all wars, to never leave a fallen comrade behind ever." The League deeply appreciates the VFW's consistently strong support and welcomes the President's reiteration of national commitment.

DPAA DIRECTOR MOVING FORWARD! LTG (Ret) Mike Linnington, USA, was named the first Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), and sworn in as a civilian in the Senior Executive Service (SES) just before the League's 46th Annual Meeting, June 24-27th. While always cautious to not overstate support for people named to positions of responsibility in the POW/MIA accounting mission, it is no overstatement to recognize his outstanding, varied background.

Important now are the several steps he has taken that clearly reveal he is moving energetically to follow the directive issued by former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to completely reorganize the POW/MIA accounting community. While structural change is always rife with turmoil and uncertainty, Mr. Linnington's restructure plans, though still evolving, appear to be dramatically moving the mission forward and, importantly, seem focused on adhering to Secretary Hagel's directive to build on the existing strengths of the accounting process. As a result, the Director appears to be moving toward a comprehensive organizational restructure to meet longstanding expectations.

Confirmed earlier is that former JPAC Detachments in Thailand, Vietnam and Laos will continue to be Detachments 1, 2 and 3, respectively. They will be reporting to DPAA Deputy Director BG Mark Spindler, USA, named to replace Maj Gen Kelly McKeague, former JPAC Commander and DPAA Deputy Commander since January of this year. He will be sorely missed as he separates from DPAA this week and retired from the USAF shortly thereafter.

The Asia & Pacific Regional Director is Col Mike Gann, USMC. He will be responsible for all operations, all wars, in Asia and the Pacific, including the Vietnam War, Korean War and the vast majority of field-recoverable WWII losses. We are thankful that long-serving civilian specialists in the SEA Detachments, widely recognized as indispensable, will not be lost to the mission and have been extended in their positions. Personnel stationed in Europe to support operations there will reportedly continue as a Liaison Office, working under the new Europe & Mediterranean Regional Director COL Christopher Forbes, USA. Placement in the new structure of the Joint Commission Support Directorate (JCSD) will also be under COL Forbes. Due to its requirement to support the US-Russia Joint Commission (USRJC) on POW/MIA Affairs, with a presidentially-named Chairman General Robert "Doc" Foglesong, USAF (Ret), JCSD has had and presumably will continue to have unique status.

There is also a very high priority being placed on the success of what was labeled the Public Private Partnership (P3) initiative, now renamed the Strategic Partnerships initiative. DPAA is looking at areas in which potential partnerships (public/private, public/public, tripartite, etc.) could be formed as a means to augment official assets and resources that have focused primarily on Vietnam War accounting until recently. Strategic Partnerships can and will impact the Vietnam War effort by freeing up assets internal to DPAA while offering significant opportunities to expand remains recovery efforts and produce results more

rapidly. Areas under consideration include archival research, investigations and recoveries, pertaining mostly to losses during WWII and Korean War (disinterment and IDs), but also available to consider for Cold War and Vietnam War loss incidents. In the future, DNA comparisons now done exclusively by AFDIL could also be expanded by retaining the assistance of private DNA laboratories, if needed.

There was an internal DPAA leadership symposium July 28-30th to provide an opportunity for DPAA leaders, including interim-appointed Directors and Deputies, to utilize the evolving restructure as the basis for helping to determine a viable sub-structure, moving tasks and numbers of personnel as required, but getting to a close-to-finalized structure. Final decisions have not yet been made, but Mr. Linnington anticipates that full operational capacity will be reached by the end of this year or by January, 2016. Having said that, the Director has also stated his expectation that there will be in-process reviews, assessments and, potentially, adjustments as implementation occurs, pledging that the process will be fully transparent.

Announcement is anticipated shortly of a senior civilian Deputy Director whose office will be in DC. Presumably, this person will have responsibility for managing and administering the DC-based headquarters. That may also mean inclusion of several directorates ??? Outreach & Communications (public affairs, public diplomacy, outreach to families and veteran organizations, congressional relations and liaison, etc.), Policy, Plans & Strategy (international relations, domestic and international training and education programs and coordination), Strategic Partnerships (boundaries have yet to be set, but are likely inclusive), Macro Archival Research & Analysis, and many administrative and oversight functions.

DPAA Facility Opens: A ???Blessing & Dedication Ceremony??? was held on July 27th to officially open the new Senator Daniel K. Inouye Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Center of Excellence. League Chairman of the Board Ann Mills-Griffiths represented the POW/MIA families by helping to cut the traditional lei. Following the formal raising and posting of the permanently-lighted US, POW/MIA and State of Hawaii flags, and the Navy Chaplain???s invocation, Director Linnington spoke briefly. The late Senator Inouye???s long-time Chief of Staff, Jennifer Sabas, provided the inspirational keynote address. Prayers and blessings by a native Hawaiian clergyman concluded with the PACOM Band playing the Military Service Songs, after which a reception was held in the front foyer of the new, incredible DPAA building.

The League extends special appreciation to long-time civilian Johnie Webb for his roughly 14 years of dedicated effort to shepherd the new facility through to completion, fully supported by the League. Mr. Webb is a retired Army LTC, former Commander of the Central Identification Laboratory-Hawaii (CILHI), previously Deputy to the JPAC Commander, and currently serves as DPAA???s Interim Deputy Director of what was External Communications, but now appears to be evolving into the Outreach & Communications Directorate.

Chairman???s Comment: The League???s vision for DPAA is to develop and carry out a viable process to more effectively and efficiently pursue increased accounting objectives for missing US personnel and their families. From January ??? June of this year, Mike Linnington and I had talked many times in his advisory role to Under Secretary Wormuth about the ???complete reorganization??? of the entire community. Mr. Linnington knows he has a very challenging road ahead to earn the trust of a dedicated, talented civilian workforce, as well as add the kind of people he wants and can depend on to move DPAA forward. He is moving NOW and already has learned far more than one would expect after such a very short time in the position.

At the League???s 46th Annual Meeting, he pledged he is in for the long haul and knows it will take time, but asked for support, assistance and patience as he tackles the challenges. I???m confident that Mike Linnington IS the right guy, and this IS the right time, because these are the best circumstances we, the POW/MIA families, have seen since 1992 to obtain answers we have worked to achieve since the League was formed in 1970.

I attended LTG Linnington???s retirement on June 17th and can personally attest to the esteem in which he

is held by a broad cross-section of military and civilian personnel. From the lowest ranking to the highest, all seem to genuinely like and admire him. It is my hope, prayer and expectation that he will work to achieve the objectives we share, and do so with honor, integrity, humility, dedication, energy, genuine caring and determination. That is all we can ask. All we should expect is his very best effort, and we do!

He will also need our prayers, our full support and the loyalty and confidence of all POW/MIA-related personnel, especially the former JPAC, DPMO and LSEL workforce now adjusting to being part of one new DoD agency. We urge all dedicated accounting community personnel ??? especially the experienced civilian core ??? to set aside justifiable frustrations and obstacles endured for far too many years and focus on what is now possible with our new DPAA and its leadership.

In my judgment, right now truly IS the accounting mission's last real chance to move forward with the priority required, fully supported by State and DoD policy and resourced with funding and personnel required. If this ongoing effort does not succeed, I envision no future such opportunities, precisely the reason we must ensure that Mike Linnington gets all the support and assistance he needs from honest, caring, determined people in the accounting community.

The League is grateful to Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Christine Wormuth for selecting Mike Linnington who is self-confident, but not a know-it-all, who isn't afraid to ask questions and be seen as learning, which he is doing rapidly. Yes, he has much to learn, and dangers persist, but many are trying in every possible way to help him gain solid, objective insights.

I sincerely believe DPAA truly can become the central accounting force we all have sorely missed since 1992 ??? with cohesive, interagency US Government priority that will, with the support of all, achieve the fullest possible accounting. This longstanding, entirely reasonable League objective is defined as 1) the missing man returned alive; or 2) his remains recovered and identified; or 3) convincing evidence as to why neither is possible, in which case he will remain forever as unrecovered and all information that relates or may relate will be provided to the next-of-kin who will then have the certainty of knowing the US Government did its very best to bring him home to his family and our Nation.

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To: (b)(6)@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 7:58:44 AM
Subject: Re: MPT/PBS

Heard about it, but knew it was being replayed so will pick it up. (b)(6) is a wonderful man, but I also knew his former wife and sister in the very early years, but thankfully not well! Ann

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Has a special on (b)(6) and sister, on now. (b)

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All I found is that it must have been used at the State Dinner held for Prime Minister Abe of Japan, held in April, but I don't know the link for its use. I suppose only the WH staff who directed it be put up would know the rationale, but I'd think the NSC would as you're talking about potentially embarrassing the Japanese PM, a treaty ally, etc. Ann

PS: We've already completed a poster design for consideration and use for Sept. 15, 2016, on National POW/MIA Recognition Day. It looks pretty good, but I think (b)(6) mentioned he wasn't going to see out design concepts until November.

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I've not had any luck on this. It looks like a modified version of the table, e.g. no hats.

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GREAT, of course, but sometimes things happen so fast you're lost if you get a phone call or look away. Have a good day, and I heard that the send-off for Kelly McKeague was impressive, but I know it had to be awkward. Honorable man that Kelly is, he isn't dumb, and he was treated abominably with deception and ignoble actions by Franken and Fletcher. Why is it that this mission can and does bring out the worst in some people? Or maybe it is not this mission, but that there are too many ignoble people? The insecurity that prompts such actions is not a problem I can deal with today, so I'm going to abandon thinking about it now. You have a wonderful day, and let me know if you learn anything on the missing man table issue. Thanks, Ann

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I just feel bad for not remembering. How was the ncis marathon?

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That's OK, (b)(6) you know I don't focus, publicly at least, on my brother's case; I can't afford to for many reasons, but thanks, and I'll be interested in anything you learn about the White House using the missing man table, as well the forum (looked like in the Roosevelt Room) on the Iran nuke agreement that was held with the Vets Groups and the Gold Star Mothers???? Have a great evening, as I intend to since NCIS is on, from 8-9 p.m., then NSIC New Orleans from 9-10: p.m., meaning they took out The Zoo from invading my home. This is the only night of the week when I actually LIKE to watch TV.

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Got it. Interesting. Let me do some checking.

And my apologies for not taking note of yesterday's date and its significance.

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Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US)

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Though I don't know the country being "signaled" with the table portrayed in yesterday's WA POST, in this case it was used with an OP-ED by Fred Hiatt focused on PRC President Xi and related to the "eminent Chinese he has jailed, per Mr. Hiatt. See attached, but it appears our Missing Man Table is being as widely used as the term "MIA" being applied across the board to misbehaving journalists such as Brian Williams, to God know what, but another interesting expansion of terms now so widely recognized.

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Funny, NOT! Unfortunately, I fear it is all too true in several instances, but we'll see. The word is still out! Later, Ann

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I was just trying to be funny. Folks listen to me. They have no choice. They don't always agree with me.

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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@comcast.net
Subject: Re: POW/MIA Day Photos (U)

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That totally infuriates me, since you're one of the few who know the history and genuinely tries and cares about achieving mission-related goals, instead of burnishing his personal ambitions. I'm sorry the "leadership" hasn't yet learned to whom they should be listening, but Outreach and Communications is NOT the only Directorate in sore need of dramatic change. In fact the worst is Policy, Plans and Strategy! Hands down! Sorry, I'm again saying what I think, a habit that saves a lot of time and, at least, people know you mean what you say. It is sad that I'm no longer surprised over any bureaucratic BS that arises,

but as you know, I've learned far too much about how the USG really works to ever again be comfortable and fully trusting, while still recognizing we have the best form of government yet developed. Sometimes I do think that Rich Armitage's philosophy of preferring "benevolent dictatorship" makes sense. No wonder they don't like you; we both say what we think! Onward.....Ann

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Ideas from me are rarely considered good.

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I'll be glad to (b)(6) just wanted to give you first rights since it is your Department, but it is NOT for the League; we have plenty of credibility to most people. It is to reinforce that DoD means what it says in relation to the POW/MIA accounting mission. It should be evident to all that this year saw literally massive numbers of programs, events, runs, and the coverage is still continuing. It is strictly symbolic, but in my view, an easy one at very little cost, transparent to all, including Congress which does display the garrison-size POW/MIA flag. I'll send a note to Linnington, but I thought it might be good to show him that people in DPAA-East do have initiatives in mind, including minor, but symbolically large, projects. Have a good day, Ann Ann

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Ann, have a good drive. I don't envy you having to drive, especially into North Carolina. I hope the roads are paved. I will make inquiries about the flag protocol at the Pentagon. It would have more weight, however, if you also made your suggestion direct to Mr. Linnington. He could raise it at a much higher level on your behalf. Best, (b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 10:24 AM
To: (b)(6)@comcast.net; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: POW/MIA Day Photos (U)

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(b)(6) thanks for forwarding and, (b)(6) looks like we all, including (b)(6), made the Secretary's Twitter site. We'll also be hoping you have your latest scheduled adventure AND return home, but do be careful! Safe and comfortable travels, but I sure doubt you'll want to stay behind in the DPRK, and that is according to (b)(6) who used to have to go to Pyongyang to monitor the illicit buildup of nukes, etc., on special assignment for State. He was really glad when he no longer felt obligated to accept that tasking.

The photo half way through the Recognition Day photos shows precisely WHY THE POW/MIA FLAGS AT THE PENTAGON SHOULD BE GARRISON SIZE, as are the two US flags. Please recommend to that the "leftover" \$1 million the Director told those on the DPAA-hosted call on Sept. 24th was unspent, that at least \$2000 should go to order the sorely needed two POW/MIA flags. And, while you're at it, tell them to order from (b)(6) so that the League also benefits, instead of the flag manufacturers who don't contribute a dime in proceeds to support ongoing efforts. The one exception was Annon Flag Co, the original manufacturer, who sent us one check, one time, in response to my appeal that it might be the decent thing to do for all the free publicity and legislated product demand they have received as a result of our success in pursuing the mission.

Thanks in advance for proposing this logical solution to undercutting the countless official assurances that this mission is indeed a high priority for the Defense Department. Sarcastic, perhaps a little, but I'm very serious about needing the two garrison-size POW/MIA flags. Or, if that is beyond DPAA's purview, perhaps I can get contributions from the families to purchase the two flags and donate them publicly to DoD? Thoughts? Best to both, and travel safely, (b)(6) Ann

(b)(6)

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In a message dated 9/30/2015 9:59:31 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@comcast.net writes:
Pray tell...what is Ann saying to (b)(6) the evokes his laugh???

Looks like all (b)(6) does is attend ceremonies. I could do that.

I leave Sunday for the Pac Rim, HOPE to return to DC the 13th.

Cheers,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (US)" <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
To: (b)(6)@aol.com, (b)(6)@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:36:19 AM
Subject: POW/MIA Day Photos (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann and (b)(6) see the below link from Secretary Carter's flickr account. Half way down on the first page, you will see some good pics. (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 5 Oct 2015 17:01:26 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Star Advertiser: AF 2-star ready to fade away after 34 years..... (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

She did

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 12:54 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Fw: Honolulu Star Advertiser: AF 2-star ready to fade away after 34 years.....

Not sure if she sent to you.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 12:51 PM

(b)(6)

Subject: Honolulu Star Advertiser: AF 2-star ready to fade away after 34 years.....

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The attached article appeared in this morning's Star Advertiser with this photo. Maj Gen McKeague's honor, integrity and commitment will be sorely missed. Ann (b)(6)@aol.com]

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
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Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC
(US)
Subject: More Misinformation Circulated
Attachments: October, 2015-Newsletter.pdf

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The Connecticut Forget-Me-Not Association has published an October newsletter, more a compilation of articles already on the street or published by known purveyors of misinformation. I just thought you all should know that (b)(6) is still out there spreading what she must still believe is valid information. The referenced item is attached.

Best to all, Ann

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Prisoner of War/Missing in Action

CT Forget-Me-Nots, Inc.

October 2, 2015

Dear Friends,

"POW/MIAs are Uncle Sam's missing children." This is quite a powerful statement. Penni Evans saw the message on a bumper sticker in the 1990s and had a bracelet made with this simple statement which she then wore on her wrist for many years. When she requested a new bracelet from us, I decided to use "POW/MIAs are Uncle Sam's missing children" as the theme of the 2015 Recognition Day statement. I have included our POW/MIA Recognition Day statement in the newsletter beginning on page 2. I used the first and last two paragraphs as a letter to the editor in the local papers.

We held our outdoor candlelight service on POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 18th, at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center in New Milford. The weather was perfect. Connecticut's POW/MIAs from all wars were remembered.

Thank you to (b)(6) for representing our organization and sharing our message at the POW/MIA Ceremony on September 18th which was held at the Newington VA. Thank you to (b)(6) for continuing to host the POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at the VA in Newington, Connecticut.

Our annual benefit dance, our annual fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, November 21st from 8:00 p.m. – midnight at the VFW Post 1672 in New Milford. We are deeply grateful to (b)(6) and (b)(6) for the donation of their time and incredible talent each year. Each year we are so fortunate to have wonderful raffle prizes thanks to the generosity of our local merchants and individuals. The donation is still \$10.00 per person, and attendees must be 21 or older. There is a poster on page 8 of the newsletter. (b)(6) and I hope you can make it.

Concerning the newsletters... If you wish to receive our newsletter by email, please email me at (b)(6)@gmail.com. When the newsletter consists solely of Dr. Jeff Donahue's post, I will just alert you to the new post he has placed in his Blog, www.jcdonahue24.com, by sending his announcement of the new post to you. If there is additional information in our newsletter, I will then email the complete newsletter to you. If there is a timely email notification from the National Alliance or other POW organizations, or important information which I believe you should have at your fingertips, I will forward it to you as well. Local members will receive email notifications of our events.

Concerning dues...I will notify members who receive the newsletters via email by a separate email when your membership dues are needed. Members who receive the newsletters via USPS will continue to be notified by the highlighting of the renewal date on the mailing sheet. Dues remain at the \$10.00 amount and have never changed in all these years. Even if you receive the newsletter via email, the dues still help us provide the information to those who do not have computer access or find the printed page much easier to use than the computer screen. Dues and donations, in addition to our annual dance, enable us to continue our mission to seek an honorable resolution to our nation's greatest tragedy. We are very grateful to you for your generosity.

Prisoner of War / Missing in Action CT Forget-Me-Nots, Inc.
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POW/MIA Recognition Day Statement 2015
September 18, 2015

"POW / MIAs are Uncle Sam's missing children." A powerful statement which was found on a bumper sticker during the Vietnam War, don't you agree? So powerful, in fact, that a woman named Penni has worn this message as a POW/MIA bracelet on her wrist for decades. Our nation must fulfill its obligation to find and repatriate Uncle Sam's missing children.

We must remember that our POW/MIAs are not just names on POW bracelets or monuments. They are not just faded photographs of proud Americans serving in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, or Navy. They are not just the subject of fond memories shared by family members who have yet to learn the fate of their loved ones. These are individuals who answered the call of duty to defend our freedom and fight for the freedom of others. These are fellow American citizens. As former POW Captain Red McDaniel, the most brutally tortured man to survive the Hanoi prison system, once said, "We were prepared to be captured, tortured, and killed. But we were never prepared to be abandoned."

During Operation Homecoming the only American prisoners returned from Laos were 7 military men and 2 civilians who were captured by the North Vietnamese in Laos and then transported to Hanoi. There were no prisoners released by the Pathet Lao, yet there were 559 POW/MIAs listed as unaccounted for from Laos. There were photographs and intelligence reports of Americans held prisoner by the Pathet Lao. Civilian (b)(6) and Colonel (b)(6) were photographed in captivity in Laos. Intelligence reports confirmed the capture of Colonel Charles Shelton. They still remain unaccounted for today.

Colonel Bob Bailey, the first American POW in Southeast Asia, wrote *Solitary Survivor* which enlightens the reader to the historical background of our involvement in Laos, his solitary imprisonment in a 12 by 15 foot cell in Sam Neua, his negotiated release in 1962, and his return to Laos in 1992. He, too, expressed his concern of the lack of repatriated prisoners from Laos.

Who are some of these unrecovered POWs?

Connecticut's Air Force Major (b)(6) was a graduate of the Air Force Academy. He was Junior Officer of the Year at Danang Air Base in 1967. There was a rumor circulating that he was missing in action so he contacted his father to let him know that he was alive and fine in Danang. Major (b)(6) was shot down on March 21, 1968. (b)(6) and his backseater, (b)(6) were both listed on the Last Known Alive List in Laos of 15 servicemen which was uncovered during the Senate Select Committee Hearings in the early 1990s. (b)(6) older brother traveled to Laos to search for information about his brother. Soth Phetrasy, the Pathet Lao spokesperson, upon receipt of letters from both families, remarked that (b)(6) and (b)(6) were on his prisoner of war list.

Connecticut's Major (b)(6), another Air Force Academy graduate, was the navigator aboard a C-123 when his plane was involved in a collision with a B-57 while monitoring troop movements over the Ho Chi Minh Trail on December 13, 1968. His father traveled to Laos and spoke with Soth Phetrasy, the Pathet Lao spokesperson, who confirmed there were tens of tens of American prisoners held by the Pathet Lao. The lone survivor of the incident saw another parachute. (b)(6) has been the subject of numerous live sighting reports throughout the years. (b)(6) father and brother have traveled to Laos on many occasions to seek information about (b)(6) and other POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia.

Connecticut's Air Force Senior Master Sergeant (b)(6) was injured during a training exercise when his parachute malfunctioned and his emergency chute only partially opened. Yet, he went on to serve his country as an Air Commando in Laos. His O-1E plane, with two crewmembers, was shot down on May 18, 1966. His sister, (b)(6) has had direct contact with a North Vietnamese soldier who witnessed the shoot down and stated there was only one body for burial. What happened to the second crewmember? (b)(6) and her husband planned to travel to Laos in 1996 when the investigation was planned for (b)(6) site. However, they were told there would be no room for them on the flight from the base camp in Savannaket, Laos to the site. (b)(6) family still waits for answers.

Do we know if these men are still among those alive today? We have no confirmation of their death. We have stated many times that we believe that an international no-fault policy, supported by world leaders, is the vehicle needed to resolve this national tragedy. If that were to become a reality, we will have embarked on a global peace initiative. Our unrecovered POWs, their families, and our future generations deserve nothing less.

After all these years, it should be obvious that more needs to be done to ensure the repatriation of our unrecovered POWs. Remember, whenever Americans are in danger, whether it is the result of national disaster, an area in need of peacekeeper, or help is needed to secure the freedom of others, the United States military is called upon to serve. These are highly trained individuals, rapid response teams, Americans willing to risk their lives to help others.

The evidence proves all prisoners of war were **not** released after the cessation of hostilities after each war. Educate yourself. Read Dr. Jeff Donahue's blog at www.jcdonahue24.com. Read Lynn O'Shea's *Abandoned in Place*. Read *An Enormous Crime* by former Congressman Bill Hendon and Elizabeth Stewart. Read *American Trophies How US POWs Were Surrendered to North Korea, China, and Russia* by Washington's "Cynical Attitude" by Mark Sauter and John Zimmerlee. Declassified documents reviewed by John Zimmerlee provide names of POWs held in Korea who were seen by repatriated POWs in the days just prior to Operation Big Switch. Encourage others to educate themselves as well.

We ask that our unrecovered POWs and missing Americans be remembered each and every day. We believe our military personnel are worthy of high level intervention on their behalf, at the presidential level, to secure their safe release. They are not expendable pawns on the foreign policy chessboard. Our military is a finite, trained group of dedicated individuals who not only preserve our

freedom, but the freedom of others. Nations must always negotiate for the return of unrecovered prisoners of war, regardless of the passage of time since the cessation of hostilities. Far too many of Uncle Sam's children remain unaccounted for across the globe from past wars. Our nation must rectify the ineffective, flawed policies of the past to protect Uncle Sam's future generations.

(b)(6)

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President

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This is an important article written by John Zimmerlee and Mark Sauter, authors of ***American Trophies*** *How US POWs Were Surrendered to North Korea, China, and Russia by Washington's "Cynical Attitude"* which is a must read by all, not just POW activists. This article is from *American Thinker*.

September 28, 2015

President Xi Jinping: What Happened to the U.S. POWs China Has Never Returned?

By [John Zimmerlee and Mark Sauter](#)

Families across America have a pressing question for Chinese leader Xi Jinping, now visiting the U.S. It's not among President Obama's public priorities for this trip, such as climate change, trade and cybersecurity. Nor is it likely to be asked by the news media or the Secretary General of the United Nations during Xi's visit there.

The question: What did China do with the Americans it captured during the Korean and Cold Wars but never returned? The fate of these husbands, fathers, sons and brothers continues to haunt their loved ones, who are frustrated at Beijing for its long stonewalling and Washington for its failure to press the issue.

We can now report that a celebrated 2008 U.S.-China agreement to open Chinese military archives has failed to resolve the case of even a single U.S. POW, according to the Pentagon. The Chinese "cite classification issues that prevent them" from releasing information on American POWs, a spokesperson admitted to us late last week.

Take the case of Richard "Dick" Desautels, a handsome, blue-eyed nineteen-year-old from a Vermont dairy farm who was imprisoned by China and never returned. After decades of claiming he had "escaped" in 1953 from a Chinese-run prison camp in North Korea, Beijing in 2003 finally admitted it had actually abducted Desautels to China that year. According to their new story, Desautels died soon after from a sudden "mental illness" and his body was misplaced. Asked for proof of his fate, Beijing refuses to release the files it admits having on this missing American hero.

At least China finally responded to the question about Desautels. In hundreds of other cases involving men last known or believed alive in Chinese hands, Beijing has simply referred back to its preposterous original claims. Harry Moreland "escaped" from a mountain prison in enemy territory, China has insisted, even though both of Moreland's legs had been amputated. His American POW camp buddies saw Gerald "Jerry" Glasser taken away in a jeep by Chinese officers, but China maintained he too "escaped." Air Force officers Robert Martin, Kassel Keene, George W. Patton and others were sentenced to prison terms by communist kangaroo courts, their sentences "not to be affected by repatriation" at the end of the war. None came home. And the list goes on.

Hundreds more Americans simply vanished in combat with the Chinese, including soldiers such as Sgt. Lewis W. Sowles. Their families point to compelling evidence the Chinese captured some of them and could also account for many left dead on the battlefield.

China simply refuses to tell us what it did with many American prisoners. America's top general in Korea admitted as much at the end of the war. "I was in a quandary. The question to me was, 'How do you get these people back without pointing a gun at the communists?' When you have no gun threatening the Reds (China and its North Korean and Soviet allies), there is no way to demand and enforce compliance from them," said General Mark Clark, Commander-in-Chief of U.S./United Nations forces. Clark later stated there was "no question in my mind that the communists still hold some of them."

The Air Force Chief of Staff even requested a C.I.A. covert operation to rescue the survivors, according to documents declassified in recent years, but the operation which turned down due to insufficient CIA "capabilities."

More Americans literally fell into Chinese hands during the Cold War. After their Navy plane was shot down by shore batteries near Shantou, China, Lloyd Smith and William McClure floated ashore and were captured, according to U.S. intelligence. China has claimed it knows nothing of their fate.

Navy Lt. (j.g.) James Deane and a fellow crewman were reported alive by intelligence sources after their 1956 shoot-down off China's coast. Deane was last reported living outside Beijing under the control of Ch'en Lung, assistant chief of the Public Security Department in Beijing and the other American was said to be working at the "Sheng-Lung Corporation" in Shanghai.

The Navy kept these intelligence reports secret from the crew's families for decades, then claimed the men could not have survived the crash (though numerous U.S. POWs have returned over the years after disappearing in "un-survivable" crashes). Deane's wife, Dr. Beverly Shaver, later pressed China for answers herself, with help from former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, a friend of Deane's from flight school. A high-level Chinese official told her Beijing still considered records on Deane "highly classified" decades after the incident, which makes little sense if he really perished in the crash. As with other cases, there seems no question Beijing has information on Deane's incident but still refuses to provide it to the U.S.

Not that the U.S. government shares all its information on these issues, even with POW/MIA family members. The military and National Archives are still refusing to release POW-related documents dating back to 1953 – claiming to the authors that the files are still properly classified.

What we have dislodged from the government under the Freedom of Information Act are intelligence records showing China held but never returned a substantial number of American prisoners, intelligence now corroborated by former senior Soviet officers who fought with the Chinese in Korea and testify that U.S. prisoners were held in China and in some cases sent on to the U.S.S.R. (Information on US POWs sent to the Soviet Union and kept in North Korea can be found here: <http://www.kpows.com/thesoviets.html>).

The declassified files also include the story of Dick Desautels as told by his fellow POWs who did return. Taken to Chinese Manchuria after his capture, he learned Chinese while being forced to drive trucks for the enemy. He was then brought back to a Chinese-run POW camp in North Korea, where he upset his captors by interpreting for fellow GIs. "He told me that the (Chinese) would not let him come in contact with other POW's as he knew too much," one buddy reported. Before U.S. POWs were to be repatriated in 1953, Desautels feared he was about to be taken away to China. "(A)t that time he mentioned if he should disappear to make inquiries concerning his whereabouts with the proper military authorities," a friend recalled of their last meeting at the camp.

