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What did we do last year on the keynote invite? A memo recommending yes/no or what? Thanks.

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 8:25 AM
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From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 6:09 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US)
Subject: FW: DepSecDef Invitation

(b)(6) - please package the hard copy, and work with Mr. (b)(6) to ensure this gets to DSD's office tomorrow. Thanks...

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

Fulfilling our Nation's Promise!

Mike Linnington
Director, DPAA, USD(P)

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From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 6:08 PM

To: Munsch, Stuart B RDML USN CNO (US); Munsch, Stuart RDML SD; Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)
Cc: Schweer, Adrienne N SES (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Mears, Zachary SES SD
Subject: DepSecDef Invitation

RDML Munsch/Stewart:

CC: Mr. Mears, Adrienne Schweer, Mr. (b)(6)

LTG (ret) Mike Linnington here, from former USD(P&R) days...now the Director of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

Attached invitation is enroute hard copy tomorrow (or early next week, thru screening facility), inviting Secretary Work to be the KEYNOTE speaker at the National League of Families annual conference here in Chrystal City on 23 June at 0930 hrs. Attending will be 400+ family members of MIA/POWs still missing from the Vietnam War. This gathering is the single largest Vietnam War POW/MIA family group gathering in the country, is a DoD hosted event, and as you probably know the families of the Vietnam War were the impetus for the continuation of this mission, back to the 1970's.

Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Secretaries of Defense have all spoken at this gathering in the past. SecDef this year had to graciously decline, due to prior commitments at Warrior Games (West Point) and the following days.

If Secretary Work is available to open the conference (20 minutes, speech, no Q&A, see attached scheudle), it would advance our mission (and relationship) with our Vietnam War Veterans/Foregin SEA Country partners (their Ambassadors to the US are usually in attendance) to a great degree, and be a highlight of this year's DoD/VA Vietnam Commemoration events. We (DPAA) will of course help with his remarks, and weave in graciously "Shift to the Pacific" ramifications (need SEA country support), Secretary Work's USS OKLAHOMA (a "WWII decision" which is applauded by the Vietnam POW/MIA families) decision to open the threshold for INCREASED accounting, and host of other themes we'll develop with DSD's speechwriter.

The event is again scheduled on 23 June at 0930 (or so, the League can adjust to accommodate DSD calendar). Program is attached -- for your review to get a flavor of events, and to 'save the date' if it's an event the Secretary would like to consider.

Thanks in advance --

Vr, Mike

<http://www.navy.mil/navydata/bios/bio.asp?bioID=675>

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

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March 15, 2016

The Honorable Robert O. Work
Deputy Secretary of Defense
1010 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1010

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter is to invite you to Keynote the Opening Session of the National League of POW/MIA Families 47th Annual Meeting. The session will convene at 9:00 a.m. in the Virginia Ballroom of the Hilton Crystal City Hotel on Thursday, June 23rd, and recess for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Since I chair all sessions, you can be assured of flexibility on timing as to arrival and departure, but I recommend between 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. so that opening ceremonies have concluded.

As is clear in the attached 47th Annual Meeting Program DRAFT, your leading off the three-day national convention will signal DoD's full support for our newly created Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and its talented new Director Mike Linnington, LTG, USA (Ret), the right guy at the right time in the best political circumstances in Southeast Asia we've yet seen. Yes, it has taken a long time and a lot of effort by dedicated people in and out of government to get to this stage, but we're finally cautiously optimistic, thanks to former Secretary Chuck Hagel's principled decision and USDP Christine Wormuth's wisdom in naming Mike Linnington, a decision for which we are most grateful.

We recognize that switching from life-long military service, including rising to the most senior levels, into leading a complex civilian-military agency requires significant adjustment. Among requirements to succeed in this complex mission is willingness to learn from a dedicated, experienced, knowledgeable civilian workforce and those who prepared the ground and moved cooperation forward with Vietnamese, Lao and Cambodian leaders to reach where we are today. The support and assistance of these countries have evolved significantly since 1981 and continues to expand, in keeping with our increased military-to-military engagement, in exciting and productive new ways. Mike is demonstrating he has the potential to be the leader we have long needed. We are optimistic, cautiously of course, but practicing the Reagan "trust, but verify" policy.