When China released its prisoners, Richard Desautels and others last known alive were not among them. Beijing told the U.S./United Nations command that Desautels had "escaped," offering no further information about him.

China stuck with this claim, and its blanket denials about the other missing Americans, until 2003, when for reasons unknown it made an astonishing admission. "The People's Liberation Army representative stated that he had found a complete record of 9-10 pages on this case in the Chinese Archives, which are still classified. The Chinese

People's Liberation Volunteer Army captured Sergeant Desautels and he was known to be a POW. According to the Chinese, Sergeant Desautels became mentally ill on April 22, 1953 and died on April 29, 1953. He was buried in a cemetery near Shenyang. The graves were moved when construction activity was conducted in the area and there is no record of where Desautels' remains were reinterred," reports a Pentagon report on the meeting.

In other words, Beijing admitted its decades of denials about Desautels were a lie. Desautels had not "escaped." He had been secretly spirited from North Korea to Shenyang, China, and never returned. Now the Chinese were asking America to believe a new story: Desautels had died within days of his abduction from a "mental illness" and China had lost his body. As to the details, China refused to release its file on Desautels, calling it classified.

Aside from the implausible cause of death and convenient loss of Desautels' body, the Chinese story raised another issue. Shenyang, then called Mukden, was "confirmed" by US intelligence during the war as the location of a secret Chinese prison camp and shipping point for American prisoners being sent to the Soviet Union.

Was Desautels' body really lost, or was he actually sent to the Soviet Union or kept in China? What about those other Americans reported in Shenyang? Unfortunately, there's no indication the Pentagon asked the Chinese these questions. Nor, as far as we can tell, did they alert the families of others missing from Chinese camps about the sudden break in China's stonewall and the existence of Chinese records such as the one on Desautels. The Pentagon did ask China to provide its classified file on Desautels, but never received it, nor as far as we can tell escalated the issue to higher policy levels or asked for similar files on other missing Americans.

In 2008 the Pentagon did announce a new agreement with China to obtain information from its military archives (for \$150,000 a year in Pentagon funding), an agreement heralded as a breakthrough by the U.S. However, our review of government records shows that instead of providing information on the men confirmed held in its prisons – such as Desautels and others listed above -- China has released documents on U.S. aircraft crash sites, often in remote areas and including those from World War II.

We are told the archive records have failed to resolve the case of even a single American POW and apparently are not even expected to. According to a Pentagon spokesperson: "They (the Chinese) have not provided us information on POWs to date (via the Archives project) and they cite classification issues that prevents them."

"I think that our government needs to pursue my Uncle Jerry (Glasser)'s case even harder now that China has finally admitted to taking Dick Desautels," Phyllis Glasser told us, in a sentiment echoed by many other family members.

So as Xi Jinping visits the White House and the United Nations (for whom our missing American soldiers officially fought), listen for the question so many American families want asked. And deserve to have answered after so many years of waiting. Xi Jinping: What did China do with our missing fathers, sons, brothers and husbands?

John Zimmerlee is the Executive Director of the Korean & Cold War POW/MIA Network and Vice President of the Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs. His father, Capt. John Henry Zimmerlee USAF, is missing in the Korean War. Mark Sauter, a former investigative reporter and Army officer, has been investigating the fate of Korean War POW/MIAs for more than 25 years, from North Korea to Moscow. He blogs at: www.kpows.com. Sauter and Zimmerlee are authors of the book: [American Trophies: How US POWs Were Surrendered to North Korea, China and Russia by Washington's Cynical Attitude](#)

Be sure to visit the www.coalitionoffamilies.org website for further updates and information.

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Rich Daly is the editor of Minnesota Won't Forget POW/MIA and has researched POW/MIA satellite imagery for many years. He was a presenter at the annual meeting of the National Alliance this past summer. He is the son of a survivor of the Bataan Death March. This appeared in the most recent MWF newsletter. Their website is www.mwfpowmia.org. As mentioned below, the seven satellite photos and map are found in his newsletter. I can forward his newsletter to you, if you contact me at (b)(6)@gmail.com or call.

The annual meeting of the National Alliance of POW/MIA Families was a great learning experience. I had the opportunity to present material which for the most part was on the topic of POW/MIA imagery. There was a lot of good audience interaction.

This issue contains a number of photos of the Ban Nakay area in Laos. These photos are best viewed in the emailed versions of our newsletter. Numerous reports placed American POWs at the cave complex at Ban Nakay Teua. None of those POWs were returned. Our organization received the Ban Nakay photos only after filing a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit in federal court.

During the imagery presentation (b)(6) remarked that her husband was reportedly sent to Ban Nakay. For those unfamiliar with the (b)(6) case, (b)(6) was one of the Americans who missing when North Vietnamese troops captured the secret electronic post at Site 85 in Laos. When the Vietnam War ended (and for many years afterward) none of the Americans at Site 85, even those killed, were on any U.S. government official missing or casualty list. Mrs. (b)(6) said it was as if the men had never existed.

According to an intelligence report which Mrs. (b)(6) received through a FOIA request in December of 1985, three individuals were captured, one wearing glasses. (b)(6) was the only missing American known to wear glasses.

You may remember Boris Yeltsin's trip to the U.S., when Yeltsin told a reporter that there might still be American POWs in Soviet prisons. U.S. officials quickly put out the story Yeltsin was drunk. At some later time Yeltsin provided a list of such men to U.S. authorities, which our government simply filed away for 15 or 16 months. The National Alliance reported that a Korean War family member obtained a copy and just happened to show it to a Vietnam War family member who noticed the name "(b)(6)" on the list. Mrs. (b)(6) only found this out as a result of this sequence of events. (b)(6) full name is (b)(6). Today the U.S./Russian story is that the name on the list belongs to an Estonian man.

Of note is the fact the while the Perot Commission was shown the close-up photo of the men on page 4, the commission was NOT shown the photo on page 3 (note page 4 is a blow-up of a section of the photo on page 3) or similar photos showing just how close the men were to the cave complex. American POWs were known to be held at a cave complex. The early government photo analysis showing the differences in height between the men in dark and light clothes is today replaced with an analysis that finds no sign of American POWs.

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From the National Alliance: Lynn O'Shea's latest Bits n Pieces (9/12/2015) has an excellent critique of the DPAA webpage information regarding live sighting reports. The website is www.nationalalliance.org. If you email me, I'll forward it to you. Or contact me by phone, and I'll send it to you.

POW/MIA CT Forget- Me-Nots
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UPDATED 6/1/2015 *** Connecticut residents must add 6.35% state tax to all items. ***

NOTE: The following prices for EMBROIDERED items with the POW/MIA LOGO are for those currently in stock. Due to price changes which occur between orders, I'd have to check the current price with my supplier for any new orders.

NEW POPULAR ITEM – Olive Drab Green BUSH STYLE HATS with POW /MIA You Are Not Forgotten \$25.00

- **New - Gray Waffle Henleys 2L, 1XL available** **\$37.00**
- **Hooded black lined wind jacket with pouch ½ length zipper** **\$42.00**
logo embroidered over left breast - 4 LARGE available
- **Hooded gray sweatshirt with logo embroidered over left breast- 7L, 3 XL available** **\$38.00**
- **Black long sleeve Henley style shirts – logo embr. over left breast M(1), L (7), XL(3)** **\$30.00**
- **Black knit winter hats with POW/MIA logo 2 available** **\$17.00**
- **WHITE or BLACK POW/MIA HATS embroidered with the silhouette on the front and POW * MIA You Are Not Forgotten on the back specify white or black** **\$16.00**
- **Charcoal gray fleece blankets with POW/MIA logo - only 2 available** **\$40.00**
- **Charcoal gray fleece jackets with POW/MIA logo – perfect for cool nights or as for layers during winter M(2),L (1), XL(1)** **\$42.00**
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Sent: 5 Oct 2015 16:56:55 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV
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Cc:

(b)(6)

Subject: Photo
Attachments: image001.jpg

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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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From: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com
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)(1)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 8 Oct 2015 10:38:36 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Fwd: Mid-Missouri soldier's remains found after 45 years (U)

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Thought you might like to see/read this one too!

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To: (b)(6)@mail.mil, (b)(6)@mail.mil
CC: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com, (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Sent: 3/6/2015 8:53:35 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: Mid-Missouri soldier's remains found after 45 years (U)

OK, thanks, for the correct Internet address, but also the clarity on responsibility, meaning DPAA-East needs to get a hold on the announcement process, much as when DPMO had sole responsibility.

That means you, (b)(6) so since you're in proximity, as RADM Franken apparently likes to say, are you going to recommend the steps necessary to keep DPAA from being this out of touch with 21st century requirements for timeliness and transparency, while still being sensitive to the families?

Your call, but I've asked repeatedly over the last few years, not just months, to no avail, and you're all witness to the frustration. It is ridiculous for IDs to be appearing in local media across the country, but the DoD organization/agency responsible has not yet caught up with requirements to make the announcement.

I used to be told "DoD's policy" was to permit only one announcement per ID, so that was deemed most useful to be just prior to the interment so more people could know who might wish to attend the burial. Enough is enough, so PLEASE don't use that one again so we don't have to appeal for a policy decision, especially with (b)(6) the interim PPS Director, God help us all! There really isn't time in this environment to be spent on correcting such nonsense!

Especially when it comes to the VN War, the announcements are few and far between, and we've been stuck at 1,639 for a months now, as we were before at 1641, so some good news of DPAA's successful ID

of two more VN Vets, during this focus year of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration would be especially welcome, don't you think? Have a good day, Ann

PS: This is what I got with searching Google: "The Digital Place Based Advertising Association (DPAA) is a not for profit trade organization that exists to drive consistent growth for the industry ..."

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Ann,

The address is Caution-www.dpaa.mil/. If that doesn't work, go to Google and search for Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

DPAA west does the ID announcements.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

External Communications

Work # (b)(6)

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

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

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 6:16 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US); (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)

Cc: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org

Subject: Re: Mid-Missouri soldier's remains found after 45 years (U)

Well, for a start, give me the web site address as you use it? I could be doing it wrong? And is DPAA-West now handling this? Or DPAA East? or OSD? Just tell me who is in charge of issuing the ID announcements so that at least we'll know that much in this new "transparent" world, please???

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In a message dated 3/5/2015 11:13:34 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ann,

Rodney Griffin was identified on 27 January, however, I just checked our web site and it does NOT show that he has been accounted-for.

I'm working with our computer experts to see if we can determine why some people cannot get to our web site. Hopefully we can find out what's happening that's not allowing some people to connect.

(b)(6)

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Work # (b)(6)

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

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

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 5:48 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)

Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EXT COMM (US) (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org

Subject: Mid-Missouri soldier's remains found after 45 years

(b)(6) is Rodney Griffin accounted for or not? Has DoD announced his ID? Obviously it is being advertised by local media, but I don't recall his name as being announced. This is the second one, as I recall, within recent weeks. I think (b)(6) also found another one when she received inquiries and again looked elsewhere on the Internet for answers, but I don't recall the name. (b)(6) do you?

More importantly, who is now handing the DoD announcements? DPAA? Or DASD Bardorf? or OSD/PA? Whatever the process now being followed, the DPAA website needs to be accessible so that all of us have the same public information on who is and is not still missing. Can you help? Thanks in advance, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 3/5/2015 10:12:21 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: Another soldier accounted for

Since I couldn't access the DPAA website, I checked with Google and this is what I found. Love

(b)(6)

News <Caution-www.komu.com/category/news/>

Mid-Missouri soldier's remains found after 45 years

Posted: Mar 4, 2015 2:51 PM by Katie Moeller, KOMU 8 reporter
Updated: Mar 5, 2015 9:18 AM

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MEXICO - Doris Griffin said she's waited 45 years for her brother-in-law to come home from Vietnam.

But now that wait is over. Griffin said the United States Army has positively identified Rodney Griffin's remains.

Rodney Griffin, who served as an infantryman during the Vietnam War, was presumed missing for years after his helicopter was shot down over Cambodia.

"We used to watch the television for prisoner of war announcements non-stop," Doris Griffin said. "We all dropped whatever we were doing and watched the TV, hoping that the POW/MIA announcements would say that Rodney had been found."

Griffin said he was later officially declared deceased.

"Even after he was officially declared deceased, we never accepted it though," she said. "Our family never gave up hope that he would be found."

Chris Azdell, a family friend, said the most recent information from the Army points to the conclusion that Rodney Griffin died fighting.

"Because his remains were found near where the helicopter went down, they think he probably died fighting the enemy in tall elephant grass," he said. "They don't think he was a prisoner of war."

Doris Griffin said finally finding Rodney is a bittersweet feeling.

"It's good to know he didn't suffer in a prisoner of war camp," she said. "But at the same time, most of the prisoners came home. And Rodney didn't."

The Centralia VFW gathered to remember Rodney Griffin Wednesday.

Ron Azdell, the post commander, said he remembered Rodney Griffin as a staple of the Centralia community.

"He was the John Wayne of Centralia," Azdell said. "I was shot down in a helicopter in Vietnam as well. I guess I just got lucky that I survived."

Darrell Reeves, who grew up with Griffin, said he still looks at the door sometimes, expecting Rodney Griffin to just walk in.

"Rodney was the type of guy who would have toughed anything out," Reeves said. "He would have

done everything he could to come back."

Keith Davenport went to school with Griffin. He said that for years, every time he saw a POW/MIA flag, his first thought was always about Griffin.

"He's not coming back in the way we wanted," Steve Gordon, another friend of Griffin's, said. "There is some closure in it. But it's still mostly just sad."

Gordon said he went into Cambodia on May 1st, 1970, just one day before Griffin was shot down.

"I do think about it all the time. How our roles could have been switched," Gordon said.

Davenport, Azdell and Reeves agreed.

"We live our lives a lot fuller now," Reeves said. "We know that every day could have been our last over there, and Rodney reminds us of that."

As Doris Griffin looked over pictures of Rodney and awards he had received, she said she and her family are thankful for all the memories.

"I am so glad he is not forgotten. That we have all these mementos of him, like his Purple Heart Medal," Griffin said. "But really, most of all, more than anything, I wish we just had Rodney back instead."

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 8 Oct 2015 14:13:18 -0400
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Subject: APPROVED Minutes of Recent Board Meetings
Attachments: Business.Session.Minutes_6-27-15.pdf, Minutes_3-14-15.pdf,
Minutes_6-24-15.pdf, Minutes_6-27-15.pdf

and the League's 46th Annual Meeting Business Session. As for all nonprofit, 501(c)3 organizations, our official minutes are available to the public upon request, but I thought each of you might want to scan them when you have down time, IF that ever occurs any more. Best to all, Ann

PS: We overcame reluctance about Twitter when we got our internal IT specialist (b)(6) to agree to handle it for us, and he is doing a great job.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POW/MIA FAMILIES
46TH ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS SESSION

Hilton Crystal City Hotel

Saturday, June 27, 2015

The Business Session was called to order by Chairman of the Board Ann Mills-Griffiths at 2:10 p.m. A count of voting League members was taken in an effort to establish a quorum, defined as 50% +1 member, or 70 total, to establish the quorum. Since a quorum was not present, the Annual Meeting Procedures (attached) could not be introduced for consideration and vote, and the meeting proceeded as Sergeants-at-Arms and Board Members sought out additional attending members to urge them to come into the Business Session.

1. From the League Office: (b)(6) mentioned it had been a very busy year, that the League had again been approved for the CFC program in 2015 and encouraged all present to report on their activities so that the League's web site, Facebook page and Twitter account could carry the vast nationwide support for the mission. She also encouraged all members to contact the national office if they needed current information and/or materials for participation in programs.

2. Treasurer's Report/Annual Report: (b)(6) Treasurer of the Board, asked all present to refer to the financial report received in their Registration Packets, asking for questions that anyone might have concerning the Annual Report. He noted that he was very happy to report that the League currently has \$75,000 more than at the same time in 2014. He also noted that the full annual audit had not yet been conducted due to the untimely death of the League's Certified Public Accountant William Batdorf, and praised his many years of dedication and effort at no financial cost to the League.

3. Congressional Visitation Report: (b)(6) GA State Coordinator and former League Chairman of the Board, discussed the impact of visits to congressional delegations by League members, a practice she has followed for decades to ensure her own elected officials remain engaged and supportive. She advised all present to urge their own officials to post the League's POW/MIA flag outside their office door and suggested it is always best to request an appointment to meet with their congressman via a letter in advance but, if no reply or the congressman (Senate or House) is not available, always ask to speak to the Veterans Affairs and/or Military Affairs staff member. She further encouraged all to get to know their own state's governor, a means of ensuring that governor's support for significant events involving the POW/MIA accounting mission as part of the program, certainly on each of the six days per year when our POW/MIA flag is, by law, posted at all US Post Office facilities, and major military installations, state capitols and VA facilities, as well as the White House and Departments of State, Defense and Veterans Affairs in DC.

4. Workshop Summary Reports:

Dealing with Ambiguous Loss: (b)(6) & (b)(6)

The session was well-attended and worthwhile. Suggestions included reading Healing a Grieving Heart After a Military Loss, written by TAPS, and Bitter or Better: A Personal Walk Through Grief, by guest speaker (b)(6), himself a POW/MIA brother, as a means of better understanding some of the emotional ups and downs that impact all POW/MIA relatives. TAPS, the organization for children and families of military personnel killed in service to our country, was also recommended as a viable group to help in healing the hearts and minds of the children affected by the death of a parent.

Pursuing an MIA Case: (b)(6)

Specifics were shared on how to pursue an individual case, and all were urged to attend DoD-hosted Updates in their areas and to urge others to attend the League's annual meeting each year. In both instances, individual case file reviews are available, but you must always request that review in advance so that US officials are prepared. All were advised to get to know the US officials working their missing loved one's cases, as well as those in leadership roles, also mentioning specifically the need to get to know their own governor and all elected congressional officials in their state. Each person attending was asked to write a letter to their local paper and share their own story about their missing loved one for POW/MIA Recognition Day this year.

5. Open Discussion/Consideration of Policy Resolutions:

After a final attempt to establish a quorum of 70 voting members failed, the Chairman entertained discussion. It was suggested that at future annual meetings, a quorum be established early in the meeting, then the Chairman could declare the session in recess until reconvened at the time scheduled for the Business Session. That scenario was deemed feasible.

Since a formal, binding vote was not feasible, the Chairman suggested informal voting on the resolutions that had been submitted, and there was strong endorsement by all present as a SENSE OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

- 1) Resolved, that the National League of POW/MIA Families strongly favors increasing the number of forensic archeologists and anthropologists to participate in DPAA's excavation and identification processes to meet the increased pace and scope of operations related to WWII and Korean War recoveries, with a goal of increasing accounting results.
- 2) Resolved, that the National League of POW/MIA Families commends the Lao Government for its commitment to the League's Delegation earlier this year to pursue a new archival initiative by expanding its research to locate and make available Lao archives, as well as work with the Vietnamese to ensure Lao documents that may have been moved years ago to Hanoi for safekeeping have been returned to Vientiane and made available to US specialists, and urges the Lao Government to move quickly to implement its commitment.
- 3) Resolved, that the National League of POW/MIA Families commends LTG Michael S. Linnington, USA (Ret), for his interest and for accepting the position of Director of the new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), and commends Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Christine Wormuth for selecting Mr. Linnington as the first Director.

6. Adjournment: The Chairman adjourned the Business Session at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

(b)(6), Secretary

Approved by unanimous SENSE OF THE BOARD, October 7, 2015.

**National League of POW/MIA Families
Board of Directors Meeting
League National Office
MINUTES: March 14, 2015**

1) Call to Order: The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. (All times noted throughout the document will be in Eastern Daylight Time)

1.1 The prayer was led by Prayer – (b)(6)

1.2 The pledge was led by (b)(6)

1.3 The roll call reflected as present Chairman Ann Mills-Griffiths, Vice Chairman (b)(6), Treasurer (b)(6), Acting Secretary (b)(6), (b)(6) and (b)(6). Absent, excused for health reasons, was (b)(6). Also present was (b)(6).

At 9:22 a.m., the Chairman called the meeting into **Executive Session** at 9:22 a.m. to meet with RADM Michael T. Franken, Interim Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), and (b)(6) Policy Officer for SEA, DPAA.

12:35 p.m. – The Chairman called recess for a Lunch break

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Continuing in **Executive Session**, the League hosted **Col Ed Hackett, USMC (Ret), EH Group, Inc.**, discussing advances in technology and alternative processes to augment the accounting process.

After a break, the Chairman resumed Executive Session, and went into open session at 5:05 p.m.

2) Chairman's Comments: The Chairman indicated she had discussed all sensitive matters needing the board's attention and had nothing further to add.

3) Approval of the Minutes:

Motion #9: It was moved by (b)(6) seconded by (b)(6) to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2014, Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the actions identified/orders of business from September 13th meeting.

1. Photo Project: (b)(6) has been invited to attend the annual meeting in June. She is only missing one photo to complete her project.
2. Congressional Focus, Approach & Prospects: The chairman urged the board to continue outreach to Congress and encourage other members to do the same, suggesting Members of Congress to call the League national office for briefings, positions and current data.

3. Family Involvement: The office administrator noted there has been a wonderful response to the postcard reminding our members to pay their dues for 2015. It was again suggested that the League separately reach out to veterans groups, offering a Certificate of Membership.

4. Social Media

- a. (b)(6) indicated she is working on an RFP for a new website, with intentions to have a working document for review by the Board by the end of March.
- b. (b)(6) noted that at this juncture, the League has little following on its Twitter account which reflects poorly on the organization.

Motion #10: (b)(6) moved, seconded by (b)(6) that the League not have a Twitter account until such time as it could be more seriously utilized so as not to undercut the League and its ability to disseminate information. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman indicated she would be in touch with (b)(6) CO State Coordinator and Twitter account volunteer that we would be terminating Twitter at this time, with the possibility for again launching it at a later date.

5. Students/Education

- a. The potential for hosting an essay contest was discussed to target schools and try to get more children involved and participating, with the prospect of presenting an award to the winner at the Annual Meeting.
- b. Another idea for student involvement would be to have a contest focused on creating POW/MIA posters. There was general consensus that this would be a great draw for students, especially those engaged in graphic design.

Motion #11: It was moved by (b)(6) seconded by (b)(6) to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2014, Conference Call Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4) Office Administrator's Report

Following a brief presentation by (b)(6) on general office matters of interest, she focused on some of the many POW/MIA-related products being produced and distributed by various organizations and for-profit businesses. There was general discussion of the increasing Revenue Streams and Possibilities, including donations coming from proceeds, all of which are voluntary and not required due to the fact that there is no legal protection on the League's iconic logo being increasingly used nationally and internationally. She provided as examples:

1. Vets Recreation Center – POW/MIA Survival Bracelets
2. Team Mohawk – T-shirts

3. New Jersey group – POW/MIA blankets
4. Miller Electronic – POW/MIA Welding Helmets
5. Bradford Group – Several unique products from which a % of income is derived.

She also reported on contributions from trusts and wills of supporters who had passed away. In reporting on CFC, (b)(6) stated that final income from CFC was \$29,131.10; the League's total investment into program advertising was \$4,134.19, a significant return.

5) Finance Report

Financial reports were submitted by Treasurer (b)(6) to each member of the Board for review. Following some initial discussion, there were no questions unanswered.

6) Pending Business

6.1 The chairman noted that Status of Reorganization/Restructure Effort" had been covered in Executive Session with RADM Franken and afterward in discussion.

6.2 Policy Resolution from the 45th Annual Meeting passed in 2014, and some from 2012 and 2013 may need to be reaffirmed, as listed below. The intent would be to send these out with the ballot for the League's membership to register their vote.

- a. Defining "Fullest Possible Accounting"
- b. Resolution on Accounting Process – will be tweaked/updated and include language from the SEA Research & Analysis resolution
- c. Recovering Life Support Equipment & Artifacts
- d. Discontinuing the IDB Process
- e. Establish renewed checks and balances throughout the accounting process

6.3 The Board reviewed the updated program for the 46th Annual Meeting.

Motion #12: It was moved by (b)(6), seconded by (b)(6) to approve the amended program and invite former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to be the dinner speaker and recipient of a League Award. The motion passed unanimously.

6.4 The discussion of sending a League Delegation to Russia was tabled until more information about next steps with the USRJC are available.

7) New Business

1. Veterans Support Initiative: (b)(6) will be putting up a new section on our website that links to the positions of veteran organizations. The League office will ask (b)(6) the League's Veterans Advisor, to collect the latest positions to keep our website updated.

2. Recording Devices for Use at Board Meetings: After lengthy discussion of the idea raised by (b)(6) there was a general sense of those present that the League should investigate the possibility of getting a recording/transcription device for use at future meetings of the board.

Motion #13: (b)(6) moved, seconded by (b)(6), that the League investigate getting a recording/transcription device to be used at Board meetings. The motion passed unanimously, including an affirmative vote from the Chairman, Ann Mills-Griffiths.

3. WWII Recoveries: There was extensive discussion on the merits of the League taking a position related to WWII recoveries.

Motion #14: (b)(6) moved, seconded by (b)(6) that it is inappropriate for the League to take a position on WWII recoveries based on the League's charter that defines parameters of League interests and objectives. The motion passed unanimously.

8) Regional & State Coordinators Reports (In writing, if submitted)

9) Open Discussion

10) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(b)(6), Acting Secretary

National League of POW/MIA Families
MINUTES: Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2015
Hilton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called into session by Chairman of the Board Ann Mills-Griffiths 4:25 pm. (b)(6) led the group in prayer; (b)(6) led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call of Board Members was done by Secretary (b)(6). (b)(6) In attendance were members Chairman Mills-Griffiths, (b)(6), (b)(6) and Vice Chairman (b)(6). (b)(6) had an excused absence due to her husband's illness. Also present was newly elected 2015-2017 Board Member (b)(6).

2. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Mills-Griffiths noted that the gray name badges represent non-League family members, and all were encouraged to welcome them and hopefully get them to join the League. The chairman mentioned the importance of being on time and to be sure to follow all assignments. Also to thank the Sergeants-at-Arms for their donation to the League and all their support.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION #15: It was moved by (b)(6) seconded by (b)(6) to defer approval of the minutes from the March 14, 2015 meeting for consideration by the 2015-17 Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION #16: (b)(6) moved, seconded by (b)(6) to table the Financial Report until after its presentation at the annual business session. The motion passed unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. 46TH Annual Meeting Wrap-Up/ Assignments: Griffiths (b)(6) The focus was to stress "be on time" for all sessions.

5.2 Board and Committee Chairman Responsibilities: Self-explanatory on the attached paper for distribution.

6. POLICY ADVISER: (b)(6) provided an update on sessions with LTG Linnington, focused on informing him as objectively and fully as possible in preparation for assuming his post as the new DPAA Director. He indicated all was going very well, and Linnington had indicated that the SEA accounting mission was and would continue to be the core of the mission going forward.

The Chairman announced that by decision of the new DPAA Director, the poster for National POW/MIA Recognition Day would not be unveiled at the 46th Annual Meeting as it failed to reflect DPAA's ongoing accounting mission.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m., and the 2015-17 Board was reminded of the Executive Session immediately following to elect Board officers, to be chaired by (b)(6)

Respectfully Submitted,

(b)(6)

Secretary

**NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POW/MIA FAMILIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES, June 27, 2015
Hilton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chairman Ann Mills-Griffiths

1.1 The prayer was led by (b)(6) Region III & Ohio State Coordinator

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by (b)(6) Assistant Region IV & Nevada State Coordinator,

1.3 The roll was called by (b)(6) Secretary.

Board members present were Chairman Ann Mills-Griffiths, Vice Chairman (b)(6)

(b)(6) Treasurer (b)(6) and Secretary (b)(6)

(b)(6) was absent, excused in advance due to her husband's hospitalization.

Also present was (b)(6)

Guests in attendance were (b)(6) Mosburg, NV Asst. State Coordinator (b)(6)

(b)(6) GA State Coordinator (b)(6), DC & No. VA State

Coordinator (b)(6), Senior Policy Advisor (b)(6)

(b)(6) and (b)(6) Magic Valley, UT

2. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: The Chairman offered appreciation to all of the volunteers for their help, noting the meeting was a hard, but a productive one. The business meeting was good in terms of helpful discussion, even though a quorum of 50%+1 was not established. It was proposed that next year, a quorum be established earlier in the meeting, then go into recess until the scheduled time of the business meeting, as appropriate.

It was recommended that information about the business meeting, the need for establishing a quorum and requirements for voting be discussed in New Member Orientation. (Secretary Note: We should look to include information about it on the web, registration form and/or notes distributed about the meeting prior to arrival, as some made plans to leave DC after the Saturday morning Q&A session.)

Overall feedback from family members was very positive, with many saying that the presentations were very informative and useful.

The Air Force didn't communicate information about the Twilight Tattoo to families prior to arrival in DC. Some families were disappointed because they missed the Twilight Tattoo by coming in later that night. Better communication from the Service Casualty Offices is needed so that families plan appropriately and can take advantage of special events offered at and during the League's annual meetings.

Total earned from the League Boutique this year was \$5,177. \$1,500 of (b)(6) local (Dubuque, IA) fundraisers throughout the year were included in the total, as was one check from a donor for ~ \$300.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Annual Meeting Wrap-Up: The Chairman called on guests seated around the room asking all to keep comments brief and not repeat comments already made, just note concurrence.

(b)(6) – The workshop by (b)(6) was very powerful, and a lot of people could have gained from attending that forum on Ambiguous Loss. Discussion ensued about how to offer this type of session at other times during the meeting and how to offer some of these sessions during off times, potentially during times of other off-site events, when families might choose not to attend offsite activities in favor of such a forum.

(b)(6) – Stated this year's annual meeting was one of the best meetings we've ever had, though the meat at the annual dinner was tough. Service Casualty Luncheons were great. The Chairman explained that we get such a good deal on the food because all menus are the same and negotiated by the League.

(b)(6) – Thought it went well. Of all of the years she's been coming, this has been the best. Also noted that during the past four years, all case reviews have been scheduled during business hours, i.e. annual meeting sessions, presentations and briefings from US officials.

(b)(6) – Thought the meeting went well, but noted he felt stressed about a few things that they felt unprepared to handle, i.e. he went to help with the Missing Man Honors Table and found himself making decisions that he was unprepared to make. He didn't have time to wait, or chase down answers about decorations or other specifics. It was the Board's consensus in response that in such moments, he is empowered to make impromptu decisions.

(b)(6) – While working registration, they were able to recruit eleven new members wearing GBO badges. She requested that Registration have at least one family member and a board member present at all times. The Registration team received many questions about case reviews and other matters, and they felt they don't have the experience and knowledge-base to effectively answer the questions. The recommendation from the board is that we try to get Service Casualty Offices to prepare in advance a FAQ flyer to hand to families. The Navy had someone from Navy Casualty there the entire time during registration. All felt it would be very helpful to see someone from each branch there while registration is going on to assist their families.

(b)(6) – Added to what (b)(6) said, people picked up membership material, and then began asking questions about joining the league. She felt they could have used help with providing answers.

(b)(6) – passed

(b)(6) - She was very impressed with the meeting. The presentations were all good. She is very impressed with Linnington, and not disappointed in any way. Everyone is disappointed that Gen Kelly McKeague will be leaving the issue. He's the best we've had in a long time at JPAC or DPMO. The one other disappointment was that Sec Ash Carter did not attend. Hagel has been very engaged with us, and it would have been positive to have Carter with us this year. She was not impressed by CAPT Reedy at all. She also noted that it was disappointing that (b)(6) didn't come. It was noted that a report will be provided to Secretary Carter to show the support for Linnington and feedback from the families.

(b)(6) - will follow up via email with the Chairman.

(b)(6) - The dinner was terrible; she also offered to help with the Registration Table and that she really liked (b)(6) presentation and program segment.

(b)(6) - Indicated he had three sessions with Linnington, noting he is what we expected, he's serious, he's comfortable in his own skin, and he has taken action on some of our recommendations already. He was at all sessions, taking notes. We have a winner here as long as the bureaucracy doesn't stop him. (b)(6) gave him all speeches he's given to the League since '82, noting Linnington is reading them all. He is hopeful Secretary Ash Carter will speak in the future, but he's far too new to have been effective now.

(b)(6) - Feels very positive that the poster is being redone. Also noted that she is glad the video put together by the 50th Commemoration was not able to be played.

(b)(6) recommended having a full set of POW/MIA posters for the League office because it's part of our legacy.

(b)(6) - Asked about giving feedback to review options, some type of evaluation form. Recommendation is that we ensure that families getting case reviews here be given feedback forms, just as they are with at DPAA-hosted Family Updates.

(b)(6) - passed

(b)(6) - She felt a completely different feeling about this meeting. People talked about (b)(6) seminar. The only negative comments about the meeting she heard were related to case reviews. Stated there is a "much different feel this year."

3.2 Board Policy on Leadership & Internal Operations

Motion #1: (b)(6) moved to approve the Board Policy on Leadership & Internal Operations; the motion was seconded by (b)(6) With consensus that we will revisit the document for edits at the next full board meeting, the motion passed unanimously.

3.3 Confidentiality Agreements were distributed to the Board members and signed.

3.4 Follow-up Actions Required from 46th Annual Meeting.

In view of the lack of a quorum at the 46th Annual Meeting Business Session, no policy resolutions could be adopted formally. For this reason, the Board considered the following policy resolutions, all of which were informally, but overwhelmingly supported by voting members present. :

- 1) Resolved, that the National League of POW/MIA Families strongly favors increasing the number of forensic archeologists and anthropologists to participate in DPAA's excavation and identification processes to meet the increased pace and scope of operations related to WWII and Korean War recoveries, with a goal of increasing accounting results.
- 2) Resolved, that the National League of POW/MIA Families commends the Lao Government for its commitment to the League's Delegation earlier this year to pursue a new archival initiative by expanding its research to locate and make available Lao archives, as well as work with the Vietnamese to ensure Lao documents that may have been moved years ago to Hanoi for safekeeping have been returned to Vientiane and made available to US specialists, and urges the Lao Government to move quickly to implement its commitment.
- 3) Resolved, that the National League of POW/MIA Families commends LTG Michael S. Linnington, USA (Ret) for his interest and for accepting the position of Director of the new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and commends Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Christine Wormuth for selecting Mr. Linnington as the first Director.

Motion #2: It was moved by (b)(6), seconded by (b)(6) to approve the three resolutions. The motion passed unanimously.

3.5 Next Board Meeting Date – Proposed September 26-27, 2015

Since unanimous agreement could not be reached and Board Member (b)(6) was absent, excused, the chairman noted that the next action for the newly elected Board of Directors would be to provide dates for an in-person meeting or conference call for the next board meeting.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION

There was no discussion due to time limitations and the start of the League-hosted Farewell Reception at 6:30 pm.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The first meeting of the 2015-2017 Board of Directors was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(b)(6) Secretary

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Oct 2015 12:01:19 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: LOCAL CONNECTION: Miss. Soldier Accounted For From the Korean War (U)

Good, thanks for letting me know. Now I'm optimistic we can get her into understanding and USING public diplomacy in releases, as I absolutely KNOW the Director wants to do, and is one of the reasons he decided to advertise the Outreach & Communications Director and Deputy positions. Find a way to let her know how important that can be and is in terms of achieving the objectives. Later, Ann

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In a message dated 10/14/2015 11:51:34 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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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 [Caution-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 see/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:

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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 (b)(6) of (b)(6) 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,

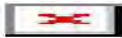
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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Oct 2015 18:06:18 -0400
To:

(b)(6)

Subject: All Medford (OR) School District Schools to Fly POW/MIA Flag



MEDFORD, Ore. -- The Medford School District will raise its first POW/MIA flag Tuesday outside of Central Medford High School.

A new bill was signed by Gov. Kate Brown in late May, requiring all government buildings to fly the POW/MIA flag every day of the year.

"These guys are missing 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, not just six days of the year on holidays," said Hugh Crawford, a Central Point Vietnam veteran who was instrumental in the bill's passage.

The POW/MIA flag will fly alongside the American flag and the Oregon flag at all 19 schools in Medford's district.

The law's effective date is January 1, 2016.

- See more at: Caution-

http://www.kdrv.com/news/local/All_Medford_School_District_Schools_to_Fly_POW_MIA_Flag.html#sthash.NI0StolT.dpuf

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 16 Oct 2015 01:09:16 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Fw: Simple Suggestion (U)

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

From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 09:03 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Cc: Black, Sheila G (Shelly) Col USAF (US); (b)(6) DPAA IT (US);
(b)(6) DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: Simple Suggestion (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Hi (b)(6) -- it was great to see you the other day, and you're the PERFECT fit to direct Major Events and Ceremonies at the Pentagon. Congratulations on your selection!!

A bit of business please (and I apologize up front for immediately engaging you on this.....).... Do you know of the POW/MIA flags mentioned in the below email note? Is there a way to get better ones for upcoming events at the Pentagon?

The National League of POW/MIA Families is the largest POW/MIA group in the nation -- focused on POW/MIAs from Vietnam, and influential on the Hill, with the SD, and other VSos (VFW and Legion among others). Steer me in the right direction to get them replaced please. We can probably help with funding if needed.

Vr, LTG (ret) Linnington

Michael S. Linnington, SES
Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
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Washington, DC 20301-2300
(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 11, 2015 4:32 PM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US)
Subject: Simple Suggestion

It would seem appropriate that DPAA (or WHS) purchase two battalion size POW/MIA flags to display under the US flags at the Pentagon River Entrance Mall on National POW/MIA Recognition Day each year and the five other days required by law. The small size POW/MIA flags again used this year reflect very poorly on DoD, are embarrassing, especially in the presence of foreign officials, and do not accurately reflect the priority being given to the accounting mission in both personnel and resources.

This is an easy one, I'd think, especially since DPAA did it right at the new DPAA-West Headquarters at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, or so it seemed when they were raised. Even with the paperwork requirements likely required for any such action to occur, I would hope your team could get this underway

now and, perhaps, the appropriate new POW/MIA flags could even be available by Veterans Day, November 11th.

Thanks in advance for your consideration on this, but I do think it is a matter of public diplomacy and image, in this instance very easily solved. Best, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 16 Oct 2015 11:56:36 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: Last Week's Congressional Briefing - A Brief Look (U)

Maybe the next one will be better, as Rick indicated, in terms of planning and objectives, or we can all hope, Ann

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In a message dated 10/16/2015 9:35:18 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Yes, Rick 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.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-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)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Last Week's Congressional Briefing - A Brief Look

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FYI, in case you didn't receive Rick Downes 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

----- Original message -----

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, Rick, 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,

(b)(6)@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 David Davis. 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.

Rick

Richard Downes, Executive Director

(Lt. Hal Downes, MIA)

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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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 23 Oct 2015 16:02:27 -0400
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)@mail.mil writes:

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

From: Holland, Thomas D (Dr. (ST-SES)) CIV DPAA FO (US)
Sent: 28 Oct 2015 18:42:02 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
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Subject: RE: Strategic Partnerships (U)

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Share with any and all. The more people understand what we do, the better.

Right now, Strategic Partnerships consists of (b)(6) and me. (b)(6) has been doing most of the work and I hope we don't burn him out before we get some relief. We have a former DPAA/CIL historian joining us in 3 weeks, and he should help tremendously. The goal is to have a final staff of 7: Director, Deputy, a historian, an archaeologist, a financial/grant specialist, and two project managers (one for Asia/Pacific and one for Europe).

The historian will help develop and vet archival research partners, the archaeologist will do the same for investigative/recovery partners. The financial specialist is self-explanatory. The two project managers will oversee the day-to-day coordination of the projects in their respective areas.

Tom

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(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:28 PM
To: Holland, Thomas D (Dr. (ST-SES)) CIV DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA GC (US)
Subject: Re: Strategic Partnerships (U)

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Tom, I can't thank you enough for this very helpful, and useful, explanation of the program and your administration of such an expansive effort. I'm at all surprised, commendably, that you have put significant

thought and effort into the types of potential uses to which the various MOUs forms might apply.

I am particularly struck by your initiative to engage the VFW in helping to facilitate information to elderly and possibly disabled family members who otherwise would have no access to current, as well as case-related, information.

Especially commendable is the initiative to retain already skilled, well-trained former CIL archeologists and anthropologists now employed by private sector companies or in academia.

Is it accurate for me to assume that this clear, yet thorough, explanation of the work being done by your Strategic Partnerships Directorate that this content is suitable for me to share with the League leadership? Of course, I would not forward the email, but would cite you as the author. Though knowing this information could generate more questions, such is not my intent and is unlikely from the Vietnam War families.

As you might surmise, the League leadership and most of the Vietnam War families know you, your leadership in the field of forensic anthropology, and your many contributions to the accounting mission, especially the ever more complex identification process.

Thank you again for taking the time to respond seriously. Please feel free to call on me if there is anything I can do - formally or informally - to augment this aspect of DPAA's accounting efforts. Carefully managed and applied, it is also very encouraging.

As ever, Ann

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In a message dated 10/28/2015 11:52:32 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Ann,

My directorate was renamed Strategic Partnerships (rather than Public-Private Partnerships) to reflect a broader interpretation of its role in the new Agency. P3 has a specific meaning within DoD--no money--and we decided that its continued use was potentially confusing. (An example of a 'traditional' P3 partnership is Boy Scouts. DoD provides meeting space and some resources but no direct money.)

Strategic Partnerships has five basic lines of effort:

1. Traditional P3 (no-money) partnerships. As an example, we recently signed an MOU with the Special Operations Association. The groups agree to share information and cooperate when the opportunity arises, but there is no money involved. Another example is the VFW. I've been talking with VFW to provide support for family updates (not the annual meeting but the regional updates). My idea is to reach those who are too old or infirm to travel several hundred miles for a 6-hour update. We are looking at having the briefings live-streamed over an internet connection, but we understand that people who are too old to travel also are not necessarily tech-savvy. Therefore, we are looking at getting the local VFW post in their hometown to open up on that Saturday and have a volunteer present to connect to the internet. All the family would have to do is get to their closest VFW meeting room. We also have been talking with several ROTC programs to get cadets to assist with preparation for family updates. These are true P3 partnerships. These Type-1 agreements apply to all wars and all losses.

But to meet our needs, we also have to look at some contract work, some grants (e.g., to universities to conduct needed research), and some inter-governmental agreements.

2. Inter-agency Agreements. As an example, I'm working now on an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to supply us with archaeologists to lead recovery missions in FY16. With the loss of so many lab staff over the last 18 months, we have more teams than anthropologists. There's no way to get more hired and trained in time, and so I'm looking to plug the gap with archaeologists from the CoE and possibly the National Park Service (b)(6) and others came to us originally from the CoE when we had a similar agreement back in the 1990s--I'm looking to restart that. These agreements will involve reimbursement for expenses and sometimes salaries. These Type-2 agreements apply to all wars and all losses.

Even with augmentee archaeologists, we still have more missions than teams and we are looking at contracting some recovery work out to qualified companies.

3. Contract Recoveries. For example, we have a P2T in Germany, a recovery in the Solomon Islands, and an underwater recovery in Palau that we have contracted for in early 2016. All three are being performed by large cultural-resource management (CRM) companies, which now employ archaeologists/anthropologists that left us in the last 18 months. Since the mid-1970s, all projects that involve federal funds (e.g., highways, picnic areas in national parks, new sewer lines on military bases--anything that uses fed money) must have a cultural-resource assessment performed (similar to environmental assessments). As a result, large CRM firms that employ dozens of archaeologists have formed. These firms do the bulk of archaeology in the US, including almost all work for the DoD, and are manned and equipped to do recoveries for us as well--at a cost of course. Plus, as I mentioned, many of the lab who have left us in the last 18 months have found themselves working for these companies. These Type-3 agreements apply primarily to WWII losses. I do not anticipate contracting work in SEA except in the rare circumstance. (We do have a 4-month contract with an NGO--discussed below--to complete work in an area where they have been working for several years.)

Although the contracts to date have been from start-to-finish operations, we may also contract just for specific skill sets, e.g., just an archaeologist or an EOD.

4. Grants and agreements with universities and museums. To date, we have given no grant money, but I hope that will change soon. There is basic research that these entities could do for us if we can get them some money. We have signed agreements with Chaminade University (in Honolulu. (b)(6) teaches there part time) and the University of Hawaii--West Oahu (which recently hired (b)(6)). We have a similar agreement being finalized with the University of Nebraska. These three agreements allow us to share equipment that the lab no longer uses with the universities for teaching purposes in return for assistance from the faculty. (For example, (b)(6) will administer the lab's external proficiency exams). It also will facilitate getting college students into the Hawaii and Omaha labs as interns. We have agreements in draft for the University of Delaware (underwater program), Scripps Institute of Oceanography, University of Illinois/Field Museum (for archival and possibly some investigative work in a remote part of the Philippines where their researchers go regularly), and the University of Wisconsin

(WWII archival work). These Type-4 agreements apply to all wars and all losses.

Lastly,

5. NGOs and non-federal entities. There are numerous NGOs who regularly engage in researching, locating, and occasionally recovering remains of US personnel. To date we have had little influence and no control over these groups. These groups will do this work with, or without, us. We now are hoping to bring some of these groups under some level of common management so as to ensure that the work they do actually assists the DPAA, doesn't conflict with government interests, is performed to a baseline standard, and is reported in a usable and respectful manner. We currently have signed MOUs with BentProp and History Flight. These agreements typically will involve no money but will focus on information exchange. As mentioned above, when an NGO has specific expertise or has been working extensively in a particular area, we anticipate awarding some short-term contracts to facilitate their work when it is of interest to DPAA. I am including a redacted MOU so that you can see the typical scope of these agreements. These Type-5 agreements apply primarily to WWII and likely will not involve SEA.

Rather a long response. I hope it helps.

Tom

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 8:38 AM
To: Holland, Thomas D (Dr. (ST-SES)) CIV DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: Strategic Partnerships

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Morning, Tom, and I hope you're OK and at least tolerating, if not enjoying, the environment while you pursue varying objectives. Not having heard from you since dinner at the Greek Restaurant, I'm hoping you're doing well, but also am confident you're moving forward with whatever objectives you and the program are seeking to achieve.

My specific question relates to the various types of partnerships, MOUs and/or contracts, being sought and the reasoning behind them. I'd also appreciate copies of the blank versions being executed and the

objectives DPAA is seeking with such organizational or individual agreements. I'd appreciate having such information as I'm being asked questions and have nothing to provide to these private sector inquiries.

Thanks in advance, and give me a call later today if you prefer to discuss, rather than email. I'm at my home number now, (b)(6) and after a run by the USPS and AAA, will be in the office until roughly 6:00 p.m. Later, and best, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 28 Oct 2015 15:01:42 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: FW: Strategic Partnership MOUs (U)

As you know, it helped, and a LOT!

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

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Ann, I went back to Tom and asked him about the below and he told me he would work up a response to you by December. Hope this helps. (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:09 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA GC (US); 'Dr. Tom Holland
(b)(6)@mail.mil'
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Strategic Partnership MOUs (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Tom and (b)(6) I just took a phone call from Ann who was asking about the MOUs we have signed with outside organizations. She asked to know how many have been signed and the reason for the MOUs. I told I was not aware of the number off hand but I told her my presumption was the various MOUs are ways to scope the work we are asking from an outside entity so they know what needs to be done and also so they don't claim they have authority from the government to move out on issues

outside the MOU. I told her that I would check with you guys on the number and if my response was on target. Thx! (b)(7)

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Tom, one more thing after careful review, you need to remove the word "military" from #II, RESPONSIBILITIES, A. DOAA will.....#2. Accommodate other reasonable requests for assistance from _____ related to researching and recovering missing U.S. [military] personnel. As you know, there are also civilians missing from the Vietnam War, but there are also some, so I'm told, from World War II, and there could be from the Cold War as well. I'm not as up to date as you all who must track all missing and unaccounted-for from all wars.

And one additional, very important item, though unsure where it should be placed, but I believe possibly adding a section under I: INTRODUCTION, g. "It is agreed that _____ will not communicate with or make notification to families of missing and unaccounted-for US personnel without prior coordination with DPAA."

Those two items in the MOU stood out and warranted addressing them before this goes even wider than already underway or anticipated. Again, thanks, Ann

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In a message dated 10/28/2015 3:00:17 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@aol.com writes:

Thanks, Tom, it sounds great and PLEASE put this up (without email addresses) of the DPAA web site? People do need to know and, again, my thanks, Ann

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From: Ann Mills-Griffiths
Sent: 1 Nov 2015 19:02:12 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: RATNET

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(b)(6) it is right in the piece about how thrilled the R-POW wife was with the turnover of he late husband's mail that Sr. LTG Vinh gave to the Director during the BDD when he was in DC after the General Secretary's visit. Wondering in the piece why they would save the letters/artifacts and where they had been all these many years. It isn't precisely what I told the Director would occur when uninformed readers/listeners heard about it and didn't get clarification on the record simultaneously. That's all, nothing more nor less, but not helpful with no clarifications coming out of DoD/DPAA. Later, Ann

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To: (b)(6)@aol.com' <(b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: Sun, Nov 1, 2015 3:42 pm
Subject: Re: Fwd: RATNET

I can't figure out the discussion point???

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com? >]
Sent: Sunday, November 01, 2015 12:15 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV (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 PPS (US)
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Precisely what I feared, the "take" is that we don't know why the letters were saved and where they have been all these years!!!! Really? How completely clueless, and self-destructive for the mission to not use that opportunity to thank them and stress the importance of turning over the rest, for humanitarian reasons and the additional records that could help account for those not yet accounted for. That was the signal to the USG, and we need to use it to help the mission. Have a great Sunday; it is beautiful here in Grand Cayman!!!! Best to all, Ann

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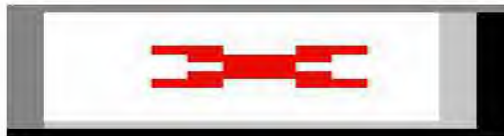
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This past week the Rats received a very generous donation from someone who benefitted from River Rat support in the past. More importantly to me were the motivational words that accompanied the gift:

"Thank you all for your support when I needed it. I received scholars hips from 1985-1989. I'm sorry that so many kids need this

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Wife of a POW receives letters sent 48 years ago

Tuesday, 20 Oct 2015, a Fort Walton Beach woman got a piece of her past back.

Jean Dutton's husband spent more than five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Colonel Richard Dutton was captured in 1967.

Now, decades later, the government of Vietnam has returned some of the letters his wife sent him while he was imprisoned. They were given to her in a ceremony on Hurlburt Field. Jean Dutton said, "Well it was surprising, and pretty emotional too, to think so many years back and that he had had these letters and what....I'm sure that it was a big morale boost for him when he got those letters."

It's not known where the letters have been all these years, or why they were saved. After his release, Colonel Dutton went on to command the Air Force Special Operations School at Hurlburt. He passed away in 1999.

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SJAFB Run for the Fallen to Take Place on F-15Es Runways and Open to the Public

How would you like to run down the same runway used by some of the Free World's finest fighter planes? The Seymour Johnson Air Force Base Company Grade Officer Council (CGOC) is pleased to announce the 2015 Run for the Fallen, taking place on Saturday, November 14th. The event will be held on base, incorporating the same runway as the Mighty Strike Eagles! All of the proceeds will benefit the Air Warrior Courage Foundation. The Half-Marathon and 5K are USA Track & Field certified, while the Family Fun Run and Entertainment Zone (including live music, bounce houses, face painting, and food) are for all in the Goldsboro community to enjoy. Access to the base will require event pre-registration and a valid government ID, but will be well worth the effort for a unique, memorable experience!

While the roar of F-15Es is a familiar sound to residents of Wayne County, we rarely consider the dangers involved in flying these jets. Goldsboro's own Melissa Watkins knows first-hand about these dangers. In 2003, her husband, Lt. Col. William R. Watkins III, an F-15E Weapon Systems Officer, was killed in the initial phases of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Melissa was, in a moment, faced with raising and educating their two children on her own. In a recent interview, she recounted how the members of SJAFB, the Goldsboro community, and the Air Warrior Courage Foundation came together for an overwhelming response to the tragedy. While nothing could replace her husband's love and presence, Melissa was enormously grateful for the support of the community and the assurance that her children's education would be paid for by the Air Warrior Courage Foundation.

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

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

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

Thanks

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@columbus.rr.com >]
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)

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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,

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From: (b)(6)
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Subject: POW/MIA Veteran's Day Speaker
Importance: High

(b)

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,

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Subject: Re: LOCAL CONNECTION: NY Marine Accounted For From World War II (U)

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(b)(6) I am very much aware of your current procedure, including citing this serviceman as "missing" from WWII, but really???? Missing?

And, by th3e way, (b)(6) I know you always make announcements, or send them to be made, whene4v3er you feel like it! NOT when remains are IDd, but that ins your call, not mine. You're the one who works for the USG, not I, thankfully,

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Sent: Tue, Nov 3, 2015 10:51 am
Subject: RE: LOCAL CONNECTION: NY Marine Accounted For From World War II (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Ann,

In your Oct 16 update you say that: DoD announcements are often delayed far beyond the ID dates and sometimes not even made—I cannot speak for what our previous public affairs officers did, but we always make announcements/news release for an identification of someone from one of our past conflicts that DPAA has purview over. This is just as it is done in current day losses. While the family frequently chooses to have no interaction with the media, as is their right, DPAA will still announce the ID. I know you strive for accuracy, so I wanted you to be aware of our actual procedure.

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Emphasis is mine, Ann

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To: Undisclosed recipients;
Sent: Mon, Nov 2, 2015 4:52 pm
Subject: LOCAL CONNECTION: NY Marine Accounted For From World War II (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIEDCAVEAT: NoneDear Editor,The family ofMarine Pfc. James P. Reilly, 20, of New York, missing in action from World WarII, asked us to send you today's news release on the identification of hisremains.He will be buried Nov. 9 in Bushnell, Fla.In November 1943, Reillywas assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines Regiment, 2nd MarineDivision, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island ofBetio in the Tarawa Atoll, in an attempt to secure the island. Over several daysof intense fighting, approximately 1,000 Marines were killed and more than 2,000were wounded. Reilly was reported killed on the first day of the battle, Nov.20, 1943.His niece, (b)(6) of New Hampton, N.Y., is available forinterviews if you would like to contact her, at (b)(6) or (b)(6) The Department of Defense has no photos of Reilly onfile.HOLLY N. SLAUGHTER, Lt. Col., USAFRPublic AffairsDefense POW/MIAAccounting Agency241 18th St. South, Suite 800Arlington, VA 22202(703)699-(b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:699-(b)(6)@mail.mil > < Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > Caution-Caution-www.dpaa.mil < Caution-Caution-http://www.dpaa.mil > < Caution-

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Nov. 3, 2015

Airman Missing From WWII Accounted For

The Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. William O. Pile, 24, of Circleville, Ohio, will be buried Nov. 10 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. On Dec. 23, 1944, Pile was assigned to the 559th 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 onboard, which 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.

In April 2009, a Department of Defense (DoD) team traveled to Philippsweiler to interview several German locals who recalled an American war-time crash. The team surveyed the possible crash site.

Between June 2010 and July 2011, two DoD recovery teams excavated the suspected crash site, recovering human remains and aircraft wreckage.

To identify Pile's remains, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used circumstantial evidence and exclusion by mitochondrial DNA testing on a second set of remains associated with Ward.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died. Today, more than 73,000 are unaccounted for from the conflict.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil or call (703) 699-1420.

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
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CAVEAT: None

Ann,
I don't see how this news release hurts realism...as you know, we refer to all personnel who did not return as missing NOT missing in action as you suggest. We stated that he was killed in action and his body was not recovered. Just as in the Vietnam War unaccounted for population, there are a lot of KIA-Body Not Recovereds that we are searching for. These people and their families are no less a part of our mission than other categories of the missing such as the MIAs who were also presumptively found dead by the services. Have a great day.

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Thanks for that since my youngest son is one and I share your view that contractors CAN be very good!
Ann

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To: (b)(6)@aol.com' (b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Nov 5, 2015 8:17 am
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: DPAA Different Numbers Reported & News Article Link

Defense contractors generally are not poor.

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com? >]
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 07:44 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 guess all contractors are this poor? I sure hope not, have a good weekend, Ann

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > >

(b)(6)

Sent: Wed, Nov 4, 2015 6:13 pm

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: DPAA Different Numbers Reported & News Article Link

The website is being updated by the techies and most of the links have been inoperable all day. Even for us. I can easily update (b)(6) who can get him the info.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 06:11 PM

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

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: DPAA Different Numbers Reported & News Article Link

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And this is from a GOOD GUY!

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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 to VFW Magazine Article Nov 2015	DPAA #'s reported on their site 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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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 8 Nov 2015 11:52:23 -0500
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: MY NAME IS (b)(6)

Dear Sir,

While I can certainly understand your quest to obtain your American father's DNA record, the League has no such records, nor access to such information; however, I am forwarding your request to US officials who may be able to assist in some way. Speaking frankly, however, I am not at all sure that the US Armed Forces were taking DNA samples in those early years. If so, I am unaware that such was occurring since the technology wasn't even used to identify remains recovered of US personnel until much later, really in the early 1990s.

Again, I wish you well and hope that your quest for answers can be resolved favorably.