We are grateful that DoD again is authorizing flights for POW/MIA families to attend. As a result, we expect a significant audience to hear from experienced POW/MIA specialists whom we have come to know and trust, and military officers newer to the mission and trying to apply innovative concepts and approaches to achieve greater success more rapidly. We also look forward to hearing from DIA Director LTG Stewart and his team of POW/MIA specialists, known as Stony Beach, formed in 1986 to augment investigations in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Our Service Casualty Officers will again be fully involved, focused primarily on hosting individual case file reviews, but also participating in the Candlelight Ceremony at the 47th Annual Meeting Dinner that, this year, will include commemorating the 15th anniversary of the 2001 helicopter accident when seven American and nine Vietnamese personnel lost their lives while working to obtain answers for the POW/MIA families.

After more than 40 years of dedicated effort, we are deeply grateful that our country continues to demonstrate to the world that America stands behind those who protect and defend our freedom and, if captured or missing, will do her very best to recover them for their families and our nation. Should your staff have any questions, the point of contact **(b)(6)** or by email to: **(b)(6)**@pow-miafamilies.org.

Respectfully,


Ann Mills-Griffiths
Chairman & CEO

cc: LTG Mike Linnington, USA (Ret)

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

DRAFT 3/15/16



47th Annual Meeting

***June 22-25, 2016
Hilton Crystal City Hotel
Arlington, Virginia***

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Annual Dinner & Registration

Boutique

Commemorative Program

Communications

Credentials Verification

Orientation

Resolutions

Sergeants-at-Arms

Special Events

(b)(6)

Lacy Rourke

(b)(6)

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE: It is highly recommended that you plan to arrive on Wednesday, June 22nd, before 5:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. if first time attendee) to allow time to check into the Hilton and board buses for historic Ft. Myer and the Twilight Tattoo to be held that evening.

It is also recommended that you arrange departure for 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.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be held on Wednesday June 22nd, 3:00 – 9:00 p.m., and again for latecomers on Thursday, June 23rd, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m., after which all credentials will be secured by the Sergeants-at-Arms.

BADGES: All attendees, except uniformed military officials, must wear the visible, color-coded badge on the lanyard provided at registration for entrance into all League-hosted and Service-hosted events, including off-site events. ANY alteration to a badge will result in revocation and denial of admittance.

White – League (voting) family members	Tan – League associate members
Blue – non-League family members	Grey – concerned citizens
Green – US officials	Red – media
Yellow – family members attending <u>only DoD briefings</u>	

INFORMATION AND PRESS: Located in the **Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level**. Direct inquiries to Communications Chairman Lacy Rourke (b)(6) @gmail.com or call Hilton Crystal City (703) 418-6800 and ask for the League Office.

DoD OFFICES: Vietnam War investigators and analysts will again be available in the Service Casualty Offices throughout the League's meeting to support individual Case File Reviews with families. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to share information with these specialists, preferably NOT in conflict with critical government briefings, the legal justification for DoD-provided transportation. US officials will be present by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd. All Service Casualty Offices are located on the 1st floor:

USA	Blue Ridge Room
USN/USMC/Civilian	Shenandoah Room
USAF	Skyline Room
DPAA	Luray Room

Individual Case File Reviews will be held in these locations from noon to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 7:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday. Please try to schedule reviews at times outside of sessions during which critical information is presented. Instead, ask for early morning, lunch or dinner breaks.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Newcomer Orientation: There will be an important informational session in the Patrick Henry Board Room, First Floor, on Wednesday, June 22nd, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. First-time attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Twilight Tattoo: Thanks to support from the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration, Army-provided bus transportation to the Ft. Myer Twilight Tattoo will begin boarding at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22nd, for those credentialed. The program is from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at which time buses return to the Hilton.

The **47th Annual Dinner** will be preceded by a no-host reception in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer on Thursday, June 23rd, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom and conclude at 9:00 p.m.

Workshops: Two specialized workshops will be held in the Richmond and Roanoke Rooms, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Service Hosted Luncheons will be held Friday, June 24th, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level:

USA	Washington Room
USN/USMC/Civilian	Adams Room
USAF	Madison Room

Workshop: You are urged to attend a special workshop, **Maximizing Benefit from DPAA's Website**. Specialists will give registered attendees guidance on how to get the most in terms of useful information, helpful in preparation for the future family-member-accessible Case Management System. This forum will be in the Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

United States Marine Corps Evening Parade: Participation is limited to the first one hundred attendees with authorized badges. The performance at the historic USMC Barracks at 8th and I Streets is Friday, June 24th; buses will begin boarding at 6:30 p.m.

League-Hosted Farewell Reception will be held Saturday, June 25th, in the Crystal Room, Plaza Level, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

BOUTIQUE: The League Boutique will open in the Old Dominion Board Room, Plaza Level, on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. and during posted hours throughout the meeting. There will be a Silent Auction prior to the 47th Annual Dinner.

DISPLAYS: 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration and Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) displays are located in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level, available for public review by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd.

POLICY RESOLUTIONS: To ensure availability at the start of the Business Session, Saturday, June 25th, 2:00 p.m., resolutions must be submitted in writing to Resolutions Chairman Mark Stephensen by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24th. Resolutions not prepared in advance may still be introduced on the floor.

BUSINESS SESSION: The League Business Session, held June 25th, 2:00 p.m., in the Virginia Ballroom, is open to all credentialed attendees. Only dues-current Family Members (white badges) are eligible to vote.

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 on the First Floor to determine eligibility.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, call the Hilton Crystal City Hotel operator.

CELL PHONES: All phones must be silenced during all sessions, including the 47th Annual Dinner.

SMOKING AND VAPOR CIGARETTES: These are strictly prohibited in meeting rooms. There are posted smoking areas outside the Hilton Crystal City Hotel.

DRESS CODE: The dress for the meeting sessions is business casual, or Military Class B, and for the 47th Annual Meeting Dinner, the dress for ladies is cocktail attire and, for men, suit and tie or Military Class A.

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

3:00 PM 9:00 PM	REGISTRATION	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES	Patrick Henry Board Room First Floor
5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Board Buses to Fort Myer	Hilton Hotel Rear Entrance Lobby Level
8:30 PM	TWILIGHT TATTOO Fort Myer Ceremonial Field	
8:45 PM	Board Buses for Hilton	

Thursday, June 23, 2016

9:00 AM 11:30 AM	OPENING GENERAL SESSION	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level
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Call to Order (2 min)

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Presiding

Presentation of Colors (5 min)

*POW*MIA Elko (NV), Boise Valley & Pocatello (ID) Awareness Associations*

Pledge of Allegiance (2 min)

Mrs. (b)(6) MIA/RR Sister & Board Member

Invocation

(3 min)

Ms. (b)(6) MIA Daughter & Board Member

"America the Beautiful"

(5 min)

Maj Gen Arnold Fields, USMC (Ret) & Ms. Lacy Rourke

In Memory & Honor

(5 min)

Ms. (b)(6) MIA Daughter & Board Secretary

Keynote Remarks: **The Honorable Robert O. Work** *(Invited)* (20 min)
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Unveiling of National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster 2016 (5 min)
Deputy Secretary Work & Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Title, Post-Vietnam Trip, TBD
Ben Rhodes, Deputy National Security Advisor (to be invited) (20 min)

A Glimpse into the Future (25 min)
Mr. (b)(6) Senior League Policy Advisor
Director of Asian Affairs, National Security Council, 1981 – 1989

The US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs (20 min)
General Robert "Doc" Foglesong, USAF, (Ret) (To be invited)

Assessing the Reorganization of Today (25 min)
Ms. Mills-Griffiths

11:30 AM

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM

1:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION – NATIONAL POLICY

Virginia Ballroom

3:00 PM

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

The Long Road to Today (20 min)
Mr. (b)(6) Deputy Director
Outreach & Communications Directorate,
DPAA, Hawaii

Today's Mission, Priority & Objectives (30 min)
Mr. Michael Linnington, Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