Best wishes,

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In a message dated 11/8/2015 9:48:37 A.M. Eastern Standard Time,
(b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

DEAR SIR , MY NAME IS (b)(6) BORN
IN 1963 IN VIET NAM, AS YOU SEE IAM AN
AMERASIAN IAM VERY PROUD TO BE A CHILD OF
US MILITARY OFFICER WORKED IN VIET NAM AND
DIED FOR US GOVERMENT IN THE VIET NAM WAR.
IN ORDER TO BE LIVED IN USA UNDER THE
AMERASIAN PROGRAM I HAVE APPLIED FOR MY
AMERASIAN INTERVIEW AT NUMBER 4 LE DUAN

STREET DISTRICT 1 HO CHI MINH CITY -VIET NAM (IT IS US CONSULATE GENERAL)

IN ORDER YOU HELP ME I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT: MY FATHER IS (b)(6)

BORN IN 1919 HE WAS SENT TO VIET NAM ON MARCH 1962 AND HE DIED ON HIS MISSION BY HELICOPTER ON 15/JU;Y 1962 HE WAS AN US ADVISER FOR SAI GON ARMY AND HIS RANK WAS LIEUTENANT COCONEL. MY MOTHER IS (b)(6)

(b)(6) BORN IN 1930 SHE WAS A MILITARY OFFICER OF SOUTH ARMY AND SHE WORKED TOGETHER WITH MY FATHER (b)(6) AND THEN I WAS BORN

NOW I NEED YOU HELP ME TO LOCATE MY FATHER'S DNA RECORDS IN YOUR DND RECORDS CENTER REALLY I DO WANT TO HAVE MY FATHER'S DNA RESULT IF YOU HAVE MY FATHER'S DNA RESULT DO PLEASE SEND IT TO CONSULATE GENERAL OF AMERICA AT NUMBER 4 LE DUAN STREET DISTRICT 1 HO CHI MINH CITY VIET NAM, IF MY FATHER'S DNA RESULT FOUND AND THEN THE US VISA SECTION IN VIET NAM WILL HELP ME TO TAKE SAMPLE FOR DNA TESTING FROM ME,

THANK YOU AND THANK YOU
IAM WAITING FROM YOU,

HAVE GOOD WEEKEND IN U S A
APPLICANT" (b)(6)

ADDRESS IN VIET NAM

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 8 Nov 2015 11:55:52 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HRC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA OPS TASK VM (US) (b)(6)
CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV (US) (b)(6)@yahoo.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: (b)(6) 09/11/2015
Attachments: (b)(6). (1).PDF, (b)(6).jpg

I'm afraid I've not heard form this one before, but it is the second received today; I blind-copied you on the initial email, but this may be a new pattern? I don't have a clue, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com
To: (b)(6)@AOL.COM
Sent: 11/8/2015 10:37:30 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: (b)(6) 09/11/2015

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP,
NOW I NEED YOU HELP ME AGAIN,

REALLY. I NEED TO HAVE DNA RESULT OF MY
FATHER NAMED: (b)(6) BORN IN 1928
DIED IN 1998 IN USA

HIS S/S (b)(6)

IF YOU FOUND THE DNA RESULT OF HIM DO
PLEASE SEND DIRECTLY TO CONSULATE GENERAL
OF AMERICA AT NUMBER 4 LE DUAN STREET
DISTRICT 1 HO CHI MINH CITY VIET NAM
IF MY FATHER'S DND RESULT FOUND THE I WILL
BE CALLED FOR TAKING SAMPLES OF DNA
TESTING,

I AM WAITING FROM YOU,
THANK YOU,

(b)(6)



(b)(6)



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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 8 Nov 2015 21:17:55 -0500
To: (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; Linnington, Michael S SES
DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA
(US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV
(US); (b)(6)@yahoo.com; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HRC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA
PPS (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: HELP ME PLEASE.
Attachments: 283118 (b)(6) Document.pdf, 01.jpg, 02.jpg, 03.jpg

(b)(6) and (b)(6) I sent the first two such email to AR Casualty and SEA analysts, plus DPAA outreach and communications. This is becoming a flood of people contacting the League for help in establishing alleged Amerasian status, with a US father, from the Vietnam War. I have seen two more awaiting my attention, and this needs attention by someone, perhaps at the Consular office in HCMC to whom purported DNA confirmation of relationship is to be sent, at least in most cases. I am unfamiliar with what, specifically should be done, as this is a new twist with which I'm unfamiliar. Thoughts?

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To: (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 NAM
MY FATHER IS (b)(6) I HAVE SENT MY LETTER TO HIM BUT NO REPLY.

U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
ATTN: CMAOC/PCRB
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE DEPT #450
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5405

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From: (b)(6) @aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6) @aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 11:56 AM
To: Gardner, Gregory L CIV USARMY HRC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA OPS TASK VM (US); (b)(6) CIV
DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) @yahoo.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: (b)(6) 09/11/2015

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ADDRESS: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 9 Nov 2015 14:13:43 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question

(b)(6) 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

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

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 10 Nov 2015 10:26:43 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: CBS This Morning on Korean War Families (U)

(b)(6) in answer to your question, the "Non-DoD Source" is added to the subject, but the statement below is NOT added, even from DIA. From State sources, nothing is added to the subject line or otherwise. And DPAA is more endangered from a security standpoint, handling unclassified data, at least on its non-secure email server, than DIA or State? Makes no sense, but then a lot doesn't make sense these days. Ann

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

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(b)(6) doesn't know him either. He must be an asoc groupie.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 07:27 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: CBS This Morning on Korean War Families (U)

No, it doesn't surprise me, but to claim that he is the first ever DPAA Veterans Liaison? I wonder if (b)(6) has ever heard of him? Or (b)(6) If not, who on earth hired him? Strange things going on, (b)(6) strange things.....Ann

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In a message dated 11/9/2015 7:07:01 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

I've never heard of him. I did not run with asoc and the pact crowd as
surprising as it may seem.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 10 Nov 2015 22:26:52 -0500
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lost Marines never surrendered in "last battle of the Vietnam War"

Lost Marines never surrendered in "last battle of the Vietnam War"

Kenneth Quinn 9:01 p.m. CST November 9, 2015



(Photo: Special to the Register)

Nov. 10 marks the 240th anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Marine Corps by the Second Continental Congress in 1775. The fact that this occurred more than seven months before the Declaration of Independence gives Marines great pride that their organization is older than our country itself.



Ken Quinn (Photo: Special to the Register)

To celebrate this birthday, Marine Corps celebrations are held every year wherever Marines are stationed, including at all US embassies at which Marines serve as security guards.

I know about this tradition because I spent my career as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service.

I have another relationship with the Marine Corps which is linked to Nov. 11, Veterans Day. For it was on that day while I was serving as US ambassador in Cambodia, that I unveiled a monument I created inspired by and dedicated to those 18 brave American servicemen who died in "the last battle of the Vietnam War." Among those men were three Marines whose incredible bravery and sacrifice personifies the meaning of the Marine Corps motto *Semper Fi* — always faithful.

That last battle was the rescue mission launched by President Gerald Ford to free the civilian crew of an American cargo ship — the S.S. Mayaguez — which had been seized in May 1975 (two weeks after the fall of Saigon). Khmer Rouge communist troops had seized the ship as it was sailing past Cambodia. At the time, I was serving on the staff of the National Security Council at the White House. The intelligence indicated the crew was being held on a small island, Koh Tang.

A force of Marines was assembled and launched via Air Force helicopters to assault the island. They were met with fierce resistance by a large, well-armed force that resulted in several of the helicopters being shot down in the sea as they approached the beach. Those Marines and Navy medics who made it to the beach were caught in a withering automatic weapons fire in a battle that lasted throughout the day.

It turned out that the Mayaguez crew was not being held on Koh Tang, but at another location. Bombing by U.S. aircraft and the assault on the island, however, convinced the Khmer Rouge to free the hostages. With the crew free, the order was given for the Marines to withdraw from Koh Tang. The helicopter pilots performed heroically in landing on the beach in darkness to carry out those Marines still alive, but many of the bodies of the dead were unfortunately not able to be evacuated.

Fast forward 21 years to April 1996, as the new US ambassador to Cambodia I flew to Koh Tang on a military helicopter with U.S. Army personnel whose job was to search for and recover the remains of those who had perished during the battle. Former Khmer Rouge soldiers were there, not to shoot at us, but rather in this post-conflict period, to assist in locating and repatriating the remains of our fallen Marines.

The Khmer Rouge veterans, however, told us a stunning story, one no one had ever heard. They recounted that in the fog of battle as the Marines withdrew from the island under heavy fire, somehow three Marines were left behind alive on the island, apparently presumed dead by the operational command.

Confronted by the reality that no rescue mission was coming for them, hopelessly outnumbered and with no way of being able to get off this isolated island, this "lost fire team" never surrendered. The Khmer Rouge told us that those three Marines evaded and hid and resisted for weeks until one by one they were hunted down and killed.

Standing on that same beach where that battle had taken place, I was so moved by the courage of those three Marines, that I vowed to ensure that their heroism and their names would be known.

Without asking permission from Washington, when I returned to my embassy in Phnom Penh, I purchased a large block of black marble and had inscribed on it the names of all 18 American servicemen killed in that operation along with the date of their deaths, except that next to those last three names it states "Unknown."

The commandant of the Marine Corps was so moved by my actions that he sent a general and a color guard to be present at the Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11, 1996, at which I unveiled the Mayaguez Marine Monument.

Today it stands on the grounds of the new U.S. embassy in Phnom Penh, so that the heroism and loyalty of those three Marines — Lance Cpl. Joseph Hargrove, Pfc. Gary Hall and Pvt. Danny Marshall — will never be forgotten. Their actions gave special meaning to the words *Semper Fi*.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 12 Nov 2015 08:18:59 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Request for List

(b)(6) please limit any request to Vietnam War only because we all know the categories fluctuate and that we've accounted for people who were previously listed as no further pursuit. It also BRINGS REALISM and the Vietnam War families are MUCH MORE REALISTIC, largely because the League has been here informing them over the decades. That is also fact, and nothing wrong with utilizing all the channels you can to bring realism. Believe me, the League's existence has saved the USG's "you know what" on more than one occasion, and will, unlike others to whom the USG panders, doesn't undermine or distort information. We are NOT all alike in terms of responsibility, but for God's sake stop treating the League like we're the same as irresponsible elements with which you are forced to deal. You have a lot to be proud of so be proud, not defensive! Ann

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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) and the higher powers. I don't get it. But I'm not a smart man.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-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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Sent: 12 Nov 2015 08:19:50 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Message from the Chairman

President Obama, why?

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

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

(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. (b)(6)

(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)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-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-Caution-
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/search.html?s=&authornamef=Ashley+Collman+For+Daily+mail.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 Eric Comfort 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 Alex Korchan told **WSB-TV** < Caution-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,' Korchan 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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Sent: 12 Nov 2015 11:47:29 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Request for List (U)

(b)(6) this is great, and (b)(6) and I designed the format to ensure our two separately generated reports were always precisely in agreement, BUT, what I'm looking for are the three alphabetical lists, not just the numerical summary report. And yes, I do believe it will take a database pull to obtain the alpha list for each category and, within that, it will give the country and all the other data normally on an alpha list, or so I seem to think. Thanks, (b)(6) and best to all, Ann

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

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Caution-
http://www.dpaa.mil/portals/85/Documents/VietnamAccounting/2015_stats/Stats20150831.pdf

This link will give you the number of cases unaccounted for and accounted for by 3 categories and country (Def, NFP, FP and VN, VS, CB, LA CH). If you need more specifics on the further pursuit categories, I'll have to do a database pull. Take a look at this and let me know. (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 8:17 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Request for List

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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)

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
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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), and the higher powers. I don't get it. But I'm not a smart man.

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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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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 12 Nov 2015 12:21:07 -0500
To:



Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: POW-MIA flag creator passes away in Orange Park

Caution-<http://www.news4jax.com/news/powmia-flag-creator-passes-away-in-orange-park/36390922> < Caution-<http://www.news4jax.com/news/powmia-flag-creator-passes-away-in-orange-park/36390922> >

In a message dated 11/12/2015 12:13:58 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@aol.com writes:

POW-MIA flag creator passes away in Orange Park

Author: Chris Parenteau < Caution-<http://www.news4jax.com/General-assignment-reporter/18324638> > , General assignment reporter, cparenteau@wjxt.com < Caution-<mailto:cparenteau@wjxt.com> >

Published On: Nov 11 2015 05:01:28 PM EST Updated On: Nov 11 2015 08:53:01 PM EST

ORANGE PARK, Fla. -

The woman behind the POW-MIA flag, a recognizable symbol of hope and comfort for families of men and women who have gone to war and are still unaccounted for, died at the age of 84 Tuesday.

Mary Hoff, who came up with the idea for the flag nearly 50 years ago, lived a majority of her life in Orange Park and leaves behind a lasting legacy.

The idea for the flag came to Hoff in the early 1970s, not long after her husband, a naval aviator, was reported missing in action. She wanted to create a symbol to honor and remember members of the military, like her husband, who were never found. Her son, Joe Hoff, said it is an honor knowing that her legacy will always live on.

Joe Hoff said the flag started out as a banner that hung on his family's door. His sister still has the banner. Now, the flag flies over many government buildings, is on pins like the one Joe Hoff wears and is flown by many throughout the year.

"A rest stop, there it is. I think it's really awesome when I see how it affects just individuals, how coworkers have come to me when they hear the story, asked me why I wear the bracelet, and then I get to know what it means to them," Joe Hoff said.



Joe Hoff said that after his father was shot down, his mother wanted to act. She helped design the flag, saying that she wanted it to be black and white, something Joe Hoff said is likely because she wanted it to be reserved, much like her personality. He said hearing how much the flag means to people is something his family takes pride in.

"I did not serve in the military so I do not know what they are going through. I tried to take pride in what my mom accomplished and what my dad sacrificed. And I try to live a certain way to honor that," Joe Hoff said.

He said he even saw the flag on a car hood at a gas station recently. He said he hopes people keep in their memory those that came back and those who are still missing.



"It's extremely important that we remember what people have done as a society, as a country and as a human race. All of us, we need to remember what people

have sacrificed so that we can learn from that and move forward to a better place for everyone," Joe Hoff said.

Hoff said that especially on a day like Veterans Day, he and his family have a lot of pride that at least a small symbol created by his mother can provide a little bit of comfort for families whose loved ones are still unaccounted for.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 12 Nov 2015 17:29:04 -0500
To:

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Regarding. Capt. Eric J Huberth and CNN broadcast

To see the video clip that the Huberth MIA sisters convinced CNN to put together, go to Caution-www.cnnpolitics.com < Caution-<http://www.cnnpolitics.com> > and click on the link entitled, **Family's anguish in 45-year search for MIA pilot**. I'm sure you will find it of interest.

Best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 11/12/2015 5:24:26 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@aol.com writes:

Hi (b)(6) and thanks for sending me the information on CNN piece. It was very compelling and I'm going to distribute it widely as well. Although (b)(6) is out today, perhaps she can figure out how to put a link on our Facebook page, to get wider exposure as well.

I don't know the specifics of your brother's case so can't really comment except to say that it is clear you are frustrated over perceived mishandling by whomever within the USG bureaucracy is responsible. I'm sorry to hear that but certainly understand the frustration.

We have long been citing our missing men as UNRETURNED VETERANS, for precisely the reasons you expressed, but when we have our Armed Forces endangered through deployments, that is when the level of concern and support grow, and that's a good thing.

There is so much that can be done and I want to congratulate you all on taking the initiative you have taken, doing your best to push our shared agenda to accomplish more, and to do it all rapidly.

Again, thanks for sharing the video clip and I'll share it as well. It helps to know what all the other POW/MIA families are initiating to help generate support for pursuing answers.

Best wishes to you and your sisters, and please convey our appreciation to them for their efforts as well. I plan to share the link with all League officials in particular and I'm confident it will be encouraging to them.

Best wishes,

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In a message dated 11/12/2015 1:16:58 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
(b)(6)@yahoo.com writes:

Sent from my iPad

Hello Ann

My [REDACTED] and I spoke to you at the annual meeting in DC this past year.

We shared with you our family's frustration, much like everyone's else's about the lack of interest and information we are still not getting from our government. And now with the reorganization even more concerned.

When we returned home, we thought very long and hard on how can we try to accomplish our goals.

Through networking, we pitched our family's plight to CNN. They were extremely interested and our first, (and hopefully many more to come) aired

yesterday on their web site. Cnnpolitics.com. Article and video Family's anguish in 45 years search for MIA pilot.

I'm not sure how long it will be posted on their site.

I think you and other members of the league will appreciate seeing it. It took a lot of hard work and determination to get this done.

We contacted everyone we know on Facebook, and requested everyone contact everyone on their pages , etc,etc. It was picked up by over 30 other stations on line and aired. We have received extremely positive responses.

Being aired on Veterans Day was important because we are using the phrases, Abandoned Veterans, and Forgotten Veterans in our journey.

Seems to have more impact to the public, then MIA. Sad but true.

We just wanted to keep you informed on what our "mission" is.

We're not willing to wait any longer and continue with the "lip service " our family has received over these 45 years from our government.

If you want to call me my number is below.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 23 Nov 2015 03:03:24 +0000
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] Re: IS THIS TRUE?

Ann

You get all news releases. This was just a posting to our website--something you asked for long ago. This allows us to announce the I'd immediately after the family is notified. Unfortunately, we do not have the ability currently to allow interested people to sign up for notifications, but that is what we want for the future. Since you have (b)(6) and an intern, if they visit the website every week, you all will see them all as soon as they are posted.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2015 12:20 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: IS THIS TRUE?

Never mind; I've just confirmed on the DPAA web site that, in fact, DPAA once again has slipped in two Vietnam War IDs with no announcement, or at least none I could locate. I've been assured repeatedly that notices/announcements released by DPAA's PAOs would be sent to the League, the ONLY family organization solely focused on accounting for Vietnam War missing.

Objectively, that shouldn't be too hard to deal with and, last I heard, the PAOs are part of Outreach and Communication, so could you PLEASE instruct them to send all relevant Vietnam War-related announcements/releases to me at the League office.

And no, I've not notified DPAA senior leaders of this repeated omission and failure to communicate with the families. If it happens again, however, I will know it is intentional. Sadly, Ann

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In a message dated 11/21/2015 8:01:32 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, (b)(6)@aol.com writes:

I just received this notice, NOT from DPAA or anyone I'm aware of in the USG, but sent to the entire League Board. IS THIS TRUE? If so, can you please tell me why DPAA didn't announce this ID? Or if DPAA did so, why was the League not included? Thanks in advance for your reply, and have a good weekend, Ann

*Date: Fri, 20 Nov 2015 22:37:02 -0500
Subject: Count now stands at 1,624*

*Our POW/MIA count now stands at 1,624 down from 1,626 as
announced by Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency*

Please welcome Home

*Billy David Hill Sergeant First Class
Fallon, Nevada
282ND AHC, 212TH AVN BN, 16TH AVN GRP, 1 AVN BDE
Army of the United States
Lost 1/21/1968 Accounted for 11/12/2015*

----- AND-----

*Kenneth Leroy Cunningham
Staff Sergeant
Ellery, Illinois
225TH AVN CO, 223RD AVN BN, 17TH AVN GROUP,
1ST AVIATION BDE, USARV
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Lost 10/3/1969 Accounted for 11/13/2015*

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(b)(6)



Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Remains of WWII US servicemember found in Garapan yet to be identified

Remains of WWII US servicemember found in Garapan yet to be identified < <http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi/cnmi-news/local/81767-remains-of-wwii-us-servicemember-found-in-garapan-yet-to-be-identified> >

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24 Nov 2015

By Alexie Villegas Zotomayor - avz@mvariety.com - Variety News Staff

THE remains of a WWII American servicemember found in the Garapan project site where Best Sunshine is building its five-star casino-hotel have yet to be identified, according to archaeologist Dr. Mike Dega.

He said when he inquired with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency last month, he was told that it could take “weeks, months, sometimes years to get the remains identified and get matching DNA from relatives.”

Commissioned by Best Sunshine to conduct archaeological data recovery and burials treatment research on some 4 hectares of land at the Samoan Housing area, Scientific Consultant Services Inc. conducted the largest archaeological dig in Saipan history from April 6 to June 29, 2015.

Dr. Mike Dega led a team of 11 archaeologists and during the excavation, they found 333 burials: 332 suspected to be Pre-Contact Period and one burial identified as a former U.S. serviceman.

The team then reached out to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, which asked the team to remove the burial and associated artifacts on June 25, 2015.

An agency representative came to Saipan, collected the boxes on June 30 and brought them to Honolulu, Hawaii for further analysis.

All other collected artifacts and human remains found at the site are currently stored at a facility in Lower Base leased by Best Sunshine pending completion of all DNA and radiocarbon dating tests.

Once all tests are completed, Best Sunshine said they will return the artifacts and remains to the Historic Preservation Office.

Best Sunshine said it will also make sure to consult the public regarding the proper reburial of the remains believed to be of Pre-Contact Period.

AMG Comment: It appears that this archeological excavation has raised some controversy in Micronesia, related to indigenous personnel whose remains were also recovered in anticipation of the hotel construction, though unrelated to DPAA attempts to ID the remains of the individual believed to be those of a US serviceman killed in WWII.

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Sent: 24 Nov 2015 16:58:34 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC
(US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV
DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THIS GUY?
Attachments: (b)(6) Letter11-16-15.pdf

A Mr. (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)

11/16/2015

To: National League of POW/MIA Families
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Dear Administrator,

It takes money to get people to listen to you. That I understand. But, I have no money to give to any of many very worthy organizations. It must be difficult for you to continue your work for those still POW/MIA, since many families have found closure with the return of loved ones (dead or alive). To those of you who still seek resolution, I would like to help, if possible. As I see it, my help can only be non financial (as I've said, I do not have the money to pay someone to care what I think). I can write political leaders. They may have declared all remaining POW/MIA dead, and turned their backs on them, but I have not.

My concern for the POW/MIA people, and their families, is not just basic civilized human concern, but because I know the war first hand. I went to South Viet-Nam at the age of 18, in January of 1968. I served as a left door gunner on UH-1 Helicopters, extending my tour until I had been in Country two years and six days (returning to the States in January 1970. Things in the spring, summer and early fall of 1970 motivated me to return in 1971, for a third tour. Those 1970 issues were from Kent State to the Cambodia campaign. I got back to Viet-Nam near the end of the Laos Lam Son operations. Serving aboard a Combat Assault Helicopter (176th Assault Helicopter; 1968 and the 174th Assault Helicopter Company in 1969, and lastly, A Co. 158th Avn Bn. Camp Evans, 101st Airborne Div in 1971) I was supporting American Soldiers. In 1971, I only briefly saw American's on the Battle Field, as we served ARVN units then. With the ARVN, I flew many missions into Laos and North Viet-Nam. I feel very deeply a disgust for official government "gag" orders, as if there is some politically superior reason the lie must take precedence over the truth. I also know about the horrible practice of falsifying the official reports for political purposes (making many government documents nothing but fictitious propaganda).

My attitudes may not be delicate enough for what your organization is trying to do. I believe your work is valuable; first to the POW/MIA's who are still alive, and the families of those who have not survived. Those who say the Asian Communist would not still bge holding American POW's ignore the fact that in Feb of 1973, Red China agreed to set free the US prisoners they held; one of whom had been captured by them during the Korean War. The Asian mind has a very different mind set and world view than those of the West. It is wrong headed thinking to apply Western Logic or thinking and attitudes to

how the Asian brain works. We would never think of holding German, Japanese or Italian POWs for over twenty years after WWII ended.

I have no idea, of course, just how you are going about the goal of finding honest resolution for the men and women still trapped in the debacle of this issue, and I have no desire to create problems for you, or them. I do think it's absurd to have trade agreements with the North Vietnamese Communist until they understand that we in the West have no civic duty to abandon any POW or MIA simply because they may be out of sight. Out of sight does not mean out of mind, and it is their fault alone that they did not take better care of their Geneva (legal) responsibility and duty to do so (regarding POW/MIA). The State Department allows Americans to travel freely in and out of Communist controlled Viet-Nam (But not Cuba?). Clearly, there seems to be a need to turn the torch onto our political leaders who are so comfortable in accepting Communist platitudes.

I don't want to rock your boat, if you are working quietly behind the scenes; but if bringing some heat to bear to dislodge frozen or stuck attitudes, then perhaps I can help. I'm retired now, and do not like what has happened to my country. I am alive, as I've survived the war. If circumstance had it where I was to change places with one of these men, my sustaining hope in life would be that they would not turn their back on me. I am taxed by the government just as you are, so am already paying the politicians to take my concerns seriously. Were they a typical employee, I'd fire them immediately (long ago, in fact). But, they no longer go to the Federal Government to serve, but rather to be served. Self serving laws have wrapped them in a job security of the type here to fore only enjoyed by established communist states like the USSR (or Russia), Red China, North Korea and others smaller in "foot print" ;like Cuba.

I will leave you alone if you prefer to do without my opinions and attitudes which motivate my actions (as is common to all mankind). Money is not possible, but any letter writing, phone calls, etc. of which an old man is capable, I am at liberty and can offer to your cause.

Thank you for your time. If you do not respond, I will see that as a response (in it's own way) of a sort.

(b)(6)

Formerly of the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion
176th Assault Helicopter Company Jan 17, 1968- Nov 1968 (supporting Americal Div.)
174th Assault Helicopter Company Nov. 1968- Jan 17, 1970 (supporting Americal Div.)
A Co. 158th Avn Bn. 101st Airborne Div. Camp Evans March-December 1971.
(ARVN Support from Da-Nang to the DMZ and the Coast to Laos (includes missions into North Viet-Nam and Laos).

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Sent: 24 Nov 2015 17:36:47 -0500
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: POW/MIA UPDATE: November 24, 2015

UPDATE: November 24, 2015

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: In mid-October and again more recently, DPAA posted changes to the list of Vietnam War missing and unaccounted-for US personnel, now numbering **1,624**. For various reasons, including wishes of the family, DoD announcements are often delayed far beyond the ID dates and sometimes not even made, as was the case with the most recent changes. Several of those named in DPAA announcements this year demonstrate how remains repatriated many years ago can now be identified using scientific technology and processes that weren't available in earlier years. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 959. 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 **1,022**. Of the 1,624 still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,266 (VN-467, VS-799); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations result in changes to locations of loss. 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 COMPLETES VISITS TO CAMBODIA, LAOS & VIETNAM: DPAA Director Mike Linnington recently returned from his first-ever trip to any of the most directly engaged Vietnam War countries. He first visited Cambodia, though for just one day, then made official calls in Vientiane, Laos, then flew by helicopter to visit DPAA and Lao personnel conducting field operations. He returned to Vientiane before going on to Hanoi to meet with senior officials there. This important visit appears to have been mostly introductory and came at a time of ever-increasing political and economic relations, as well as bilateral military-to-military cooperation. He also visited US and SRV personnel conducting field operations in Vietnam before flying back to the US, arriving in time for a DPAA-hosted Family Update in Portland, ME, on November 14th. A report will be provided when available.

GENERAL FOGLESONG VISITS MOSCOW: US Chairman of the US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs General Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAF (Ret) traveled to Moscow to meet on November 9th with the Russian Co-Chairman, General Colonel Valery Aleksandrovich Vostrotin. The two Co-Chairs outlined their hope for renewing and restoring the work of the USRJC and noted the importance of the new Russian Office of the USRJC located in the Embassy of the Russian Federation. This important office was opened in July of this year and is headed by Maxim N. Alekseev, an impressive Russian official with a diverse background and record of experience. The League welcomes this new initiative and looks forward to working with Mr. Alekseev and senior Russian officials in Moscow. It is past time to press forward and end the seemingly endless delays.

MORE GOOD Caution-news: DPAA Director Linnington has decided to invite representatives of responsible national Veteran organizations to attend and observe briefings at DPAA-hosted Updates. The League deeply appreciates this return to including our Veterans in these meetings around the country. Though pretty general in content, the briefings given are firsthand and provided by responsible US officials. Since DPAA is stressing the importance of outreach and transparency, the DPAA-hosted Updates provide an opportunity for both.

ACCOUNTING RESULTS: Although the pace of joint field recoveries and investigations related to the Vietnam War has resumed to a higher level, the Vietnamese, in particular, have repeatedly called for increasing the pace and scope of such operations, in fact since 2009. It is crucial that there be no reduction in DPAA's budget or the number of personnel to enable overdue responsiveness to Vietnam's longstanding request. Now is not the time to pull back on fielding teams to accomplish the Vietnam War accounting. In fact the political climate, regionally and bilaterally with Vietnam, lends itself to expanding cooperation across the board.

It is the League's hope that there will be no further reluctance to moving full speed ahead. The Vietnam War POW/MIA accounting mission is running out of time; that is the reality in terms of eye-witness accounts, immediate family members and preservation of skeletal material under very hostile conditions. NOW IS THE TIME TO CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ENSURE THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MUST BE NO REDUCTION IN BUDGET AND PERSONNEL FOR THE NEW DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY (DPAA).

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Sent: 1 Dec 2015 17:19:27 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: LOCAL CONNECTION: Calif. Marine Accounted For From ...

Thank (b)(6) I appreciate it, Ann

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In a message dated 12/1/2015 4:21:10 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ok, think the attachment is well stated but her note to the editors is not. However, (in all caps), the note to the editor, no matter how precise she writes it, is not going to have any impact on them on the story they write. But your point is well taken and we should be accurate. I will do some talking...

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 2:21 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: LOCAL CONNECTION: Calif. Marine Accounted For From World War II (U)

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I'd glad to have this, (b)(7) and appreciate Holly sending it, but can you PLEASE tell me why a man known dead since Nov. 20, 1943 and buried on the Tarawa Atoll was listed as "missing from World War II? And why she and O & C leadership can't seem to understand the need to differentiate between disinterment and/or recovery of known dead and buried personnel from the uncertainty of having someone missing and PRESUMED dead? It O & C doesn't even get that rationale, what hope is there for responsible education of the American people, much less Members of Congress, as Senator McCaskill is insisting?

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From: (b)(6)@mail.mil
Sent: 12/1/2015 12:28:14 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: LOCAL CONNECTION: Calif. Marine Accounted For From World War II (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Dear Editor,

The family of Marine Cpl. James D. Otto, 20, of Los Angeles, missing from World War II, asked us to send you today's news release on the identification of his remains.

He will be buried Dec. 8 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington D.C.


In November 1943, Otto was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll, in an attempt to secure the island. Over several days of intense fighting, approximately 1,000 Marines were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded. Otto was reported killed on the first day of the battle, Nov. 20, 1943.

Media may also cover the interment from a respectful distance. Those wishing to attend the event should contact (b)(6) at (b)(6) for details.

His (b)(6) of Okmulgee, Okla., is available for interviews if you would like to contact him, at (b)(6)

Additionally, his cousin, (b)(6) is also available for interviews, at (b)(6)
(b)(6)

The Department of Defense has no photos of Otto on file.

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To:

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Montana POW/MIA Awareness Association



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Montana POW/MIA Awareness Association



4 HOURS AGO

The vision of the Montana POW/MIA Awareness Association is to promote, fund, educate and otherwise encourage accountability for past POWs (prisoners of war) and MIAs (missing in action) from our nation's wars as well as the release of any current POW's or MIAs being unlawfully held.

We are an association dedicated to the public awareness and financial support of the prisoner of the POW/MIA issue.

We are guided by the principles of freedom, sacrifice, liberty and brotherhood to ensure that we accomplish the following objectives:

- Increase public awareness of POW/MIA issues by hosting and participating in community events that support issues and concerns

that our association is dedicated toward. To make sure these veterans are not forgotten.

- Generate funds that will be dispensed to various POW/MIA issues and the continued maintenance of the flags along the Helena section of U.S. Highway 287 (POW/MIA flags are embroidered with the name, branch of service and conflict -- one for each of the 55 unaccounted for personnel from Montana) and to support other veteran charities throughout the state of Montana.
- Enjoy the camaraderie of veterans, the joy of patriotism, and the spirit of freedom we have as Americans.
- Conduct safe, professional, and well represented events that will accommodate our fellow brother and sister patriots and all others who wish to attend. Traveling on U.S. Highway 287, POW/MIA Memorial Highway from Helena to West Yellowstone, Montana Ride to Remember takes place on the third Saturday in August.
- Maintenance of the POW/MIA Chair of Honor in the grandstands at Kindrick Legion Field.
- Although the 2015 sponsorship deadline closed Nov. 30, we will continue working with Wreaths Across America™, to provide more remembrance wreaths for Dec. 17, 2016, at Montana State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Harrison. The mission is simple: "Remember, Honor and Teach." Remembering those who served in the military -- "Remember the fallen;" to Honor their service and sacrifice -- "Honor those who serve," including their families who sacrifice; and Teach others to do the same -- "Teach all generations," the value of their service and price of our freedom.
- We are a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization (tax ID #47-3921840) We do not raise money to enrich ourselves, only to support our ongoing mission to bring awareness and veteran issues to the forefront. We can accomplish more with your "Gifts from the Heart." Thank you!

To learn more, visit our website at mtridetoremember.org.

AMG Note: This is the first we've heard of this new POW/MIA Awareness Association, and we certainly welcome the additional support for the accounting mission. I would note, however, the rather vague reference to funds being generated that *"will be dispensed to various POW/MIA issues and the continued maintenance of the flags along the Helena section of U.S. Highway 287 (POW/MIA flags are embroidered with the name, branch of service and conflict -- one for each of the 55 unaccounted for personnel from Montana) and to support other veteran charities throughout the state of Montana."*

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Sent: 2 Dec 2015 16:33:27 -0500
To:

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] US Ambassador to Cambodia Presents Credentials

In the absence of His Majesty The King, US Ambassador Heidt presented today (Dec 2) his Credential Letters to Interim Head of State, Senate President Say Chhum



Ambassador William Heidt presented his credentials as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia to Samdech Vibol Sena Pheakdey Say Chhum, Acting Head of State and President of Cambodian Senate, on Wednesday morning, December 2, 2015, during a ceremony at the Senate in Phnom Penh. Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister H.E. Hor Namhong was also present at the credentials ceremony.

In his remarks, Ambassador Heidt told Samdech Vibol Say Chhum that during his term as Ambassador he hopes to deepen and strengthen U.S.-Cambodian relations. "Since we arrived in September, we have been very impressed by the progress Cambodia has made over the last 15 years," Ambassador Heidt said. "I look forward to working with the Government, the private sector, civil society, and ordinary Cambodians to build a stronger relationship between the United States and Cambodia."

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Capitol to Honor POW/MIAs With Commemorative Chair



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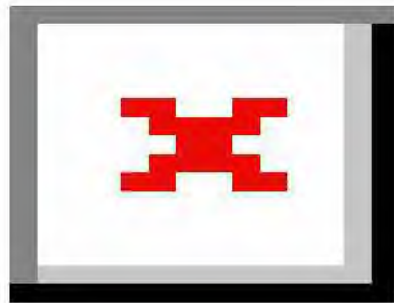
Capitol to Honor POW/MIAs With Commemorative Chair

By Bridget Bowman < Caution-<http://blogs.rollcall.com/news/author/bridgetbowmancqrollcall-com/> >

Posted at 12:36 p.m. on Dec. 2

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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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UPDATE: December 3, 2015

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: In mid-October and again more recently, DPAA posted changes to the list of Vietnam War missing and unaccounted-for US personnel, now numbering **1,624**. For various reasons, including wishes of the family, DoD announcements are often delayed far beyond the ID dates and sometimes not even made, as was the case with the most recent changes. Several of those named in DPAA announcements this year demonstrate how remains repatriated many years ago can now be identified using scientific technology and processes that weren't available in earlier years. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 959. 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 **1,022**. Of the 1,624 still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,266 (VN-467, VS-799); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations result in changes to locations of loss. 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 COMPLETES VISITS TO CAMBODIA, LAOS & VIETNAM: DPAA Director Mike Linnington recently returned from his first-ever trip to any of the most directly engaged Vietnam War countries. He first visited Cambodia, though for just one day, then made official calls in Vientiane, Laos, and flew by helicopter to visit DPAA and Lao personnel conducting field operations. He returned to Vientiane before going on to Hanoi to meet with senior officials there. We are awaiting details of this important, introductory visit that came at a

time of ever-increasing bilateral political, economic and military-to-military cooperation. He also visited DPAA and Vietnamese teams conducting field operations in Vietnam before flying back to the US, arriving in time for a DPAA-hosted Family Update in Portland, ME, on November 14th. More will be provided when available.

MORE GOOD Caution-news: DPAA Director Linnington has decided to invite representatives of responsible national Veteran organizations to attend and observe briefings at DPAA-hosted Updates. The League deeply appreciates this return to including our Veterans in these meetings around the country. Though pretty general in content, the briefings given are firsthand and provided by responsible US officials. Since DPAA is stressing the importance of outreach and transparency, the DPAA-hosted Updates provide an opportunity for both.

GENERAL FOGLESONG VISITS MOSCOW: US Chairman of the US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs General Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAF (Ret) traveled to Moscow to meet on November 9th with the Russian Co-Chairman, General Colonel Valery Aleksandrovich Vostrotin. The two Co-Chairs outlined their hope for renewing and restoring the work of the USRJC and noted the importance of the new Russian Office of the USRJC located in the Embassy of the Russian Federation. This important office was opened in July of this year and is headed by Maxim N. Alekseev, an impressive Russian official with a diverse background and record of experience. The League welcomes this new initiative and looks forward to working with Mr. Alekseev and senior Russian officials in Moscow. It is past time to press forward and end the seemingly endless delays.

ACCOUNTING RESULTS: Although the pace of joint field recoveries and investigations related to the Vietnam War has resumed to a higher level, the Vietnamese, in particular, have repeatedly called for increasing the pace and scope of such operations, in fact since 2009. It is crucial that there be no reduction in DPAA's budget or the number of personnel to enable overdue responsiveness to Vietnam's longstanding request. Now is not the time to pull back on fielding teams to accomplish the Vietnam War accounting. In fact the political climate, regionally and bilaterally with Vietnam, lends itself to expanding cooperation across the board.

It is the League's hope that there the current trend of moving ahead to increase the pace and scope will be sustained. The Vietnam War POW/MIA accounting mission is running out of time. That is the reality in terms of eye-witness accounts, immediate family member engagement, and preservation of skeletal material under very acidic soil and other environmental conditions. NOW IS THE TIME TO CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ENSURE THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MUST BE FULL FUNDING, WITH INCREASES AS NEEDED, INCLUDING IN QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, FOR THE NEW DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY (DPAA).

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Attached are PDF copies of Status of the Issue and Vietnam's Ability to Account for American Missing from the Vietnam War, both dated today. Unless more IDs are completed and authorized before the end of December, this will be the final for 2015. There will be a final 2015 Newsletter, long overdue, before the end of the year that will include updated information on DPAA the Director's recent trip to Southeast Asia and updated information related to the US-Russian Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs (USRJC) on the US Co-Chairman's recent visit to Moscow and discussions with his counterpart Russian Co-Chairman.

Best to all, and Merry Christmas, Ann

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STATUS OF THE POW/MIA ISSUE: December 3, 2015

1,624 Americans are now listed by DoD as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War: Vietnam - 1,266 (VN-467 VS-799); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7. (These numbers occasionally fluctuate due to investigations resulting in changed locations of loss.) The League seeks the fullest possible accounting for those still missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains. The League's highest priority is accounting for Americans last known alive. Official intelligence indicates that Americans known to be in captivity in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia were not returned at the end of the war. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, it must be assumed that these Americans could still be alive, and the US Government should not rule out that possibility.

Vietnam established comprehensive wartime and post-war processes to collect and retain information and remains; thus, unilateral efforts by them to locate and return remains and provide records offered significant potential. Vietnam has taken many unilateral actions that are welcome and appreciated, but more can and should be done. Recently, Vietnam has increased implementation of commitments to provide long-sought archival records with relevant, case-related information, thanks in large part to improvement of working-level efforts. The early 2015 League Delegation brought commitments that offer real promise for increased success. First undertaken in northern Vietnam in 1985, joint field operations have dramatically changed and are now much more effective. Vietnamese officials are participating with greater seriousness and professionalism, achieving increased results. The process now includes both US-led Joint Excavation Teams and Vietnamese Recovery Teams (VRTs), led by Vietnamese and supported by fewer US personnel. This formula allows a greater number of teams to "increase the pace and scope of field operations," as requested by Vietnam during discussions since 2009. Due to increased military-to-military cooperation, US Navy assets are now allowed to participate in underwater survey and recovery operations, when requested. These steps, long advocated by the League, are now coming to fruition and are routinely raised by US officials at all levels.

After a rough period, joint field operations in Laos are now increasingly productive, even though more difficult than elsewhere. Accounting efforts had slowed due to Lao Government attempts to over-price payment for helicopter support and deny permission for ground transportation to accessible incident sites. Laos is now showing greater flexibility; earlier increased the number of US personnel permitted in-country, is allowing ground transportation to accessible sites, and has renewed a business license to a foreign company to provide reliable, smaller helicopter support. When helpful, Vietnamese witnesses are also allowed to participate in joint US-Lao operations. Fairly recently, the Lao Government finally agreed to permit the Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA's) Stony Beach POW/MIA specialist to operate outside the confines of scheduled Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) field operations; however, despite strong support from, and interventions by, the US Ambassador, there are still some logistics challenges that must be addressed and resolved.

Related to DIA's Stony Beach Team, one Stony Beach Cambodia specialist works full time at the US Embassy in Phnom Penh, and research and field operations in Cambodia have received excellent support. Two Stony Beach personnel have for years rotated on temporary duty in and out of Vietnam, collecting information via archival research and interviews of potential witnesses. Vietnam was long ago requested to permit, and is still reportedly considering, permanent status for these two POW/MIA specialists. Successive US Ambassadors have strongly supported this important move, but increases in bilateral military relations should be sufficient to overcome any reluctance. The US Ambassador to Laos has also supported full use of the Lao specialist. It is hoped that the expanded bilateral relationships with Laos and Vietnam will mean these positive decisions will not be further delayed. The Stony Beach specialists are sorely needed to augment the investigation process while witnesses are still living and to facilitate locating additional incident sites for follow-up recoveries.

The greatest obstacles to increased Vietnam War and worldwide accounting efforts are 1) too few qualified scientists to lead recovery teams; and 2) unreliable funding that caused US cancellation of scheduled operations, thus sending mixed, negative signals to foreign governments and counterpart officials. These problems are being addressed by Mr. Michael Linnington, named to lead the "complete reorganization" of the accounting community directed by former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel. Since over 80% of US losses in Laos and 90% in Cambodia occurred in areas where Vietnam's forces operated during the war, Vietnam's expanded provision of helpful records, improved and increased archival research, interviews and field operations are the core means to expand accounting for Vietnam War missing personnel.

POW/MIA STATISTICS
Live Sighting statistics provided by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

Live Sightings: As of November 24, 2015, 1,996 first-hand live sighting reports have been received since 1975, none recently. 1,941 (97.24%) were resolved: 1,340 (67.13%) equated to Americans previously accounted for (i.e. returned POWs, missionaries or civilians detained for violating SRV codes); 45 (2.25%) correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sightings of civilians still unaccounted-for; 556 (27.86%) were determined to be fabrications. The remaining 55 (2.76%) unresolved first-hand reports are the focus of continuing analytical and collection efforts: 48 (2.40%) concern Americans reported in a captive environment; 7 (0.35%) are non-captive sightings. The years in which these 55 first hand sightings occurred are listed below:

Pre-1976	1976-1985	1986-1995	1996-2005	2006-2013	Total
36	3	1	14	1	55

Accountability: At the end of the Vietnam War, there reportedly were 2,583 unaccounted-for American prisoners, missing or killed in action/body not recovered. **As of December 3, 2015, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency lists 1,624 Americans as missing and unaccounted-for, 90+% of them in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos where Vietnamese operated during the war.** A breakdown by year of recovery for the **959 Americans** accounted for from Vietnam War-related losses since the end of the war in 1975 follows:

1965-1974	War years: (recently identified)	2
1974-1975	Winding down USG effort	28
1976-1978	US/SRV normalization negotiations	47
1979-1980	US/SRV talks break down	1
1981-1985	1st Reagan Administration	23
1985-1989	2nd Reagan Administration	168
1989-1993	George H.W. Bush Administration	128
1993-1997	1st Clinton Administration	326
1997-2001	2nd Clinton Administration	56
2001-2004	1st George W. Bush Administration	64
2004-2008	2nd George W. Bush Administration	62
2008-2012	1 st Obama Administration	48
2012-2015	2 nd Obama Administration	6

According to the DPAA Lab, unilateral SRV repatriations of remains with scientific evidence of storage have accounted for less than 200 of the 652 from Vietnam; two were mistakenly listed as KIA/BNR in Vietnam in 1968, but remains were actually recovered at that time. All but seven of the 264 Americans accounted for in Laos since the end of the war have been the result of joint recoveries. The seven were recovered and turned over by indigenous personnel, six from Laos and one from Vietnam. In addition, three persons identified were recovered in Vietnam before the end of the war. There follows a breakdown by country of the 959 Americans accounted for since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975

Vietnam	652	Laos	264
China	3	Cambodia	40

An additional 63 US personnel were accounted for between 1973 and 1975, a grand total of 1,022. These Americans were accounted for by unilateral US effort in areas where the US could gain access at that time, not due to government-to-government cooperation with the post-war governments of Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia.

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Ann -- attached is the trip report we're sending to all VSO/MSO, and POW/MIA
Family Groups later today as promised from our conference call last week.
Generic in nature obviously, and I will review a few more details of our
trip in person with your board Saturday am.

Vr, Mike

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report: Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Oversight Visit

From October 30 – November 12, 2015, Mr. Michael Linnington, (b)(6) traveled to Southeast Asia to assess the status of our Vietnam War POW/MIA accounting mission and update our host nation partners and U.S. Country Teams on the current status of the POW/MIA accounting community reorganization. This was Mr. Linnington's first visit to the region since becoming DPAA Director in June and he plans to return to the region in the spring. The delegation visited four DPAA recovery teams working sites in Laos and Vietnam. There were no recovery missions ongoing in Cambodia. The delegation was impressed by the professionalism of the teams in addressing the unique challenges at each site, and the high degree of cooperation with our host nation partners and workers.

U.S. Ambassadors in each country visited reiterated their strong support for our accounting mission and pledged to assist should the need arise. Mr. Linnington observed firsthand the excellent support DPAA receives from the Embassy staff's in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam and personally thanked each Ambassador.

Our host nation counterparts in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam said they looked forward to working closely with the new agency, and were pleased to learn the Department had appointed a permanent civilian to lead the agency for continuity. They further reiterated their full support for our mission. The Lao and Vietnamese counterparts stated their desire for the U.S. to accelerate efforts in their respective countries to speed the mission before witnesses die and natural forces eliminate remains. In discussions with Cambodian officials, Mr. Linnington stressed that we will continue investigating the remaining cases in Cambodia after we complete excavations of currently identified sites in 2016, and reassured them that the completion of the excavation of the known sites does not represent the end of our efforts, but rather the transition to a reactive posture in our mission.

Mr. Linnington also discussed potential solutions to enable our teams to excavate a site in disputed territory along the Cambodia-Laos border. Our attempts to excavate this site earlier this year were halted until the border region can be resolved by the Joint (Cambodian/Laos) Border Commission meeting, which is scheduled to occur in late December 2015.

The overall trip was informative and encouraging. Positive progress is being made in all three countries, with the greatest advancements in Vietnam who have developed the capabilities and capacity to conduct unilateral investigation and excavation operations. The high levels of cooperation were evident in every meeting Mr. Linnington had with host nation counterparts. Follow-up formal letters will be sent to all ministerial counterparts, thanking

them for their support and soliciting their participation in working groups to explore ways to expedite our accounting effort in Southeast Asia.

The DPAA Delegation met with the following individuals:

- THAILAND: Ambassador Glyn Davies and Deputy Chief of Mission (b)(6) (b)(6) as well as Detachment 1 Commander (b)(6) and his staff.
- CAMBODIA: Ambassador William Heidt, (b)(6) (Defense Attaché), (b)(6) Mr. Sieng Lapresse (Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior and First Vice-Chairman, Kingdom of Cambodia POW/MIA Committee), LTG Chum Soyath (KOC POW/MIA Committee), and (b)(6) (KOC POW/MIA Committee). (b)(6) (b)(6) accompanied the delegation while in Cambodia.
- LAOS: Ambassador Daniel Clune (hosted breakfast), Deputy Chief of Mission (b)(6) Major General Chansamone Chanyalath (Deputy Minister of National Defense), His Excellency Mr. Sengphet Houngbounnuang (Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs), as well as (b)(6) (b)(6) and his staff.
- VIETNAM: Ambassador Ted Osius, Deputy Chief of Mission (b)(6), Vice Minister To Lam (Ministry of Public Security), LTG Nguyễn Chi Vinh (Deputy Minister of Defense), (b)(6) (Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), and Ambassador Ba Hung (Director General, Americas Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of the Vietnam Office for Seeking Missing Persons), and SrCol (Dr.) Nguyễn Văn Hoà (Director, PAVN Forensic Institute), as well as (b)(6) and his staff.

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06 November Visit two excavation sites
07 November Travel: Attapeu to Pakse to Vientiane
08 November Travel: Depart Laos; arrive Vietnam
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Clarence Stuck holds a photo of the grave where his parents are buried and where his brother's remains will be interred.



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Cpl. Kenneth R. Stuck in 1950



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Clarence L. Stuck in 1952

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In 1950, Kenneth R. Stuck went to war.

More than 65 years later, he's finally coming Caution-home.

"I am so elated. The thought of my brother coming home — it's awesome," says his brother, Clarence Stuck of Manheim.

"He was the greatest buddy you could ever have," he adds, his voice crackling with emotion. "We were really close. ... I'm just glad he'll finally be Caution-home."

He pauses, considers the word and smiles broadly, repeating it with extra emphasis: "*Home.*"

Kenneth Stuck — "Kenny" to his younger brother — enlisted in the U.S. Army early in 1950 and was sent to fight in Korea. He served as a corporal with the 1st Cavalry Division, which was pinned down later that year by Chinese forces in the Wonsan River valley.

The Battle of Unsan < Caution-http://www.1cda.org/battle-of-unsan.html >, as it's known today, was a devastating loss for American and UN troops. Multiple engagements, beginning on Oct. 25, 1950, in the North Pyongan province, resulted in heavy losses among the 1st Cavalry.

Kenneth Stuck was 24 years old when he was declared missing in action on Nov. 2, his brother says.

For decades, his fate remained unknown.

Years passed, and Clarence Stuck's hopes that his brother might be found alive waned. But he still wanted his brother's remains to be found, identified and sent home.

He needed that resolution.

Mass grave

Kenneth Stuck was found among some 322 bodies in a mass, trench-like grave outside North Korea's notorious Camp 5 in Pyoktong < Caution-
http://www.koreanwarpowmia.net/Prison_Camps/POW_Camps.htm > , his brother says.



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Kenneth Stuck, 1950

"He's been there for 65 years," Clarence says in a hushed voice, wiping his eyes.

The U.S. military began recovering skeletal remains from the site in 2006, shipping the fragile bones to a lab at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command < Caution-
<http://www.dpaa.mil/> > station at Hickam Air Force Base < Caution-
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Clarence and his wife, Kathy, have been to Hickam several times in the past few years, building relationships with the people who work there.

"The bones are pretty well preserved, because it's so cold up there," Stuck says.

"They just got more remains back from North Korea," he adds. "They don't have all of his remains yet — they hope to find more."

Kenny's bones have been in Hawaii for several years, Stuck explains, but DNA testing — to identify positively each soldier whose remains were found in that grave — is a ponderous process.

Army Maj. Rumi Nielson-Green, a spokeswoman for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command interviewed in 2006 < Caution-
http://lancasteronline.com/news/his-brother-s-seeker/article_c5df1237-2883-5cb3-8ec1-a88607f64b0e.html > , said the lab identifies, on average, two individuals a week.

Starvation appears to be the cause of his brother's death, based on the condition of his remains, Stuck says he was told. He died "maybe 20 years ago," he says.

That means he was alive in that prison camp for more than 40 years, he says. He has no way of knowing what happened there — if his brother was tortured, for instance — but it's hard not to imagine the worst.

"So many times, it goes through my mind what he must have went through," he says.

Close call

Clarence Stuck was driving to Hershey to visit his youngest son when his phone rang.

He didn't recognize the number but answered it anyway, he says. A woman identified herself as a representative of the Army's department of Casualty and Mortuary Affairs < Caution-<https://www.rallypoint.com/units/cmaoc-casualty-mortuary-affairs-operations-center-fort-knox-ky> > in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

He immediately felt his heart pound in his chest, he recalls. The woman asked if he was driving and, when he said yes, told him to pull over.

"She told me about Ken," he says. "I couldn't believe it. I was numb ... I couldn't even talk."

It was Nov. 5 — 65 years and three days since his brother was declared MIA.

The day before, Stuck says, he and his son Ken attended a ceremony of the Korean War Veterans Association < Caution-<http://www.kwva.org/> > at Oak Leaf Manor, where he received an Ambassador for Peace award < Caution-

to-plowshares.org/2015/05/02/californias-15th-district-look-for-veterans-to-award-ambassador-for-peace-medal/ > for his service in Korea. His son — named Ken in his brother's memory — accepted a similar award in his brother's stead.

The younger Ken Stuck also served in the military, Clarence says, retiring as a crew chief with the 193rd Air National Guard in Middletown < Caution-
<http://www.193sow.af.mil/> > .

He lives in Linglestown, and a memorial to his brother that once stood in Clarence's front yard is now maintained by his son.

"He has all his uncle's medals, Purple Hearts, everything," he says.

Overcome with emotion and unable to drive after getting that call from Kentucky, he phoned his son to come and get him, Clarence says.

"I was drowning in tears," he says.

Korean service

Clarence Stuck, now 83, followed his brother to Korea in 1952.



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Clarence Stuck, 1952

It began a 28-year career in the military for Stuck, who retired as a master sergeant.

"I loved the military. The military was good to me," he says. "I was a cocky son of a bitch when I went in — they took that out of me."

He spent 16 months in Korea during the war, he says — seeing "just enough combat to make you sick."

His tour of duty took him within 18 miles of the camp where, unknown to him, his brother languished, he says.

"I can't fathom it," he says, shaking his head. "Being up there, being so close, and still not knowing."

Approximately 83,000 American service personnel are missing in action from wars dating back to World War II, according to online sources. Nearly 8,000 of those MIA soldiers served in Korea.

Eighteen POW/MIA command teams track down and exhume suspected American remains from around the globe, according to published reports. Soldiers missing in Korean present special problems, officials have said, because of tense relations with that nation.

Coming home

The Stuck brothers grew up in Hummelstown, and that's where Kenneth Stuck — born 85 years ago, on the Fourth of July — will return.

"That's where my brother's final resting place will be, with my mom and dad," Clarence says, holding a photo of his parents' gravesite. "Mom and Dad deserve to have him back, and this way I can go visit."



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Clarence Stuck shows a photo
of his parents' gravesite

One of nine brothers and sisters, he is the last of his siblings to survive, he notes sadly. His sister Mary died most recently, he says, and she too held out hope that she'd live long enough to see Kenneth come Caution-home.

"My mom — she flew her gold star faithfully right until she died," he says.

The gold star is a banner provided to mothers who lost a son or daughter in combat.

The remains are expected to arrive home within the next few weeks, Stuck says — probably no later than early January.

They'll be flown into Harrisburg International Airport, he says, where they'll be greeted by a military honor guard and state police escort.

Clarence Stuck says he, too, will be there when the plane touches down.

“I just want to touch that casket and say, ‘Welcome home, brother. Welcome Caution-home.’ ”

His voice breaks, and Clarence takes a moment, staring down at a photograph of his brother, in uniform, taken before he left the States in 1950.

“I always knew there was hope,” he says quietly.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 9 Dec 2015 16:45:33 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Tomb of the Unknowns Commemoration (U)

Yes, so do I, Dr. John Hamre, former Deputy Secretary of Defense. He once attended the League's annual meeting dinner, but I don't recall which year. What do they really want? There is no indication in their original email as to what they are looking for! I'm more than willing to talk with this guy, but you didn't give him my email address or phone. Do I just wait and assume he may call? Or should I contact him? I'm leaving town tomorrow, but I could send him a note and tell him when I'll be in town, right?

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In a message dated 12/9/2015 12:13:23 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

I do know of a John Hamre but presume this is not the same guy....

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 11:45 AM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6)@aol.com>
Subject: Tomb of the Unknowns Commemoration (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

FYI the below since I kind of put words in your mouth. Sorry. I should have said "may wish." I don't know these guys but perhaps you do. They should really team up with the USS Olympia foundation up in Philly. She is the cruiser that brought the first unknowns home. (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 11:40 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Introduction to DPAA (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) many thanks for the kinds words. We actually received an extensive behind the scenes tour of the Old Guard and the Tomb of the Unknowns last year. It was impressive. That said, though we work to account for the missing, we have no plans to work the current unknowns at the Tomb nor do we have purview of them. Unknowns, regardless of burial location, are the purview of the Secretary of the Army. I will discuss your ideas with our leadership as I'm personally not sure the message that would be received by some of the families if our agency was visibly working on a commemoration. There are many that want us to do what we did for the Vietnam War unknown in 1996 and there are no plans to do that. We would need to give that careful thought as it may send a mixed message. With whom, may I ask, is your organization working with the Army on your commemoration plans? I might suggest you reach out to some of the family organizations such as the National League of Families who have extensive knowledge of the issue and were a driving force in the Tomb as it related to the Vietnam War unknown. They would surely wish to partner with you. Thx, (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 11:28 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Introduction to DPAA

(b)(6) Thanks you for this introduction. We will pick it up from here.

(b)(6) first off, I applaud your aggressive efforts in recovering the remains from the USS Oklahoma. That is a great move in your difficult mission.

(b)(6) and I have been working to commemorate the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Toward that effort we are hopeful that the Congress will promulgate an act to handle the government activities. And to provide additional activities we have established a not-for-profit 501 (3) c foundation.

As General Linnington knows, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is this Nation's National Monument for those who have sacrificed and those who will sacrifice for the American way of life. The Tomb is more than the three Unknowns interred there. It includes the MIA/KIA that you are missioned to locate. That tells me that DPAA and both our government and non-government efforts should be closely coordinated.

If you agree, I suggest we get together and talk about plans. We may want to get by the holidays and meet in January.

Thanks

(b)(6)

> On Dec 9, 2015, at 9:54 AM (b)(6) CIV (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

>

> Dear (b)(6)

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> I realize how tardy I am in making this introduction, and I have no real excuse other than our office gets quite busy in October and November with Veteran's Day. I was ticking off my "follow up to do" list from the last two months and found a note and here we go!