Operational Perspective Worldwide (25 min)
BG Mark Spindler, USA, Deputy Director
DPAA, Hawaii

Facilitating Family & Veteran Engagement (20 min)
Ms. Fern Sumpter Winbush, Principal Staff Director
DPAA, Washington, DC

Strategic Partnerships Update (20 min)
Dr. Thomas Holland, Director, Strategic Initiatives
DPAA, Washington, DC

3:00 PM

FROM THE VETERANS' PERSPECTIVE

Virginia Ballroom

4:00 PM

Mr. (b)(6) (15 min) (To be invited)
Special Operations Association

Mr. (b)(6) (15 min) (To be invited)
Executive Director, VVA

Mr. (b)(6) (15 min) (To be invited)
Executive Director & Assistant Adjutant General, VFW

Major General Arnold Fields, USMC (Ret) (15 min) (To be invited)
Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration

4:00 PM **DINNER BREAK PREPARATION**
6:00 PM *Boutique 4:30 – 5:30 PM* Old Dominion Ex. Board Room, Plaza Level

6:00 PM **NO-HOST RECEPTION** Virginia Ballroom Foyer
Special Boutique items will be on display for Silent Auction

7:00 PM **47th ANNUAL DINNER
& CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY** Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Welcome (2 min)
Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister, Chairman of the Board

Presentation of Colors, National Anthem & Service Medley (15 min)
Military District of Washington (To be requested)

Missing Man Honors Table (10 min)
Mr. (b)(6) *League Veterans Advisor* (To be invited)

Invocation (3 min)
Father Paul K. Hurley, MG, CHC, USA (To be invited)
Chief of Chaplains, USA

Dinner

Introduction of Special Guests (15 min)
Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Remarks: **General Mark A. Milley, USA** (20 min)
Chief of Staff, United States Army (Invited)

Presentation of League Awards (15 min)

Candlelight Ceremony Honoring America's POW/MIAs (20 min)

& 15th Anniversary of the Loss of American & Vietnamese

Personnel on April 7, 2001 in Vietnam

Service Casualty Representatives – Candlelighters (To be invited)

9:00 PM Benediction (3 min)
Father Hurley

Friday, June 24, 2016

8:30 AM
11:30 AM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Asia & Pacific Regional Approach (30 min)

*Col Michael Gann, USMC, Director, Asia Pacific Directorate
DPAA, Hawaii*

Maximizing SRV Capabilities to Expand the Accounting Process (30 min)

*Mr. (b)(6) Casualty Resolution Specialist
DPAA Detachment 2, Hanoi, Vietnam*

Ms. (b)(6) Historian/Underwater Archeologist (20 min)

DPAA, Hawaii

Today's Realities in Laos (30 min)

*Mr. (b)(6) Casualty Resolution Specialist
DPAA Detachment 3, Vientiane, Laos*

Understanding the Identification Processes

Dr. Louis Finelli, COL, USA (To be invited) (30 min)
*Armed Forces Medical Examiner
Dover Air Force Base, Delaware*

Dr. (b)(6) Laboratory Manager (20 min)

DPAA Identification Laboratory, Hawaii

11:45 AM
12:45 PM

WORKSHOPS

Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level

Pursuing a MIA Case – Your Role

Richmond Room

Ms. (b)(6) Chairman

Dealing with Ambiguous Loss

Roanoke Room

Ms. (b)(6) Chairman

Mr. (b)(6) Workshop Leader

1:00 PM
2:30 PM

SERVICE HOSTED LUNCHEONS

Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level

USA
USN/USMC/Civilian
USAF

Washington Room
Adams Room
Madison Room

2:45 PM
3:45 PM

DPAA WORKSHOP

Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level

Maximizing Your Benefit from DPAA's Website

4:00-PM
6:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

DIA's Commitment to the POW/MIA Accounting Mission

Lt Gen Vincent Stewart, USMC, Director (To be invited) (15 min)
Defense Intelligence Agency

Augmenting DPAA's Investigation Process (40 min)

Mr. Brad Taylor, Stony Beach Program Manager
Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Headquarters

Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist
Vientiane, Laos

Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist
Hanoi, Vietnam

Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist
Bangkok, Thailand

Archival Research & Investigation Potential (20 min)

Mr. (b)(6) League Intelligence & Research Advisor

Macro Analyses in Support of Policy & Operations (20 min)

Mr. (b)(6) Asia Pacific Directorate, DPAA, Washington, DC

Case by Case Analyses in Support of Field Operations (20 min)

Mr. (b)(6) Asia Pacific Directorate, DPAA, Hawaii

6:30 PM

Board Buses to 8th & I
Space is limited to the first 100 attendees with badges.