>

> (b)(6) is a member of the Old Guard and works closely with the historical society associated with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They are very interested in meeting with Mr. Linnington at some point to discuss coordination with DPAA and the Society as they move towards commemoration events. Mr. (b)(6) has worked with members of the Vietnam War Commemoration over the years and the two of us have had a handful of conversations about the POW/MIA issue.

>

> Mr. (b)(6) is a member of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and works mainly with public affairs and family outreach. I have known him for a number of years and believe he would be a great person to direct you to the people you need to speak with.

>

> I don't know if I have adequately described either of you to the other, but I hope you can iron out the details that I have missed or given incorrectly!

>

> Best,

> (b)(6)

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> Commemorative Partner Program

> Vietnam War 50th Commemoration

> 1101 Wilson Blvd, Suite 810

> Arlington, VA 22209

> (b)(6) (Office)

> (b)(6) (Fax)

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From: (b)(6) AFELM OSD (US)
Sent: 14 Dec 2015 20:33:07 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 2015 White House Seasons Greeting Cards to POW/MIA families

Ouch, sorry about the Wisdom tooth, good luck at the dentist and thanks!

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 3:01 PM
To: (b)(6) AFELM OSD (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 2015 White House Seasons Greeting Cards to POW/MIA families

Outstanding. Of course. You will miss the bowling party as will I. I cracked a wisdom tooth in half and am going to the dentist tomorrow. Congrats!

From: (b)(6) AFELM OSD (US)
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 01:30 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 2015 White House Seasons Greeting Cards to POW/MIA families

Afternoon!

I plugged an email to (b)(6) the POC who was handling the WH holiday cards and to whom I provided the list back in September. I'll let you know as soon as I get a response from him.

Yesterday went quite well, damn near almost wiped out on the ice though...couldn't feel my legs. Also, if you're ok with it, would it be possible for me to extend my leave until tomorrow (I can adjust leaveweb when I get back)...with the bowling party tomorrow and my Dad's last day is tomorrow, I haven't had a lot of good time to spend with him with everything going on. Thanks.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2015 5:46 PM
To: (b)(6) AFELM OSD (US)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 2015 White House Seasons Greeting Cards to POW/MIA families

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(b)(6) can you check with your poc tomorrow to see when these got mailed... Hope all goes perfect tomorrow. Congrats again! You three make quite the trio. (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2015 04:21 PM
To: (b)(6) 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

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6)@sbcglobal.net < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@sbcglobal.net > >
Date: December 12, 2015 at 3:01:12 PM CST
To: <(b)(6)@aol.com < 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)



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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 15 Dec 2015 10:22:47 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Question from Ann Mills-Griffiths

(b)(6)

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

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [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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(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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On the topic of distractions, did you have an opportunity to reach out to the folks that (b)(6) 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-mailto(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 06:27 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US);
(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)(6) 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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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 15 Dec 2015 12:48:24 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Question from Ann Mills-Griffiths (U)

Thanks, (b)(6) and I'll do the same, plus forward whatever reply I get from Honor Release Return.

Thanks for the congrats to (b)(6). I leave for the Christmas Holidays tomorrow afternoon and return to DC on December 29th. In the interim, you can reach me if needed by email and, if necessary, by cell, (b)(6), much as I dislike using the cell. Best to all, Ann

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

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Thanks Ann.
I'll let you know if and when this gets introduced. Unfortunately it looks awfully familiar. Hopefully this will stay in committee until the Congress ends next year.
Congratulations to your grandson.

Vr
(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 6:28 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6)

(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

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 15 Dec 2015 22:22:33 -0500
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: POW/MIA Select Committee (U)

Thanks, Mike, and I agree on the likely scenario on any select committee legislation, but won't take it for granted as it would hamper DPAA's efforts and that can only mean further delay in answers for the families, so we'll be watching and guarding against that eventuality.

I'm so pleased to hear that the effort begun by Dr. (b)(6) is being continued, and likely furthered, by (b)(6) and grateful that he was willing to take on that important responsibility. Please convey our thanks to him and to others responsible for that decision and implementation. We strongly support efforts to help counterpart officials receive any training and support that our government can provide to expand the opportunities for success. It is a relatively inexpensive means by which to expand the pace, scope and results that come from operations,

Best to all, Ann

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

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Hi Ann --

I was just speaking with some key staffers last night at a social function, and don't believe this will get traction -- but one never knows. You (and others) have more to say than us on this topic. As you state, a select committee will be a distraction to our mission and redundant, as I'm always available to go over and speak to Senators/Congressmen at any time.

We DO have a Forensic Science Academy. Space is allocated in Bldg 45 and Dr. (b)(6) is the Director, vs Dr. (b)(6). We have been training foreign nationals, to include MAKRI and the Malaysians most recently, and likely to conduct additional training for the VRTs and forensic scientists in Vietnam.

Vr, Mike

Mr. Michael S. Linnington
Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
Washington, DC 22202

(b)(6)

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:05 AM

To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>;

Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>;

Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)

<(b)(6)@mail.mil>

Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6)

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<(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Nasarenko, Jennifer M CIV DPAA PPS (US)

<(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC

(US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: POW/MIA Select Committee

(b)(6) National Security Division, The American Legion, needed a bit more rationale to including in his internal memo so that the Legion has a firm basis for rejecting another select committee at this time. I would suggest you consider having talking points ready as to why formation now would be an impediment, of course stressing how willing you always are to come over and brief on the Hill to any/all interested Members of Congress.

If this starts to build, I'll go to all the others major national Veteran groups to get them engaged, hopefully, unified behind total opposition. We'll see, Ann

PS: Do we still have a Forensic Science Academy, such as was established by Dr. (b)(6)? If not currently, is there any consideration of restoring it for the purpose of training foreign specialists?

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
To: (b)(6)@legion.org
Sent: 12/15/2015 2:44:43 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: Re: POW/MIA Select Committee

(b)(6) the League's opposition to formation of yet another select committee at this point is based on the fact that major changes are still taking place in the accounting effort. The newly formed DPAA is coming together and just beginning to get its feet on the ground. The Director, LTG Mike Linnington, USA (Ret) needs to have time to get his team on track to demonstrate DPAA's ability to attain a new level of effort and results in terms of achieving increased accounting.

While closely watching relevant budget and personnel requirements as formative tasks are addressed, we've been assured there will continue to be expansion on the Vietnam War accounting mission as requested by the Vietnamese since 2009, with the US effort insufficient and inadequate until recently. With the the additional requirements related to WWII and Korean War remains recoveries, including hundreds buried as unknowns in the Punchbowl and elsewhere around the world, the workload on DPAA cannot be overstated.

A new Select Committee at this point would be a major distraction and could interfere, even severely impede, DPAA's ability to focus maximum attention and energy on important, immediate tasks as they move into full operational capacity by year's end. That is precisely what Director Linnington intends, and we are determined to do all we possibly can to support and facilitate DPAA's efforts, seeking additional budget appropriations if needed and even asking Congress to fence DPAA funding if necessary, though of course we hope that won't be required.

I hope this response is sufficient for your needs, but should you require further definition, please feel free to contact me. Suffice to say this mission needs another select committee like one needs a hole in the head. What we need is seriousness, integrity, transparency and realism in all communications with the families and our Nation's veterans. I strongly believe this is the last viable opportunity to really generate the answers we all seek. We now have the right guy, in the right position, at the right time, supported up his chain of command. With unified support and cautious optimism, carefully monitored by the League and our major national Veteran organizations, this opportunity can be maximized and significant progress really can bring answers for the families.

Thank you for asking for input to pass to your leadership, and please let me know if you need clarification on any points. Best wishes to you and all at the Legion Headquarters for a very Merry Christmas and a New Year that is richly blessed with

good health, prosperity, happiness and peace.

As ever, Ann

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Understood.

Thanks, Ann.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 2:30 PM
To: (b)(6)@legion.org>
Cc: (b)(6)@legion.org>
Subject: Re: POW/MIA Select Committee

(b)(6) I am in Austin for (b)(6) and return on Saturday night. Our position has been opposed to formation of yet another Select Committee on this mission. Now, it would likely would be strongly opposed to give our new DPAA time to get fully up and running. Please hold off and call me on Monday.
Thanks, Ann

Sent from my iPhone
On Dec 10, 2015, at 12:38 PM, (b)(6)@legion.org < Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@legion.org > > wrote:

Ann

I want to hear from you before I take any actions with our legislative staff on this bill. It's being sponsored by Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC). Rep. Walker is looking for ways to do more for veterans and he believes this is one way of doing that.

I recall attending a press conference along with your executive director once before, with (b)(6) in support of this.

v/r

(b)(6)

(b)(6) National Security Division

Phone (b)(6) Fax (b)(6)

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Subject:

Attachments: smime.p7s

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Mr. (b)(6)

Sir, have the photos been passed to the Lao Ambassador to close this out? Do we need to tee up the Director to send them? I know this came from an AMG question (deep in the trail below), but apparently it's something we said we'd do.

"Do you know if anyone in DPAA is currently working to get photos over the years related to POW/MIA and UXO, medical support (clinics), educational support (PACOM funded schools), as the Lao Ambassador requested?"

Please let me know so I can inform.

v/r,

(b)(6)

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

From: Waggoner, Natasha L Maj USAF DPAA EXT COMM (US)

Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 8:00 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)

Cc: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); Black, Sheila G (Shelly) Col USAF (US)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] AMG Follow-Up (U)

Sir-

Below is where we put the Laos photos we found on the DC PAO Share Drive.

\\dc-nas-01\\External_Communications\\Public_Affairs\\Photos\\LAO Images

V/R

Maj. Natasha Waggoner, USAF

Deputy, Public Affairs

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:54 PM

To: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)

Cc: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); Waggoner, Natasha L Maj USAF DPAA EXT COMM (US); Black, Sheila G (Shelly) Col USAF (US)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] AMG Follow-Up (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

I know you are on leave. Did we ever find any photos for the Lao? Thanks.

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 6:40 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Cc: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); Waggoner, Natasha L Maj
USAF DPAA EXT COMM (US); Black, Sheila G (Shelly) Col USAF (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) DPAA FO (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] AMG Follow-Up (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Mr. (b)(6)

I spoke with the Director, and he said to go ahead and task out the requirement. He said he'd thought he'd tasked it to you (see attach).

Please provide an update or some kind of status on when we can complete the task. Hopefully the photographers have a good catalogue of old pics.

v/r, (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 6:33 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] AMG Follow-Up (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ma'am,

Thank you for checking.

1) No, the Director has not received an invitation to the Lao reception on 4 Dec.

2) I'll ask about the Lao Ambassador's requests.

v/r,

(b)(6)
Military Assistant to the Director,
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
COMM: (b)(6)
BB: (b)(6)
DSN: (b)(6)

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

From: [REDACTED]@aol.com [mailto:[REDACTED]@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 12:45 PM

To: [REDACTED] DPAA FO (US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] AMG Follow-Up

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Two quick questions:

- 1) Did Mike L. get his invitation from the Lao Ambassador?
- 2) Do you know if anyone in DPAA is currently working to get photos over the years related to POW/MIA and UXO, medical support (clinics), educational support (PACOM funded schools), as the Lao Ambassador requested?

If so, to avoid burdening you, I'll be glad to follow-up directly if you give me the POC, and thanks in advance, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 3 Jan 2016 10:37:35 -0500
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6) CIV (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Capt Kenneth Thomas, USAF
Attachments: Update_12-15-15.pdf

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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*In a message dated 1/3/2016 9:38:19 A.M. Eastern Standard Time,
(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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UPDATE: December 15, 2015

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: In mid-October and again more recently, DPAA posted changes to the list of Vietnam War missing and unaccounted-for US personnel, now numbering **1,624**. For various reasons, including wishes of the family, DoD announcements are often delayed far beyond the ID dates and sometimes not even made. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 961. 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 1,624 still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,266 (VN-467, VS-799); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations result in changes to locations of loss. 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.

REPATRIATION OF REMAINS: On December 12th, remains believed to be those of four US personnel missing and unaccounted-for since the Vietnam War were honored in a repatriation ceremony at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi. Turned in unilaterally by civilian Vietnamese and recovered during the 121st period of Joint Field Activities in Vietnam, the four remains were reviewed by Vietnamese and American forensic specialists who determined the potential for being identified as US personnel. Our Ambassador to Vietnam Ted Osius was joined by specialists from DPAA's Detachment 2 and the Vietnam Office for Seeking Missing Persons (VNOSMP) in honoring those repatriated. In remarks, Ambassador Osius reportedly expressed gratitude for the goodwill and increasingly efficient and effective cooperation being afforded by the Government of Vietnam. The League extends sincere appreciation to all – American and Vietnamese – whose authorization, policy and operational support and/or participation contributed to this repatriation and looks forward to further expanding the level of effort that can lead to increased accounting results.

DPAA DIRECTOR VISITS CAMBODIA, LAOS & VIETNAM: DPAA Director Mike Linnington recently returned from his first trip to the three most directly engaged Vietnam War countries. He first briefly visited Cambodia, then made official calls in Vientiane, Laos, and flew by helicopter to visit DPAA and Lao personnel conducting field operations. He returned to Vientiane before going on to Hanoi to meet with senior officials there. On December 5th, Mr. Linnington briefed the Board of Directors on this important, introductory visit that came at a time of ever-increasing bilateral political, economic and military-to-military cooperation. He also visited DPAA and Vietnamese teams conducting field operations in Vietnam before flying back to the US, arriving in time for a DPAA-hosted Family Update in Portland, ME, on November 14th. More will be provided when available.

MORE GOOD NEWS: DPAA Director Linnington has decided to invite representatives of responsible national Veteran organizations to attend and observe briefings at DPAA-hosted POW/MIA Family Updates around the country. The League deeply appreciates this return to including our Veterans in these meetings. Though often general in content, the briefings given are firsthand and provided by responsible US officials. Since DPAA is stressing the importance of outreach and transparency, DPAA-hosted Updates provide an opportunity for both.

GENERAL FOGLESONG VISITS MOSCOW: US Chairman of the US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs General Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAF (Ret) traveled to Moscow to meet on November 9th with the Russian Co-Chairman, General Colonel Valery Aleksandrovich Vostrotin. The two Co-Chairs outlined their hope for renewing and restoring the work of the USRJC and noted the importance of the new Russian Office of the USRJC located in the Embassy of the Russian Federation. This important office was opened in July of this year and is headed by Maxim N. Alekseev, an impressive Russian official with a diverse background and record of experience. The League welcomes this new initiative and looks forward to working with Mr. Alekseev and senior Russian officials in Moscow. It is past time to press forward and end the seemingly endless delays.

ACCOUNTING RESULTS: Although the pace of joint field recoveries and investigations related to the Vietnam War has resumed to a higher level, the Vietnamese, in particular, have repeatedly called for increasing the pace and scope of such operations, in fact since 2009. In fact the political climate, regionally and bilaterally with Vietnam, lends itself to expanding cooperation across the board. Contact your elected officials and ensure they understand that there must be full funding, with increases as needed, including qualified personnel, for the new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

From: (b)(6)
Sent: 4 Jan 2016 10:47:29 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Sgt. Hill Question (U)

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Ok then - thanks (b)(6) - and the article is very helpful.
I appreciate you looking into this!

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 10:30 AM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Sgt. Hill Question (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) the historical records indicate state of birth as Kansas but home of record as Nevada. The below is a good article on why this is confusing....

Caution-http://paycheck-chronicles.military.com/2015/02/27/residence-vs-home-record/

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

From: (b)(6) [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 9:28 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Sgt. Hill Question

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Thanks (b)(6) btw – the DPAA has his home of record as Nevada on the State list and Alpha list for accounted for but again Kansas on the Press Release...

Happy New Year!



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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2015 8:00 AM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org' <(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Sgt. Hill Question

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(b)(6) 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 was florida. That was because I got a tax break in florida that new jersey did not offer..

From: (b)(6) [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org < Caution-Caution-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) – 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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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 4 Jan 2016 11:34:00 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Photos for Lao (U)

(b)(6) please call on this one, and thanks, Ann

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In a message dated 1/4/2016 11:19:06 A.M. Eastern Standard Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, an indirect request has landed on my lap of a request by the Lao to provide them with photos of our operations. Are there specific ones in mind that the Lao are looking for or that you recommend? Thx, (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 4 Jan 2016 21:26:03 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] DPAA Web Site Lists (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Thanks, (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:16 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] DPAA Web Site Lists (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

This field in the current accounted for reports for Korea and Southeast Asia is an adaptation of the "Released Date" field used for SEA POWs. The adaptation has been to use the date the remains were received as evidence into the Laboratory in Hawaii. Of course this date is really about the accession and only becomes the return date for the individual once the identification was established.

Mrs. Mills-Griffiths is correct that these errors are probably due to the lack of familiarity with how (b)(6) had been using the 'Released Date' field to track the accession receipt date information. The report that is published to the website is from the current SEA scrub database. I will coordinate with Mr. (b)(6) and we will make the following corrections.

- 1) Cunningham, Kenneth L., remains returned 1997/03/11
- 2) Hill, Billy D., remains returned 1989/06/22
- 3) Johnson, Stanley G., remains returned 1998/04/22

As we move to supporting the public site's data with a connection to the DPAA database we will draw this information directly from the Laboratory data about the accession. This information and other reports of this type can be made available or published for the League and other customers without data having to be entered separately in Hawaii or the East.

The current field is a free text field which is why the formatting is inconsistent. Once these are all standardized as date fields we will be able to control and alter the formatting to be consistent and allow date calculations like 'before' or 'years from accession to identification'.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 10:27 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] DPAA Web Site Lists (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

Are you the guy to address this errant data?

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2016 4:49 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] DPAA Web Site Lists

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(b)(6) Sorry to greet you non the first working day of the New Year with bad news, but the subject isn't new, though unfortunate, since it undermines DPAA's credibility and none of us need that at present.

In trying to get a clear handle on recent number chances, or lack of same, three egregious errors immediately stood out, all on DPAA's list of Accounted for Americans.

- 1) Cunningham, Kenneth L, lists a remains returned date of 11/13/15, and an ID date of 9/9/2015.
- 2) Hill, Billy D, lists a remains returned date of 11/12/15, and an ID date of 9/4/2015
- 3) Johnson, Stanley G, lists NO REMAINS RETURNED DATE, and an ID date of /5/2015.

First, it is impossible to ID remains not yet in USG possession, as is listed in #1 and #2.

Second, to leave the remains returned date BLANK?

I haven't had a lot of time lately to monitor all that has been and clearly is going on with DPAA's web site transition and all the other changes since (b)(6) left DPMO. Obviously, there is a serious problem. I do not even know who handles the tasks previously handled capably by (b)(6) but this is not the first time we've encountered a problem. This goes FAR beyond the PR positions of delayed announcements and the complications that arise by so doing; this undercuts reliability of statistical data related to the overall accounting effort and MUST be corrected. I suggest it occur immediately.

While at it, I also suggest that the standard military listing for dates be utilized, instead of switching into the civilian listing that has, unfortunately been adopted by whomever is contracted to handle the web site data-entry. I have no idea whether or not those dates have been accurately transcribed, nor why, but someone needs to check that while addressing the other problems. At present, the numbers are all over the map, not even lined up to appear correct. You'll need to go no further than the three names I've listed here, thanks to the help of (b)(6) and (b)(6) though (b)(6) has also had to deal with confusion on the DPAA web site before, and more than once.

Please get back to us BEFORE you physically make the changes so that we can be prepared to reach as low key as possible, if asked, for the good of the mission. Thanks in advance, Ann

PS: I copied (b)(6) and (b)(6) since all this originates here in DC, not in HI, but they needed to know.

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From: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Sent: 4 Jan 2016 21:41:22 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] List of Cold War Incidents (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

I passed it to them. Most are USSR cases. I am scrubbing the CH NK ones.

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:56 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] List of Cold War Incidents (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Holy cats. Have (b)(6) or (b)(6) taken a look? A lot to review.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:33 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] List of Cold War Incidents (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Hey (b)(6) Got this over the weekend. We are not to talk to Ann without the OC filter.

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 02, 2016 11:16 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] List of Cold War Incidents

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I was asked whether the Cold War list on the site below is valid and, of course, I haven't a clue, but figured you'd know or could easily check. If not valid, do you have a valid, comprehensive list of Cold War unaccounted-for US personnel?

Caution-http://www.silent-warriors.com/shootdown_list.html < Caution-http://www.silent-warriors.com/shootdown_list.html >

Thanks in advance for your reply, and Happy New Year, Ann

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From: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Sent: 5 Jan 2016 14:02:02 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: List of Cold War Incidents (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Good to know. I went thru the Asia cases last nite on the subway. It only looks like a lot of potential names because some of the incidents happened during the Korean War and are on the Korean War MIA list, such as the 4 Dec 50 RB 45 incident on the Yalu. It looks to me like the hostile act cases for Asia where there are missing are all covered by the Cold War list or the Korean War list.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 8:45 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: List of Cold War Incidents (U)

Fyi.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 08:44 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: List of Cold War Incidents (U)

She has been sending this around. (b)(6) got the same email.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 08:29 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); Forbes, Christopher S COL USARMY DPAA RA (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: List of Cold War Incidents (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Hi (b)(6)

Here's an odd question I received direct from Ann -- not sure why she picked me. In any case, I'm probably not the best person to validate the Cold War list she mentions, so I humbly suggest you consider what to do with this request (perhaps add it to the tasker system and have an answer come from whomever is maintaining the Cold War data?)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 02, 2016 11:19 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: List of Cold War Incidents

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I was asked whether the Cold War list on the site below is valid and, of course, I haven't a clue, but figured you'd know or could easily check. If not valid, do you have a valid, comprehensive list of Cold War unaccounted-for personnel?

Caution-http://www.silent-warriors.com/shootdown_list.html < Caution-http://www.silent-warriors.com/shootdown_list.html >

Thanks in advance for your reply, and Happy New Year, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 9 Jan 2016 09:39:02 -0500
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Vietnam - 50 Years Later

In case you haven't seen before, or even if you, this is wonderful. I'd seen it several times and watched it again. I recommend it highly, and it is only 4+ minutes of your time. Best, Ann

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SAM ELLIOT NARRATES THIS STIRRING VIDEO....

From: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Sent: Wed, 13 Jan 2016 19:11:42 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: Close Hold Email (U)
Attachments: smime.p7s

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Guys, I am lost as to what this is. Let me know what to do with this info. Thanks!

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 2:06 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Subject: RE: Close Hold Email (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

This is the letter det 2 wrote for the Ambassador which explains the situation, and our letter followed up this one with much less detail since we had already given input and seen this one.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 5:16 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Subject: Close Hold Email (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Just FYI the below.

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

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 6:07 PM
To: Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US)
Cc: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 2015' Freedom of Information Act Request Sent To US DPAA (Hawaii) Headquarters Team

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(b)(6) I sent (b)(6) a rather curt letter when he sent me this, berating him as he deserved for wasting your time and that of all in DPAA.,

This guy has a LONG history, including when he came to the White House in 1982 and (b)(6) had his "care and feeding until he became a supporter, but he must be off his meds again, so all I can say is I really dislike, no resent, him or anyone wasting you time and that of others in with nonsense stemming from accusations of conspiracy and cover-up. It was worse in the mid-1980s, but the visibility and attention now is much more immediate and much greater potential for damage. Hang in there, Ann

PS: He is looking for reassurance on investigations related to the DIC list, and he was claiming an inside "source" in DPAA. I don't believe it, but he thinks he is onto something. I simply don't know anyone who feels that the DIC cases are being written off. Perhaps a letter to him from O & C offering reassurance as to ALL discrepancy cases, both LKA and remains, would help pull him off the ledge?

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com>
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; hanoiack
<hanoiack@state.gov>
Sent: Thu, Dec 17, 2015 12:57 pm
Subject: 2015' Freedom of Information Act Request Sent To US DPAA (Hawaii) Headquarters Team

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 20 Jan 2016 13:25:00 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FYI (U)

Nope, but I'd like to, so can you send me the link? Or is that permissible? Ann

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In a message dated 1/20/2016 12:23:02 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,

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

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Have you seen the video of the teams working the B-24 crashsite of 1LT Zaetz in India? It's pretty good.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 12:04 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FYI

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I just received the following that I thought you'd find of interest, Ann

Thank you, (b)(6) for requesting that the DPAA post the text of the "Memorandum of Arrangement" between the US and South Korea, and especially for posting all this excellent FOIA information. The families of our Korea missing in action, the Congress, and the American public deserve to know the details of this memorandum. Is this memorandum real progress or just "smoke and mirrors"? If DPAA doesn't respond to your request, we should definitely take advantage of what the FOIA offers. (b)(6) Families and Supporters of America's Arunachal Missing in Action and (b)(6) WWII MIA 1st Lt. Irwin Zaetz, USAAF"

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 20 Jan 2016 13:33:25 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: (b)(6) contact (U)

I have information on both (b)(6) and (b)(6) and you can reach (b)(6) at (b)(6)@Legion.org < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@Legion.org > and (b)(6) at (b)(6)@yahoo.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@yahoo.com >. I don't think (b)(6) has moved on anywhere as I just have been back/forth with him related to the Legion's Mid-Winter Conference coming up in February to which your Director is also invited. (b)(6) will be chairing that forum of nationwide Legion leaders.

Call me on (b)(6). You don't want to refer (b)(6) to them, or at least I wouldn't want to, Ann

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, do you have the current contact info for (b)(6) I've been sending some information to (b)(6) regarding all the letters and emails we and everyone else in the government are getting from (b)(6) I thought it might be worth (b)(6) time to engage with him to let him know the American Legion has folks in DC

who work with US embassies and officials within DoD and State Department. It seems to me that Mr. (b)(6) is not aware of that fact which is why he feels he needs to do it himself. None of my emails get any responses or acknowledgments so perhaps (b)(6) has moved on? Thx, (b)(6)

A POW-MIA Empty Chair was dedicated as Bonner alumni along with students from both schools looked on.

It was fifty years since Jim Ulmer had stepped in the gym. Ulmer is Vice President of the Delaware County Vietnam Veterans Chapter 67. He graduated in 1966 and served in Vietnam.

"That this is happening is fantastic," said Ulmer who served in the Airforce Security Forces. Marty Costello originally from Havertown graduated in 1966 also. Costello lives in Malvern now and a member of the American Legion Bateman-Gallagher Post 668 in Wayne.

"Any recognition is great. Recognizing those missing in action and POW's are a big part of every veteran's life and a big part of our American Legion. We are working on a Wall of Honor in Radnor, which we will dedicate in May of his year," said Costello who served in the Navy.

Vietnam Veteran Dennis Murphy who along with Marine Lt. Cpl. Patrick Concannon of West Chester and Iraq and Afghanistan veteran, Matt Sondermann unveiled the chair before the standing only crowd to the chants of USA from students. Murphy is on the Monsignor Bonner Wall of Fame and on the board of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial in Newton Square. He served in the Army.

Many alumni who served in the military stood along those unveiling the chair.

Sondermann and Concannon did not attend Bonner but shared sentiments about the dedication.

"I think it is wonderful a local school is recognizing POW-MIAs. They made the ultimate sacrifice. By putting this event at a high school so that young kids gain more respect and

recognize what our realize what our service men and women do," said Sondermann.

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oc569eb4c219432592820503.txt?viewmode=2](http://www.delconewsnetwork.com/articles/2016/01/19/news_of_delaware_county/news/doc569eb4c219432592820503.txt?viewmode=2) >

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Sent: 21 Jan 2016 19:28:40 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (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

Thanks, (b)(6) much appreciated, and maybe (b)(6) and/or (b)(6) can send the agenda for both meetings, as well as the statistical data. Travel safely, all of you who are traveling, Ann

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In a message dated 1/21/2016 7:12:52 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Sorry I got cut off.... For hawaii, we have 88 families registered representing 6 vietnam war cases, 27 korean war cases, and 6 WWII cases.

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 07:06 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com' <(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

Ann, I'm riding the train and have time on my hands this evening. I don't have the agendas with me but the agenda for LA is the standard one that I have sent to you in

the past and it may still be on our website under family events. The HI agenda is abbreviated as we do it in the evening. It starts at 6pm with registration and ends at 10:00 or later depending on how long the case reviews go on. Only three briefers: the director; the afdil brief; and Johnie covering the rest-- research, recovery and id. The numbers for LA: 272 families registered representing 22 Vietnam War cases; 70 Korean War; 2 Cold War; and 42 WWII.

For Hawaii, we have

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 06:54 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
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 ratio 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)@aol.com
Sent: 23 Jan 2016 12:26:42 -0500
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Updated League Officials List
Attachments: Board-Regional-StateCoordinators-01-22-16.pdf

To facilitate contact when needed or desired, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 25 Jan 2016 12:31:20 -0500
To:

(b)(6)



Subject: [Non-DoD Source] After slow start, Offutt lab is now bustling in effort to ID remains.....

After slow start, Offutt lab is now bustling in effort to ID remains of Pearl Harbor victims



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Members of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency place an American flag over a casket containing the remains of an unknown USS Oklahoma service member in Honolulu in July 2015. The DPAA has been sending USS Oklahoma remains to Offutt's forensics lab for identification.

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Dr. Franklin Damann, a forensic anthropologist, recently was selected as the director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's Offutt Air Force Base laboratory.

Posted: Monday, January 25, 2016 12:15 am | Updated: 9:15 am, Mon Jan 25, 2016.
By Steve Liewer / World-Herald staff writer

For two years after a gala grand opening in June 2013, the tables in the new \$5 million forensic lab at Offutt Air Force Base lay mostly bare and empty.

Intended to give the Hawaii-based Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command a lot more space to study the bones of unidentified soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, the sprawling new lab remained underused. That has changed. Nearly all of the laboratory's 56 tables now are filled with thousands of human bones, tagged and neatly laid out for future identification.

And following a forced reorganization of its parent command — now called the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency — the Offutt lab has a new director, several new forensic anthropologists and a new mission identifying World War II remains from Pearl Harbor and the European theater.

"We have a better idea where we're going," said Franklin Damann, director of the Offutt laboratory. Damann, from Louisiana, worked for the accounting command in Hawaii during the 2000s.

He left in 2007 to become curator of anatomical collections at the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Washington, D.C. He missed the work of reuniting families with the remains of their lost loved ones.

"I always thought if they opened a facility on the mainland, I'd go back," Damann said. "Now, I'm here." The accounting command had been dogged by criticism for its slow pace of identifications and excessive bureaucracy, among other problems. The new agency is under pressure from Congress to boost identifications to 200 a year. More than 80,000 people are still missing from World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

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Last year the agency fell short, tallying 91 IDs, said Heather Harris, a deputy director. According to a 2013 report by the Government Accountability Office, the agency had averaged 72 per year over the previous decade.

Most of the tables at the Offutt lab now are filled with the oil-soaked bones of crewmen from the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was torpedoed at its berth during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. When it sank, 429 people were killed, most trapped below decks when the ship rolled on its side.

During grisly salvage operations in 1943, only 35 sets of remains were identified; the rest were buried as unknowns in two Honolulu cemeteries.

After the war, the military disinterred the remains in an attempt to identify them. But the remains were hopelessly intermingled, so they were reburied in 46 gravesites at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

With the arrival of DNA technology in the 1990s, USS Oklahoma survivors and families began lobbying for the graves to be reopened. The Navy resisted those efforts for years, arguing to let the remains rest in peace.

But in 2015, Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work changed a long-standing Pentagon policy restricting the reopening of graves and gave permission for the Oklahoma remains to be disinterred. He cleared the way for "unknowns" in other military cemeteries to be identified, too.

"This is a sea change," Harris said. "They are developing a comprehensive plan to disinter, assess and hopefully identify all our unknowns."

The large Offutt lab was seen as the ideal place to examine the Oklahoma remains. Between June and November, 61 caskets were removed from the graves in Hawaii and taken to the agency's Honolulu lab, where skulls are being examined by dental experts.

"We have exhumed everything the historical record tells us is there," Damann said.

Carrie Brown, a forensic anthropologist, is leading a team of graduate and postgraduate fellows who are examining and tagging all of the remains.

So far, Damann said, Brown's team has tagged 4,000 bones. He expects the total to reach 10,000 when the inventory is complete next summer. By then the dental experts in Hawaii will have finished with the skulls, which will be flown to Offutt.

DNA samples will be taken from many of the bones, but not all of them. Damann said. Certain types of bones yield useful DNA more easily than others.

Scientists will compare the DNA gathered with samples gathered from surviving relatives of Oklahoma crewmen. Skeletons will be reassembled as completely as possible.

The DNA analysis is complicated because the bones can't be matched to firsthand DNA samples from the victims. Many of the relatives who gave samples are several generations removed from the Oklahoma sailors and Marines, making a match more difficult.

"The possibility of identifying every single bone is not high," Brown said.

The accounting agency has released the names of five men identified from the skulls in Hawaii. The agency expects the process to take up to five years.

Though most of Offutt's space is now dedicated to the USS Oklahoma bones, the lab also is where remains found in the European theater of World War II are being sent for identification.

Damann said nine European cases currently are being examined. Some are remains excavated from air crash sites, while others were taken from graves of "unknown" soldiers buried in U.S. military cemeteries. These cases, he said, are quicker to solve than large groups of commingled remains such as the USS Oklahoma crew.

"Within 10 weeks we can certainly prepare an anthropological report," Damann said.

The reorganized agency has become more open, but many of its critics remain skeptical that it has really changed.

"It's the same old people," said Ted Darcy, director of WFI Research Group, which studies World War II battles. "They've just changed the name."

Darcy said he has butted heads with the POW/MIA agencies since 1991, researching graves or crash sites and developing what he says are solid cases for identifying remains.

He said he turned in four case files involving World War II Marines four years ago. He has gotten no response.

"If they identify those four, we're going to turn in 100 or so more," Darcy said.

Damann and Harris both predict that identifications will speed up thanks to new rules that allow the agency to open graves of "unknowns," sort commingled remains like the Oklahoma crew, and to work with private groups that excavate burial and crash sites overseas.

"After the Oklahoma, there will be more," Damann said.

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Holly, I picked this up on the DPAA web site and had a question. Was LTC Sprayberry's presentation part of some educational program or what was the basis for the invitation? Was it in the context of an outreach program or something meant to build a sense of community around achieving DPAA's objectives? Or what? Thanks in advance, Ann

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ARLINGTON, Virginia- Medal of Honor recipient, retired Army Lt. Col. James "Mike" Sprayberry, spoke with employees of the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Agency (DPAA) in Virginia, Nov. 9.

Soft-spoken, humble and wearing his Medal of Honor around his neck, Sprayberry introduced himself simply as a retired farmer from Alabama.

Before his life as a farmer, however, Sprayberry spent a career in uniform, including a tour in Vietnam during 1967-68, with D Company, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

His heroic actions in April 1968 during Operation Delaware in the A Shau Valley, earned him the Medal of Honor.

As the company's executive officer, Sprayberry organized and led a volunteer night patrol to relieve one of the company's platoons that had been cut-off and surrounded by an enemy force whose heavy fire had prevented an attempted rescue of the platoon's many wounded.

Sprayberry neutralized several enemy forces, and then continued to safely direct the isolated men to his position. While evacuation of friendly forces was underway, he returned to the rescue party, established security and helped move the wounded. Over a 7.5-hour rescue period, he saved the lives of numerous fellow Soldiers.

During the battle, Sprayberry personally killed 12 enemy soldiers, eliminated two machine guns and destroyed numerous enemy bunkers.

On a recent November day in Arlington, however, Sprayberry spoke for an hour, in a packed conference room, about his time in Vietnam.

Three of the biggest problems in the Vietnam War, Sprayberry believes, were inaccurate maps, abysmal record keeping, which makes it difficult today to find missing Americans, and poor intelligence in the field.

"Although the Green Berets risked their lives gathering intelligence, that intel never made it to the field," he said.

He also realized during the Vietnam War how well the Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) prepared him and other officers for combat. He noted the casualty rate among OCS graduates in the Vietnam War was only 12 percent, much lower than the casualty rate among graduates from the United States Military Academy. Sprayberry had many complimentary things to say about the Vietnamese people, after a return trip to Vietnam several years ago. He respects and admires them greatly for the hard work they have done to get where they are today. He is proud of their accomplishments.

"The Vietnamese are proud of their country and have the same worries as us: like taxes, corruption, and school quality," Sprayberry said. "They also take good care of their veterans."

While in Vietnam, he met a Northern Vietnamese Army colonel by the name of Phoung, who served in the A Shau Valley for five years. Sprayberry felt extremely honored to be invited to Phoung's house to meet his family, where the two former adversaries joked about shooting at each other during the war.

"The Vietnamese are now very accepting of Americans," said Sprayberry. "They are curious and very forgiving."

President Richard Nixon awarded the Medal of Honor to Sprayberry in October, 1969. When asked what he remembered most about meeting the president, Sprayberry recalled Nixon was very smart and had a great memory.

Today, Sprayberry remains an advocate for eight fellow soldiers still missing from that battle in the A Shau Valley, as well as two other Medal of Honor recipients that went missing during the Vietnam War.

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June	Washington, D.C.**
August 11-12	Washington, D.C.***
September 10	Green Bay, WI

November 19	Reno, NV
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This is an old report, as evidenced by the quote from the late Lynne O'Shea, just resurfaced by VVA, likely to counter recent circulation of misinformation on this case. I've also received several questions, but I don't recall any USG reaction or clarification on the validity of that alleged Vietnam Veteran Tom Faunce. Was there a clarification I missed? If there was, please send it over and thanks in advance, Ann

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Army Sgt. 1st Class John Hartley Robertson went missing following a helicopter crash over Laos in 1968. Dang Tan Ngoc, who claimed to be the missing soldier, is an imposter, according to Robertson's family, which cited DNA test results.

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A split screen image of Army Sgt. 1st Class John Hartley Robertson, left, and the man who claims to be the missing Green Beret, Dang Tan Ngoc.

Courtesy of Cyndi Hanna

In "Unclaimed," Dang Tan Ngoc alleged he was Army Sgt. 1st Class John Hartley Robertson, who went missing following a helicopter crash over Laos in 1968. The film, which premiered in the U.S. last year at the annual GI Film Festival, evoked impassioned responses from all sides of the POW/MIA issue.

Directed by Emmy Award winner Michael Jorgensen, it followed the journey of Vietnam veteran Tom Faunce as he looked into Ngoc's claims and laid out an intriguing circumstantial case that he could be Robertson, despite government denials.

At the time of the documentary, friends and members of Robertson's family were convinced he was the missing GI. But, it was not to be.

"We have received the results of the [nuclear] DNA test, and sadly there was NOT a match," Robertson's niece, Cyndi Hanna, wrote on her GoFundMe webpage that raised money for the test. "This is very disappointing."

Hanna could not be reached for comment, but wrote that an Alabama-based forensics laboratory compared a recent sample from Robertson's nephew with a blood stain collected from Ngoc.

Gail Metcalf, daughter of Robertson's sole surviving sister, Jean Robertson-Holley, who was featured during an emotional reunion with Ngoc in the film, thanked Faunce and others for bringing Ngoc to their attention, something they have accused the government of neglecting to do. The family members reiterated that they believe the man is an American and will continue to seek his U.S. family.

"Regardless of DNA test results, my family does believe the man we've met is an American, a strong likelihood bolstered by the oxygen isotope analysis performed on his tooth" Metcalf wrote in a statement on behalf of her mother.

"As my mother has said, we only want to do right by my Uncle John, and if that means exploring the possibility that the U.S. government has made a mistake or that the man claiming to be my uncle is actually another lost American and doesn't know who he is, we intend to seek the truth on our own terms."

She said the family would not speak publicly again.

During filming for "Unclaimed," Ngoc had a tooth removed and provided it to Faunce and the filmmaking team. The tooth was analyzed by Lesley Chesson, senior scientist at Salt Lake City's IsoForensics Inc., which stated it is "very likely" that Ngoc grew up in America.

Tooth enamel stores a chemical record of childhood living environment, such as local climate and geology. This can be analyzed and matched against factors in different regions around the world.

However, there is a margin of error, and certain characteristics of the analysis matched other places, from the Scandinavian peninsula to the Tibetan plateau.

The film's director hopes people will not focus on the negative DNA result but rather the isotope testing.

"This summary certainly will not and cannot prove this man is John Robertson, but it does suggest that the U.S. government should be taking a new, meaningful look at this man's claim that he is an American, and that's what your readers should be made aware of," Jorgensen wrote to Stars and Stripes in an email.

Jorgensen said he has reached out to the family to corroborate the test results. The filmmakers are discussing an updated postscript for the film and will be discussing the new developments with festival audiences.

Lynn O'Shea, director of research for the National Alliance of POW/MIA Families, said she hopes the DNA test puts the debate about Ngoc to rest. O'Shea has a book coming out, "Abandoned in Place," about POWs left behind in Laos and the top-secret mission to rescue them six years after the Vietnam War ended, called Operation Pocket Change. The effort was abandoned, she said.

O'Shea believes American prisoners of war were left behind at the conclusion of the Vietnam War, but thinks that fraudulent claims like Ngoc's dilute the truth.

"I think it's highly unlikely that this individual is an American," O'Shea said. "I don't know anything about isotope testing, but from what we've seen, it's highly unlikely."

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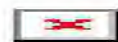
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Keeping US Troops in Afghanistan

—JENNIFER HLAD

The commander of US and coalition forces in Afghanistan told Senate legislators on Thursday that he recommends keeping 9,800 US troops in the country through the summer fighting season. That will make drawing down to 5,500 < Caution-



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<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/llzkd> > by Jan. 1, 2017, very difficult, Army Gen. John Campbell said, "but I have to figure out a way." Campbell said the 5,500 number is based only on the counterterrorism mission and does not allow for much of the train, advise, and assist mission. "If the Afghans cannot improve, we're going to have to make some adjustments, and that means that number will most likely go up," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee. Committee Chairman Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) opened the hearing saying that 5,500 US troops "will not be adequate" for both missions, and said he believes a "calendar-based withdrawal plan" puts our national security at risk. Campbell said he will "prepare to go to 5,500 as ordered, but at the same time look at conditions on the ground, look at the capabilities, ...and to provide those adjustments to my military leadership."

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Afghanistan at Inflection Point

—JENNIFER HLAD

The situation in Afghanistan was "fundamentally different" in 2015 than it was previously, and while the coalition has come a long way, many challenges remain, the outgoing commander of the US-led coalition told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday. "Now more than ever, the United States should not waiver on Afghanistan. The crucial investment we are making provides dividends that achieve our strategic goals, secure our homeland, and position us well in a region... that's been a source of terrorism and instability for decades," Army Gen. John Campbell < Caution-

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Army Gen. John Campbell, commander of US Forces in Afghanistan, testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Feb. 4, 2016. Screenshot photo.

said, if the US does not make "deliberate, measured adjustments," 2016 could be "no better, and possibly worse than 2015." Army Lt. Gen. John Nicholson < Caution-
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Russia Escalates Syrian Air War

—ARIE CHURCH

Russia deployed several of its most advanced Su-35S fighters equipped with Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars to Syria, reported < Caution-

<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/llztm> > the state-run *ITAR News Agency*. "Starting from last week, super-maneuverable Su-35S fighter jets started performing combat missions at Khmeimim airbase," Russia defense spokesman Igor Konashenkov said on Feb. 1. Tension between Russia and NATO ally Turkey flared after another Russian aircraft breached Turkish airspace last week, which the Alliance called on Russia to take "all necessary measures" to prevent in a statement < Caution-

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Russia has vastly increased air support to Syrian government forces currently besieging Aleppo, contributing to the suspension of peace negotiation in Geneva on Wednesday, *Radio Free Europe* reported < Caution-



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Russia recently deployed Su-35S fighters, like the one shown here, to Syria. TASS photo by Yuri Smityuk.

<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/llzvo> > . "Over the past week, Russian warplanes have flown 468 sorties in the Syrian Arab Republic, including 24 sorties performed from the Russian territory by Tu-22M3 long-range bombers," stated Konashenkov. Russia has denied additional reports that it is opening a second airbase near the Turkish border in northeastern Syria, according < Caution-
<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/llzwp> > to RFE. (See details of the Su-35S in *Air Force Magazine's* 2015 Russian Airpower Almanac < Caution-
<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/llzxq> > in the July 2015 issue.)
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Registering Women for the Draft?

—JENNIFER HLAD

Reps. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) and Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) on Thursday introduced legislation that would require women to register for the draft. The legislation is a response to Defense Secretary Ash Carter's decision to open all military occupational specialties to women. "It's wrong and irresponsible to make wholesale changes to the way America fights its wars without the American people having a say on whether their daughters and sisters will be on the front lines of combat," said Hunter < Caution-
<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/lm02r> > , a Marine Corps veteran. "It's unfortunate that a bill like this even needs to be introduced," he said, adding that he may vote against his own legislation if it is considered during the defense authorization process. Zinke < Caution-
<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/lm03s> > , who served as a Navy SEAL for 23 years, said that while women "play an invaluable role in war," the plan "to force all front-line combat positions and Special Forces to integrate women into their units is reckless and dangerous." Zinke added that the "natural conclusion" of the policy is to open the draft to women. The leaders of the Army and Marine Corps on Tuesday told the Senate Armed Services Committee that women should be required to register for the Selective Service.

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C-130 Reservists Train Afghans

About three dozen reservists recently returned from their mission as the first members of Air Force Reserve Command to train Afghan C-130 pilots and crew, according to a press release < Caution-<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/lm07w> > . The members of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve served together with Active Duty airmen at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, helping their Afghan counterparts prepare for and fly military transport and casualty evacuation missions. "What we were doing was eye-opening," said MSgt. Antonio Policicchio, an aircraft engine mechanic with the 911th Maintenance Squadron, Pittsburgh. "They were flying actual combat support missions, and everything we did had direct impact. It was very rewarding." Maj. Wesley Cranmer, an instructor navigator from the 758th Airlift Squadron, Pittsburgh, said the airmen assisted Afghan special forces on their way to fight the Taliban. "It was a high-intensity mission," he said. "We were working hand in hand with our Afghan brethren to deliver planeloads of commandos, ready to fight to save their country, to their destination." The advisors included members of the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh; the 302nd Air Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo.; the 94th AW from Dobbins ARB, Ga., and the 908th AW, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

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Whirling Watchmen



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Air Frame: A UH-1N Iroquois from the 54th Helicopter Squadron at Minot AFB, N.D., prepares to depart on a night sortie over the ICBM sites scattered across the missile field, Jan. 27, 2016. The unit provides security, mobility, and support to Minot's 91st Missile Wing. (*Air Force photo by J.T. Armstrong.*) **(Click on image above to reach wallpaper version.)**

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In Search of Crosair

—ARIE CHURCH

Navy divers are mounting an expedition to locate WWII crash sites and possible airmen's remains off the coast of Papua New Guinea, for later recovery, *Warbirds News* reported < Caution-<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/lm0f7> > . The team plans to use side-scan sonar equipment to locate several aircraft, including a B-24 Liberator bomber lost off Kawa Island, in an archipelago east of the mainland. "The sites are very remote and access to the dive sites is challenging," said Navy Lt. Mark Snyder, who is heading up the Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit undertaking the mission on behalf of DOD's POW/MIA Accounting Agency. On Jan. 1, 1943, B-24D, serial number 41-23752, nicknamed "Crosair" took off from Port Moresby airfield on a mission to bomb a Japanese airfield on Vunakanau, near Rabaul. After hitting its target, the crew was forced to ditch due to engine failure. Eight crew were rescued by Australian forces, but tailgunner Sgt. Carol Domer was killed on impact and sank with the wreckage. "These types of missions are about supporting fallen/missing service members and their families and maintaining the precedence that the US is committed to bringing everyone home," added Snyder. (See Pacific Wrecks' page on Crosair's complete history < Caution-<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/lm0g8> > .)

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Salut, Super Herc

—ARIE CHURCH

France will purchase four C-130J Super Hercules aircraft to augment the French air force's current tactical airlift and aerial refueling fleets, the defense ministry announced on Thursday. The foreign military sale will be split between two base-model C-130Js, and two KC-130J tankers to provide probe-and-drogue refueling for Armée de l'Air helicopters and tactical aircraft, according to the Feb. 4 release. The country's legacy C-160 Transall and C-130H fleet has been used hard in intensive operations in West Africa, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. Delivery delays < Caution-<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/lm0kc> > with the new A400M airlifter have placed additional strain on the fleet, prompting C-130J acquisition < Caution-<http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/lm0ld> > as a stop-gap. Lockheed Martin is expediting delivery of the initial two aircraft in 2017 and early 2018, followed by the two KC-130Js

in 2019, according to officials. France will become the Super Hercules' 17th international customer, and has also discussed converting two of its legacy Hercs for special operations.

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Happy 70th Birthday, AFA

Feb. 4, 2016, marked the 70th Anniversary of the Air Force Association, which publishes *Air Force Magazine*. In 1946, AFA was created by aviation pioneers Gen. James "Jimmy" Doolittle and Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold with the express purpose of establishing the Air Force as a separate service. One year later, after a nationwide grassroots advocacy campaign, the Air Force was established. Since then, AFA has spanned the jet age, the missile era, the conquest of space, the nuclear age, and the post-Cold War period. AFA has worked tirelessly to support the total Air Force family, strengthen American aerospace power, defend national security, and support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. Everything AFA does advocates for a dominant Air Force. To learn more about AFA's programs, events, or initiatives, please visit Caution-www.afa.org < Caution-http://r.listpilot.net/c/afa/a6b7l3v/lm0ph > .

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 12 Feb 2016 21:23:44 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Vietnam Veterans - POW Site Found in LAOS with Grav...

Thanks, (b)(6) from you it is meaningful! Ann & (b)(6)

In a message dated 2/12/2016 8:26:46 A.M. Pacific Standard Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

I have to think that is always a fun drive with the two of you together. Enjoy! And bring back the warmer weather! (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 11:24 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Vietnam Veterans - POW Site Found in LAOS with Grav...

Thanks, (b)(6) and we're driving from Vegas to Elko, and yes, it is likely cold there, but NOT as cold as where you are! Best, Ann & (b)(6)

In a message dated 2/12/2016 8:13:20 A.M. Pacific Standard Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Smart move. I bet it is going to be a balmy 30 degrees or so in Elko. Good flight and do well!

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 11:10 AM
To: (b)(6)@mail.mil; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@gmail.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) 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...

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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

Paul Clever of MRSEA will present his Mission Debrief from 2015

Maximum Recovery in Southeast Asia (MRSEA)

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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 314/363-8707 or 314/395-2788

(b)(6) – VVA Chapter 794

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2016 21:37:47 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Col Fred Cherry, USAF (Ret), Rest in Peace (U)
Attachments: smime.p7s

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Guys,

Will assume you're on AMG's list, but if not.....

Passing FYI.

(b)(6)

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 4:31 PM

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Col Fred Cherry, USAF (Ret), Rest in Peace

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Sad News again, another R-POW no longer with us. Col Fred Cherry, USAF (Ret), was a very special person and always with us at the R-POW TET Reunion each year. He will be sorely missed,, like so many who have gone before. Best to all, Ann

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Sent: 2/16/2016 10:34:29 A.M. Pacific Standard Time
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Received word today from Mary @ POW Network – Former POW and Cell mate, Porter Halyburton, announced the passing of his cell mate and longtime friend, Colonel Fred Cherry, US Air Force (retired).

I have attached bios on both men for your reference. Porter was instrumental in helping Fred survive his injuries while they both were in the same cell. Read the bios and you'll see why it was a mission that back-fired on their captors when they put these two men together.

Fred & Porter authored a book and spent years telling their story of captivity together to all who would have them. What a pair they were.

Rest in Peace Colonel Cherry.

Sent: 16 February, 2016 10:42
Subject: NEWS Fwd: Fred Cherry

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Subject:

Fred Cherry

Date:

Tue, 16 Feb 2016 06:22:38 -0500

It is with a heavy heart and a great sadness that I report the passing of my dear friend Fred Cherry. His big heart finally gave out following an operation and he died very early this morning.=20

He and his devoted companion, (b)(6) lived in Silver Spring, MD.

Details will follow.
GBU,
Porter

From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: 19 Feb 2016 17:22:09 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com; Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (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: RE: [Non-DoD Source] I suggest you read this and look at the TV coverage before the FMU in Atlanta

Thanks Ann -- good find...appreciate it.

Please visit our website at <http://www.dpaa.mil/>

Fulfilling our Nation's Promise!

Mike Linnington
Director, DPAA, USD(P)
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES 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 EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] I suggest you read this and look at the TV coverage before the FMU in Atlanta

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Shaheen, veterans' families work to get N. Korea sanctions bill amended to allow MIA searches

Portsmouth man hopes to learn what happened to father

UPDATED 6:00 PM EST Feb 18, 2016

< Caution-<http://www.wmur.com/money/the-us-is-making-millions-from-americans-tossing-their-passports/38075710> >

SHOW TRANSCRIPT

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. —A coalition of veterans' families has helped push for a change in congressional

legislation to protect efforts to find the remains of missing POWs and MIAs in North Korea.

Click to watch News 9's coverage. < Caution-<http://www.wmur.com/news/n-korea-bill-amended-to-allow-for-mia-searches/38068664> >

The North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act was on its way from the House to the Senate when Rick Downes, president of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs, noticed that the legislation didn't address humanitarian efforts to account for the remains.

The bill calls for increased sanctions on North Korea.

Downes' father, Lt. Harold Downes, was shot down in January 1952 when his B-36 was shot down over North Korea. He has been listed as missing in action ever since.

Rick Downes, of Portsmouth, said he and his family have been looking for closure ever since. His sister was born two months after their father disappeared.

"She has a different kind of wound that she's working on, and so we are with an organization of family members across the country that are trying to heal that wound," Rick Downes said.

Rick Downes said that his organization works to promote the fullest possible accounting of all the missing.

"There's 7,800 guys, and over 5,000 are waiting in North Korea, in some way, for us to find them," he said.

There were some recovery missions between the late 1990s and 2005, but political tensions with North Korea shut a door he is trying to push back open. As tensions re-escalated, he contacted U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen about exempting POW/MIA missions from sanctions.

"So we included that amendment, it passed, the bill has passed, and it's on its way to the president's desk," Shaheen said.

Rick Downes said that those protections make sure that if an opportunity arises, his group can take it.

"We want to get back in," he said. "I want to find out. I want to go where my father's plane went down. I want to talk to the villager and say, 'Yes, he was buried over there,' or, 'Yes, we saw him marched off as a POW.' We can't do that if there's any kind of hindrance at all."

He said the coalition continues to work with both New Hampshire senators on getting access to Korean War records and reports of American sightings that still remain classified.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 22 Feb 2016 10:07:22 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: movie recommendation (U)

The last thing I want to read about is that ego-driven aberration who claims to want the best for America.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 22, 2016, at 9:49 AM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

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> Ok. I thought you were in Washington State for something. Grab a coffee and the paper. Read about Trump.

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> -----Original Message-----

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

> Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 9:47 AM

> To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

> Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: movie recommendation (U)

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> Legion WA Conference, and Mike L is speaking too. Ann

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>> Too early for check in? What town are you in?

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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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>>> 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. (b)(6)

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Sent: 22 Feb 2016 18:44:35 -0500
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)
Attachments: 2016_Poster.DPAA.DRAFT_2-22-16.png

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

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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) DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 24 Feb 2016 19:03:58 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: Incredible Story: Racine resident, 93, reflects on captivity as Japanese... (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Amazing stuff

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:57 PM
To: (b)(6) DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Incredible Story: Racine resident, 93, reflects on captivity as Japanese... (U)

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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 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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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] As Discussed
Attachments: SitRep_4-12-2001-Helo.Crash.pdf, VN-Letter to AMB Le Van Bang 4-11-01.pdf, VN-Letter to AMB Peterson 4-11-01.pdf

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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2. OPERATIONS.

A. VIETNAM. ALL EFFORTS WERE FOCUSED ON RECOVERY OF DET 2
PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN HELICOPTER CRASH ON 7 APR 01. SEE PARA 7
BELOW.

B. LAOS. ON 9 APR 01, JFA 01-3L CONCLUDED WITH REDEPLOYMENT
OF INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY TEAM(-) (IRT) TO THAILAND. FIFTEEN
IRT MEMBERS WERE DEPLOYED DIRECTLY FROM LAOS TO VIETNAM TO
SUPPORT RECOVERY EFFORTS.

C. CAMBODIA. NTR.

3. NEXT OF KIN REPORTS. NTR.

4. LOGISTICS.

A. DET 1. SUPPORTED REDEPLOYMENT OF JFA 01-3L TEAMS FROM
LAOS. SUPPORTED PAJERO VEHICLE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN'S VISIT TO
VIETNAM. PROVIDED LOGISTICAL AND COMMAND SUPPORT TO DET 2 IN
WAKE OF SERIOUS INCIDENT.

B. DET 2. SUPPORTED RECOVERY EFFORTS OF U.S. PERSONNEL
KILLED IN HELICOPTER CRASH.

C. DET 3. SUPPORTED REDEPLOYMENT OF JFA 01-3L TEAMS TO
THAILAND. COORDINATED EMERGENCY AIR CLEARANCES WITH LAO
OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT DEPLOYMENT OF MORTUARY AFFAIRS AND
AUGMENTATION PERSONNEL TO VIETNAM FROM LAOS.

D. HQ JTF-FA. CONTINUED TO WORK WITH PACNAVFACENGCOM/PACDIV
ON VEHICLE PURCHASE/LEASE. PROVIDED LOGISTICAL/MORTUARY AFFAIRS
SUPPORT TO DET 2.

5. COMMUNICATIONS. NTR.

6. PERSONNEL. MANNING THIS WEEK AT 137 MILITARY PERSONNEL (138
AUTHORIZED) AND 24 CIVILIANS (23 AUTHORIZED). LOSSES: LTC
RENNIE CORY, USA; MAJ CHARLES LEWIS, USAF; MSGT STEVEN MOSER,
USAF; AND TSGT ROBERT FLYNN, USAF (THESE FOUR SERVICEMEN LOST
THEIR LIVES IN THE 7 APR 01 HELICOPTER CRASH.).

7. SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY/PAO EVENTS.

A. ON 5 APR 01, CJTF-FA HOSTED OFFICE CALL BY MR. THOMAS
KELSCH, PUBLISHER, EUROPE AND PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES. MR.
KELSCH ALSO RECEIVED COMMAND BRIEF FOLLOWING OFFICE CALL.

B. ON 6 APR 01, 25 LAO LOCAL OFFICIALS VISITED CASE 1340 RECOVERY SITE AND BAN ALANG BASE CAMP, AND RECEIVED BRIEF ON JTF-FA FIELD OPERATIONS.

C. ON 7 APR 01, A VIETNAMESE MILITARY HELICOPTER CARRYING SEVEN AMERICANS AND NINE VIETNAMESE CRASHED IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM, WHILE CONDUCTING ADVANCE WORK FOR 65TH JFA. THE SEVEN AMERICANS WHO DIED IN THE CRASH WERE THE DET 2 CDR, INCOMING DET 2 CDR, OPS OFFICER, MEDIC, MORTUARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, AND TWO LINGUISTS. THE VIETNAMESE CASUALTIES INCLUDED TWO MEMBERS FROM THE VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS (VNOSMP), THREE CREWMEMBERS, AND FOUR AIRCRAFT TECHNICIANS. ON 12 APR 01, AMB PETERSON AND CJTF-FA ATTENDED A JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD AT THE HANOI DAEWOO HOTEL. ON 13 APR 01, A REPATRIATION CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED AT NOI BAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN HANOI, VIETNAM. THE REMAINS OF THE SEVEN AMERICANS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT HICKAM AFB, HI ON 13 APR 01; A JOINT SERVICES ARRIVAL CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TO HONOR THEIR RETURN. FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THE REMAINS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE U.S. ARMY CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY-HAWAII FOR FINAL IDENTIFICATION AND PREPARATION FOR TURNOVER TO FAMILY MEMBERS FOR BURIAL. JTF-FA CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES TO EXPEDITIOUSLY RETURN THE REMAINS TO THEIR PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN.

D. ON 8 APR 01, DET 1 COMMANDER DEPLOYED TO VIETNAM TO ASSUME COMMAND OF DET 2.

E. JTF-FA PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (PAO) AND ASSISTANT PAO BRIEFED NUMEROUS LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL PRINT, RADIO, AND TELEVISION MEDIA THROUGHOUT THE WEEK ON THE HELICOPTER CRASH.
BT

April 11, 2001

The Honorable Le Van Bang
SRV Ambassador to the U.S.
1233 – 20th Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

As you would understand, the POW/MIA families were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic loss of the sixteen American and Vietnamese personnel on a survey mission to aid in accounting for our missing loved ones. We offer heartfelt condolences to the families of these men and share their loss.

We agree with President and Mrs. Bush that these families “know better than most the contribution their loved ones made in bringing closure to scores of families across America.” It has long been our fear that despite the efforts made to ensure safety, a tragedy such as this might occur. The loss to the POW/MIA community is real and will not be forgotten by the families of those still missing. We were also grateful for and encouraged by Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld’s assurance that the effort to achieve the fullest possible accounting will continue despite the horror of this tragedy.

On behalf of all of the POW/MIA families, please extend to the families and friends of the Vietnamese personnel whose lives were lost in pursuit of the accounting mission our heartfelt condolences.

Respectfully,

Ann Mills Griffiths
Executive Director

April 11, 2001

The Honorable Pete Peterson
US Ambassador to the SRV
Hanoi, Viet Nam

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Respectfully,

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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: Freedom Flyer Events on JBSA-Randolph 4 March 2016: (U)

I'd heard of it before, but didn't know other that R-POWs were invited. Does this mean that POW/MIA families in the San Antonio are invited as well? If so, is the AF Casualty Office or PAO notifying them? I think perhaps they should, don't you? Ann

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

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I had never heard of this event or the post-war program. Pretty neat.

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

From: (b)(6) AETC 502 ABW OL-B/PA
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 4:30 PM
To: Randolph All Dlist
Subject: Freedom Flyer Events on JBSA-Randolph 4 March 2016:

Freedom Flyer Events on JBSA-Randolph 4 March 2016:

If you have access to JBSA Randolph, you are welcome and invited to attend a wreath-laying ceremony March 4th from 10:15 to 11:00 at the Missing Man Formation Monument in Washington Circle followed by the Freedom Flyer Reunion Symposium from 13:00 to 16:00 in the Fleenor Auditorium (inside Building 100/Taj Mahal) also on March 4th at JBSA-Randolph.

JBSA-Randolph, .mil computer users can also access the Symposium live on VBRICK at Caution-<http://131.44.124.10/vbs1multi.aspx> from 13:00 to 16:00 March 4th. This year five former POWs will tell their stories of survival.

More than 30 former prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict will reunite for the 43rd time March 4 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph during the annual Freedom Flyer Reunion.

The Freedom Flyer program was born in 1973 when the 560th Flying Training Squadron began retraining former POWs to fly again in the Air Force. Later, the squadron provided POW pilots who had not been retrained to fly one last time, ensuring that their last flight in an Air Force aircraft wouldn't be the flight on which they were shot down and captured.

Covering the last 37 years, the "Chargin' Cheetahs" of the 560th have helped 195 former POWs return to the skies on a Freedom Flight. According to Air Force records, there are still 511 Air Force service members missing and unaccounted for from the conflict in Southeast Asia.

This year's reunion coincides with the anniversary of the release of 29 Freedom Flyer POWs on March 4, 1973. Several guests are associated with that release and are expected to attend.

The wreath-laying ceremony will be held at the Missing Man Formation Monument in Washington Circle from 10:15-11:00 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be relocated to the Fleenor Auditorium, inside building 100.

As part of the wreath-laying, a flyover of JBSA-Randolph involving T-38A Talons, F-4 Phantoms, and one B-1 Lancer is scheduled. The aircraft will be at a low altitude and visible by the public in the greater community briefly during the ceremony to honor fallen Servicemen and women. Aircraft noise on the base will also increase briefly before the aircraft depart airspace.

A symposium featuring five former POWs who will tell their inspiring stories of hope and survival will take place at Fleenor Auditorium, inside building 100, from 1 to 4 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact: Randy A. Martin, 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Chief, at (210) 652-1272 (DSN 487).

Very Respectfully,

//signed//

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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Is this Survey Form still being used at FMUs? (U)

Great, thanks, and I'll look forward to it, but don't want you all going to a lot of trouble. If too labor-intensive, just summarize on the "flavor" and thanks in advance, Ann

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

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Ann,

Yes, we still use the form. I'll see what kinds of numbers we have from the past three years at the family update. Regarding the responses, they are not particularly revealing other than the families overwhelmingly approve of the family update presentations/program.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2016 6:06 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Is this Survey Form still being used at FMUs?

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I found it again, the survey form, so the question is again relevant. If so, I'd appreciate some tallies over the past three years, not names of course, but numbers of those attending from each war and the views of the NOK from each war. I would think it very enlightening, especially with the vast majority being WWII and Korean War NOK. Thanks, Ann

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In a message dated 2/27/2016 5:55:31 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
(b)(6)@aol.com writes:

Sorry, I couldn't attach it because I couldn't find the soft copy, only the one I cam across while trying to straighten out my desk today.

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In a message dated 2/27/2016 5:54:06 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
(b)(6)@aol.com writes:

See attached, and one other question, in the "DPAA Reaches FOC Status," said to have been written by one (b)(6) on page two he made the statement as follows:

"While the reorganization tasks are completed and the agency is operating at full strength, there is still much work to do. The emerging of different organizational

cultures from the various legacy organization will take some time to cultivate."

I don't know who approved that language, but wouldn't it have been MUCH more accurate to say, as the Director has stated, "While structural reorganization tasks are completed, the agency is not yet operating at full strength, and there is still much work to do. The merging of personnel from three different organizational cultures will take some time, with hiring and adjustments continuing." I think (b)(6) statement of assessment is misleading at best and someone should be monitoring what he puts out on the DPAA web site for the families and veterans to read.

Just wanted you two to know my thoughts, but I've heard he is head of "consolidation" or whatever the term now being used might be, and that he is highly thought of by all. I also think is inappropriate to refer to the former JPAC/CIL, DPMO and LSEL as "Legacy" organizations. It sounds too cute by half! Later, Ann

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Sent: 4 Mar 2016 17:27:56 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Vietnamese Source of Dog Tag Reporting

(b)(6) received a call today and the caller was a Vietnamese man who had just returned from Vietnam and had brought back some ten or so dog tags. His phone number is (b)(6). (b)(6) That is, I think, in the San Jose area. The was too fragmented to check much, but she told him to send the dog tags and any information related to how and where he got them to DPAA, your office address, and to your attention. In earlier days, we would sent them to (b)(6) but he retired. Now what? So we decided you were IT! Sorry, but I hope you have a great weekend anyway, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 9 Mar 2016 17:41:55 -0500

(b)(6)



Subject: [Non-DoD Source] League POW/MIA Flag Flying in ALL 50 States

I have just confirmed with our (b)(6) and found: " 3-9-16 Hey Ann, I have been checking in with the states (many) and as you remember ALL States and Territories were flying the flag, AND not a single one has been taken down."

(b)(6) also reported he'll see us at the 47th Annual Meeting. Best to all, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 10 Mar 2016 10:21:04 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hot as Hell article (U)

I was trying to avoid John Byrd and (b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 10, 2016, at 10:04 AM, Goeke, Robert M CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

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> CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

> CAVEAT: None

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> I like the way (b)(6) briefs but there are lots of folks there that are good briefers, I bet.

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> -----Original Message-----

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

> Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:37 AM

> To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

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> Sorry for the slip, and that is precisely what I'm thinking. Do you suppose (b)(6) could brief on that?

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> Perhaps a brief for the league meeting.

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> 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)

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> I think just as you wrote it is fine.

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

> Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 07:46 AM

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> Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hot as Hell article (U)

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> 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 your 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-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)

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> 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 claim that there are hundreds of remains just sitting on the shelf at the Lab and the other usual accusations.

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> 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 (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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> 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.

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> From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-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)

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> Or forever ago.....

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> From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-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)

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> Thanks, (b)(6) I have it and just think, these guys STARTED in 2008! I feel so badly for them!

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Status of the Issue & Vietnam's Ability to Account
Attachments: Status.of.the.Issue_3-11-16.pdf, VN's.AbilitytoAccount_3-11-16.pdf

Both are updated and attached, and please read them, with thanks, Ann

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STATUS OF THE POW/MIA ISSUE: March 11, 2016

1,622 Americans are now listed by DoD as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War: Vietnam - 1,264 (VN-466, VS-798); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7. (These numbers occasionally fluctuate due to investigations resulting in changed locations of loss.) The League seeks the fullest possible accounting for those still missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains. The League's highest priority is accounting for Americans last known alive. Official intelligence indicates that Americans known to be in captivity in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia were not returned at the end of the war. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, it must be assumed that these Americans could still be alive, and the US Government should not rule out that possibility.

Vietnam established comprehensive wartime and post-war processes to collect and retain information and remains; thus, unilateral efforts by them to locate and return remains and provide records offered significant potential. Vietnam has taken many unilateral actions that are welcome and appreciated, but more can and should be done. Recently, Vietnam has increased implementation of commitments to provide long-sought archival records with relevant, case-related information, thanks in large part to improvement of working-level efforts. The early 2015 League Delegation brought commitments that offer real promise for increased success. First undertaken in northern Vietnam in 1985, joint field operations have dramatically changed and are now much more effective. Vietnamese officials are participating with greater seriousness and professionalism, achieving increased results. The process now includes both US-led Joint Excavation Teams and Vietnamese Recovery Teams (VRTs), led by Vietnamese and supported by fewer US personnel. This formula allows a greater number of teams to "increase the pace and scope of field operations," as requested by Vietnam during discussions since 2009. Due to increased military-to-military cooperation, US Navy assets are now allowed to participate in underwater survey and recovery operations, when requested. These steps, long advocated by the League, are now coming to fruition and are routinely raised by US officials at all levels.

After a rough period, joint field operations in Laos are now increasingly productive, even though more difficult than elsewhere. Accounting efforts had slowed due to Lao Government attempts to over-price payment for helicopter support and deny permission for ground transportation to accessible incident sites. Laos is now showing greater flexibility; earlier increased the number of US personnel permitted in-country, is allowing ground transportation to accessible sites, and has renewed a business license to a foreign company to provide reliable, smaller helicopter support. When helpful, Vietnamese witnesses are also allowed to participate in joint US-Lao operations. Fairly recently, the Lao Government finally agreed to permit the Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA's) Stony Beach POW/MIA specialist to operate outside the confines of scheduled Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) field operations; however, despite strong support from, and interventions by, the US Ambassador, there are still some logistics challenges that must be addressed and resolved.

Related to DIA's Stony Beach Team, one Stony Beach Cambodia specialist works full time at the US Embassy in Phnom Penh, and research and field operations in Cambodia have received excellent support. Two Stony Beach personnel have for years rotated on temporary duty in and out of Vietnam, collecting information via archival research and interviews of potential witnesses. Vietnam was long ago requested to permit, and is still reportedly considering, permanent status for these two POW/MIA specialists. Successive US Ambassadors have strongly supported this important move, but increases in bilateral military relations should be sufficient to overcome any reluctance. The US Ambassador to Laos has also supported full use of the Lao specialist. It is hoped that the expanded bilateral relationships with Laos and Vietnam will mean these positive decisions will not be further delayed. The Stony Beach specialists are sorely needed to augment the investigation process while witnesses are still living and to facilitate locating additional incident sites for follow-up recoveries.

The greatest obstacles to increased Vietnam War and worldwide accounting efforts are 1) too few qualified scientists to lead recovery teams; and 2) unreliable funding that caused US cancellation of scheduled operations, thus sending mixed, negative signals to foreign governments and counterpart officials. These problems are being addressed by Mr. Michael Linnington, named to lead the "complete reorganization" of the accounting community directed by former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel. Since over 80% of US losses in Laos and 90% in Cambodia occurred in areas where Vietnam's forces operated during the war, Vietnam's expanded provision of helpful records, improved and increased archival research, interviews and field operations are the core means to expand accounting for Vietnam War missing personnel.

POW/MIA STATISTICS
Live Sighting statistics provided by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

Live Sightings: As of November 24, 2015, 1,996 first-hand live sighting reports have been received since 1975, none recently. 1,941 (97.24%) were resolved: 1,340 (67.13%) equated to Americans previously accounted for (i.e. returned POWs, missionaries or civilians detained for violating SRV codes); 45 (2.25%) correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sightings of civilians still unaccounted-for; 556 (27.86%) were determined to be fabrications. The remaining 55 (2.76%) unresolved first-hand reports are the focus of continuing analytical and collection efforts: 48 (2.40%) concern Americans reported in a captive environment; 7 (0.35%) are non-captive sightings. The years in which these 55 first hand sightings occurred are listed below:

Pre-1976	1976-1985	1986-1995	1996-2005	2006-2013	Total
36	3	1	14	1	55

Accountability: At the end of the Vietnam War, there reportedly were 2,583 unaccounted-for American prisoners, missing or killed in action/body not recovered. **As of March 11, 2016, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency lists 1,622 Americans as missing and unaccounted-for, 90+% of them in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos where Vietnamese operated during the war.** A breakdown by year of recovery for the **961 Americans** accounted for from Vietnam War-related losses since the end of the war in 1975 follows:

1965-1974	War years: (recently identified)	2
1974-1975	Winding down USG effort	28
1976-1978	US/SRV normalization negotiations	47
1979-1980	US/SRV talks break down	1
1981-1985	1st Reagan Administration	23
1985-1989	2nd Reagan Administration	168
1989-1993	George H.W. Bush Administration	128
1993-1997	1st Clinton Administration	326
1997-2001	2nd Clinton Administration	56
2001-2004	1st George W. Bush Administration	64
2004-2008	2nd George W. Bush Administration	62
2008-2012	1 st Obama Administration	48
2012-2015	2 nd Obama Administration	8

According to the DPAA Lab, unilateral SRV repatriations of remains with scientific evidence of storage have accounted for less than 200 of the 654 from Vietnam; two were mistakenly listed as KIA/BNR in Vietnam in 1968, but remains were actually recovered at that time. All but seven of the 264 Americans accounted for in Laos since the end of the war have been the result of joint recoveries. The seven were recovered and turned over by indigenous personnel, six from Laos and one from Vietnam. In addition, three persons identified were recovered in Vietnam before the end of the war. There follows a breakdown by country of the 961 Americans accounted for since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975

Vietnam	654	Laos	264
China	3	Cambodia	40

An additional 63 US personnel were accounted for between 1973 and 1975, a grand total of 1,024. These Americans were accounted for by unilateral US effort in areas where the US could gain access at that time, not due to government-to-government cooperation with the post-war governments of Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia.

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**VIETNAM'S ABILITY TO ACCOUNT FOR AMERICANS
MISSING FROM THE VIETNAM WAR**

March 11, 2016

Family members, veteran organizations and other POW/MIA supporters throughout the country consistently opposed steps to improve economic and political relations with Vietnam until their leadership decided to cooperate fully to resolve the POW/MIA issue. The League supported a policy of reciprocity – steps by the US to respond to efforts by Vietnam to locate and return remains and provide issue-related archival documents. During the initial stages of the normalization process, important leverage was lost without commensurate results; however, there has since been greater responsiveness.

One way of viewing what the US knows concerning Vietnam's ability to respond more fully is to look at what US intelligence and other data confirmed at the end of the war. At that time, roughly 200 missing Americans were last known alive in captivity or reported alive in close proximity to capture. Vietnam knows that these highest priority cases are directly related to the live prisoner issue, but thus far has accounted for fewer than expected of these Americans by returning identifiable remains. Also, archival documentation is as yet incomplete. In all but roughly 30 of these cases, joint field investigations have reportedly been sufficient to confirm death. Logically, if deceased, remains of these Americans should be easiest to recover, as they were in captivity or on the ground in proximity to Vietnamese forces (other than those who died in captivity in South Vietnam). Also, logically, Vietnam should possess and be able to provide helpful records; thus, recent initiatives by Vietnam to renew working level archival research and records access are encouraging and most welcome.

US wartime and post-war reporting on specific cases, captured Vietnamese documents concerning the handling of US prisoners and casualties, and debriefs of communist Vietnamese captives, reinforced by US-monitored directives and other reporting, form a clear picture of a comprehensive Vietnamese system for collection of information and remains, dating back to the French-Indochina War. Specific sources, such as the mortician in 1979, substantiated by others in the 1980s, highlighted remains collection and storage as a key aspect of Vietnam's policy leading to eventual discussions with the US. Indeed, through arduous and sustained negotiations, the US and Vietnam reached agreement to return remains of Americans that had been stored for years, though the number repatriated to date does not meet well-publicized US Government expectations.

Community-wide intelligence assessments served as the basis for long-standing US expectations that Vietnam could account for hundreds of Americans by unilaterally locating and returning remains. In 1986-87, the entire intelligence community maintained much higher estimates, but the numbers were subsequently further screened to establish the most realistic targets for Vietnam's government to meet.

During the war and since, the Vietnamese government placed great value on the recovery and/or recording of burial locations of US remains. In wartime, if jeopardized by imminent discovery or recovery by US forces, burial was immediate in order to hide remains. Subsequently, the remains were disinterred, photographed when possible, then reburied or, when feasible, transferred to Hanoi. Evidence of this process is confirmed by US intelligence.

Forensic evidence serves as another basis for establishing expectations. Scientific evidence of above or below ground storage, or both, exists on less than 200 of the 654 identified remains returned from Vietnam since the end of the war in 1975. The count, confirmed by DPAA forensic scientists, is far below US expectations, based on reliable intelligence indicating that another 200+ more were stored by the Vietnamese government and, if Vietnam's leaders would so authorize, could be repatriated.

After two years of no results from the Vietnamese in 1979-80, during a September 1982 ABC "Nightline" program, the late Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach denied that Vietnam was holding any US remains, as did other senior Vietnamese officials throughout the Carter Administration.

Vietnamese officials admitted storage of remains. In 1985, following up an initiative through a regional government, a US National Security Council (NSC) official met privately with a Vietnamese Politburo member during an NSC-led US delegation to Hanoi, in which the League Executive Director participated. The carefully drawn plan was for negotiations on live prisoners and remains, but the minister indicated live prisoners were not on the table for discussion. Rather, as discussed through a third party, the subject was large numbers of remains.

In order to test the scope of Vietnam's knowledge, two specific cases were officially presented to officials in Hanoi in 1985-86 with a request for their unilateral assistance. Both losses were judged by the US Government to have occurred inside Laos, in areas under Vietnamese control during the war. One was returned unilaterally in 1988, 98% complete and stored above ground since his 1972 incident along the border between Vietnam and Laos; the other is still missing

Yet, in 1983, Vietnam returned eight remains with clear evidence of storage. Negotiations for a two-year plan in 1985 brought the largest number of remains obtained to that point; nearly all showed evidence of storage. From 1985 -1989, 168 remains were repatriated, the vast majority showing clear evidence of long-term storage. Vietnam has unilaterally repatriated stored remains from Cambodia and very remote locations, not just highly populated areas, relating to incidents spanning the entire war.

There is continuity. In 1991 and 1993, the Vietnamese provided graves registration lists with names of unaccounted-for Americans. Inclusion of these names was likely purposeful, as was filtering through private channels photographs of dead, unaccounted-for Americans, some of whose remains have yet to be returned. The Government of Vietnam directed combat photography; their soldiers did not own personal cameras, much less carry them. Regardless of mixed or conflicting assessments, these and other actions by Vietnamese officials were apparently intended to signal the US Government of remains availability for diplomatic and/or economic purposes. Also, remains fragments in Vietnam's possession were not turned over, and some fragments in DPAA's Labs are apparently not amenable to mtDNA IDs.

Information obtained from post-war US field operations reveals that central Vietnamese authorities systematically recovered American remains. Eyewitnesses reported central-level supervision of remains recoveries of US personnel not yet repatriated. Vietnam's leaders have repeatedly pledged to renew and increase their own efforts to locate and return remains and provide relevant documents. They have moved incrementally, but have not yet been as fully cooperative as hoped. With the establishment of full diplomatic and economic relations, plus ever-expanding bilateral military relations and strategic dialogue, it is also hoped Vietnam will further accelerate unilateral efforts to close these historic gaps.

President George W. Bush formalized criteria for steps Vietnam should take unilaterally to be fully responsive on the accounting effort. His March 20, 2002, Certification to Congress was followed and further defined by Secretaries of State Powell and Rice three additional times and, on March 7, 2008, the Obama Administration issued its Determination to Congress stating in part, *"....we urge Vietnam to work aggressively to improve tangibly its unilateral provision of POW/MIA-related documents and records, focused initially on archival data pertaining to Americans captured, missing or killed in areas of Laos and Cambodia under wartime Vietnamese control. Vietnam should also focus greater attention on locating and providing information on discrepancy cases with priority on those last known alive in captivity or in immediate proximity to capture, and to locating and repatriating the remains of those who died while in Vietnamese control that have not yet been returned. The United States also calls upon Vietnam to continue permitting our recovery teams to have access to restricted areas for the sole purpose of conducting our humanitarian accounting operations."* Vietnam's cooperation continues to improve, including provision of archival documents, and access to sensitive areas and witnesses has increased.

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Petition to White House Insisting on Action on POW/MIA Issue

Thanks Ann -- appreciate your forwarding, as I didn't know this initiative was ongoing. I'll be ready to discuss at the FMU in Seattle (if asked) next weekend, and at future events I attend. Thanks for your words below -- extremely helpful. Have a great weekend -- beautiful weather coming!

Vr, Mike

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 1:47 PM

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Petition to White House Insisting on Action on POW/MIA Issue

So that you are aware, this is now circulating, and by reading my reply to (b)(6) Honor Release Return (HRR), you can readily see what I think of the petition appeal. As added assurance, I will also poll the League Board of Directors, but I'm confident in their opposition. Like me, and some of you who have been around for a long while, most League officials have been through all of this again and again. Best to all, Ann

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Sent: 3/10/2016 11:51:10 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: Re: Petition to White House Insisting on Action on POW/MIA Issue

Good morning (b)(6) and I'm surprised you would even need to ask the League's position on such an obviously accusatory, inaccurately worded document as the petition apparently started by (b)(6) and now supported by (b)(6) of the National Alliance.

I can and will poll our board on this specific petition, but I predict the vote will unanimously oppose any involvement or support. The reasons are, to me, self-explanatory, but accusations that nothing is being done in an environment where the largest ever POW/MIA accounting organization now exists, are destined

to fall on deaf ears, whether in Congress or the White House. This petition will not "force Obama's hand and make him act," as Ms. (b)(6) alleges, but I predict would effectively alienate virtually every element in the US Government working earnestly, albeit sometimes clumsily, to get the answers we've sought for so long.

And you, do you see any advantage to affiliating HHR's name with such an endeavor?

Having spent decades raising with Lao officials the LKA discrepancies the cases of AF Colonels Hrdlicka and Shelton, each time providing details known to the US Government related to their status in captivity, I know that efforts have been made and continue. I also visited the caves in Vieng Xai where these two well known POWs were reportedly held, so I know there has been no absence of serious effort. To assert otherwise is incorrect, in fact false.

Though I can certainly understand Mrs. (b)(6) and Mrs. (b)(6) frustration over not yet having concrete results to account for their missing (b)(6) in both instances, that failure is not due to lack of effort and attention to the cases of Colonels Hrdlicka and Shelton, nor the highly visible Phou Pha Thi case in which CMSgt Melvin Holland was lost.

Thanks for asking, and let me know HHR's position. Best, Ann

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In a message dated 3/10/2016 9:07:12 A.M. Eastern Standard Time (b)(6)@verizon.net writes:

Good Thursday Morning Ms Griffiths,

Checking to see if you are aware of this petition, Ann. Would also be curious to know your position on the effort.

Hope you are in good health and Great Spirit on this beautiful Spring (Florida) day!

Very Respectfully,

(b)(6)

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: FW: Petition to White House Insisting on Action on POW/MIA Issue

Date: Wed, 9 Mar 2016 16:31:41 -0500

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

Hi Everyone,

Please sign this petition below, started of POW wife (b)(6) whose husband (b)(6) was captured and held in Laos and still has not been returned. The times for games and cosmetic name changes has to end. Something real needs to be done to get our men Caution-home. Let's force Obama's hand and make him act. Once this petition reaches 100K signatures it goes to the White House and they will need to respond.

Thank you!

(b)(6)

Date: Wed, 9 Mar 2016 20:44:38 +0000
From: (b)(6)@yahoo.com <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@yahoo.com>
To: (b)(6)@msn.com <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@msn.com>
Subject: petition

Please send to your mailing list.

President of the United States: Release U.S. Servicemen currently held captive in Southeast Asia before it's too late <Caution-https://www.change.org/p/president-of-the-united-states-release-u-s-servicemen-currently-held-captive-in-southeast-asia-before-it-s-too-late?recruiter=501865238&utm_source=share_for_starters&utm_medium=copyLink>

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View on <Caution-https://www.change.org/p/president-of-the-united-states-release-u-s-servicemen-currently-held-captive-in-southeast-asia-before-it-s-too-late?recruiter=501865238&utm_source=share_for_starters&utm_medium=copyLink> Caution-www.change.org <Caution-<http://www.change.org/>> Preview by Yahoo

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Mar 2016 09:22:40 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: UPDATE: March 12, 2016

Thanks for the clarification and I'll re-check with (b)(6). From what you said, this is VERY strange, and Tommy may be having some problems? I'll let you know, Ann

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In a message dated 3/14/2016 7:47:30 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:


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Ann, this is a bit odd. Every year in May, (b)(6) and I make sure Tommy 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)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-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, Tommy, 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

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Thanks!

Tommy Clack
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And The American Soldier
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The Other Died For Your Freedoms!

On Sun, Mar 13, 2016 at 4:06 PM, (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-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 8th 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.

47th 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-Caution-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 22nd,

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 26th, 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 47th Annual Meeting formally concludes Saturday evening, June 24th, with a League-hosted Farewell Reception.

ATTEND DPAA-HOSTED FAMILY MEMBER UPDATES:

Upcoming dates/locations are March 19th, Seattle, WA, April 16th, Austin, TX, and May 14th, 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)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Mar 2016 13:53:58 -0400
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question related to Tommy Clack (U)

Great, (b)(6) and thanks in advance, Ann

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In a message dated 3/14/2016 1:48:52 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

I will ck on him today!! No problem. Will let both of U know what he says

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 14, 2016, at 10:32 AM, (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > wrote:

Thanks, (b)(6) for this further clarification and, (b)(6), can you check into how Tommy 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 < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
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-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com >]

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 10:23 AM

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

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

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Question related to Tommy Clack

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Will do, (b)(6) and I were just worried about Tommy, 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 < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com > writes:

I have shared posters some years with Tommy but probably not every year. I use the posters I get to distribute all over Ga/NC wherever I can. I thought Tommy got them from (b)(6) himself. Sorry but I am probably responsible for this miscommunication. Tell (b)(6) to send Tommy however many he needs. Trust me-everyone will used 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-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > < Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > > wrote:

(b)(6) I got a note from Tommy, 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 Tommy. (b)(6) was puzzled, but concerned that Tommy 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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