Lobby Level

8:30 PM

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS EVENING PARADE

10:00 PM

Buses return to Hilton Crystal City Hotel

Saturday, June 25, 2016

9:00 AM
12:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Department of Defense Q&A Panel

Department of Defense presenters will respond to questions from family members and, time permitting, veterans and others, covering any and all subjects raised in prior sessions.

12:00 PM
2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM
5:00 PM

LEAGUE BUSINESS SESSION

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

From the League Office

(15 min)

Ms. (b)(6) *League Administrator*

Treasurer's Report/Annual Audit

(15 min)

Mr. (b)(6) *MIA Brother, League Treasurer*

Resolutions for Consideration

(60 min)

Mr. (b)(6) *MIA/RR Son, Resolutions Chairman*

Open Discussion

(30 min)

DEFIANT: The POWs Who Endured Vietnam's Most Infamous Prison, the Women Who Fought for Them, and the One Who Never Returned

Alvin Townley, Author

(30 min)

6:30 PM
8:00 PM

LEAGUE-HOSTED FAREWELL RECEPTION

Crystal Room
Plaza Level

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: LOCAL CONNECTION: Oklahoma Soldier Accounted For From the Korean War (U)

Holly, there was a large, fairly accurate article over the weekend on the ID of SFC Alan Boyer, USA/SF, whose remains were recently identified. His PNOK, (b)(6) now living in Florida, was briefed last week and called me that same evening. She was very pleased that Mike Linnington and (b)(6) both participated, along with the Army's Mortuary Affairs (b)(6) (b)(6), plus the CO of 5th SF Group and a senior enlisted SF soldier, quite a group and quite a sad but happy occasion for (b)(6)

The Director also intervened to request that the funeral be held on June 22nd, the day before the Opening Session of the League's 47th Annual Meeting. Though we had hoped for a morning service, the only time available with all the military "trappings" was 1:00 p.m., to be followed immediately by interment at Arlington National Cemetery, then an SF-hosted reception at Ft. Myer. Even the date of the funeral and interment was in the Missoulia (Missoula, Montana), so I'm wondering if that might prompt DPAA to issue its announcement right away, instead of waiting until a week or so before the funeral?

There will be no shortage of people attending and no need to spread the word asking for more. Since the word is out and Dorothy was so very active in the League before she passed in 2013, and (b)(6) has been very active for years, I would think it most appropriate to post the ID announcement and bring down the number missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War to 1,621.

Thanks in advance for considering this request, Ann

Ann Mills-Griffiths
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In a message dated 3/21/2016 4:15:31 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Dear Editor,

The family of Army Cpl. Eldon W. Ervin, 21, of Wyandotte, Oklahoma, killed during the Korean War, asked us to send you today's news release on the identification of his remains.

He will be buried March 29 in Seneca, Missouri.

On Nov. 27, 1950, Ervin was assigned to Headquarter Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. Approximately 2,600 U.S. and 700 South Korean soldiers assembled into the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT). The 31st RCT was deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, when it was engaged by overwhelming numbers of Chinese forces. In late November 1950, remnants of the 31st RCT, known historically as Task Force Faith, began a fighting withdrawal to more defensible positions near Hagaru-ri, south of the reservoir. Following the attack, a soldier saw Ervin die as a result of shrapnel wounds. As the unit withdrew from the area, only wounded soldiers were evacuated. The U.S. Army issued a report of death for Ervin with a date of Nov. 28, 1950.

Ervin's family does not wish to be contacted by the media.

The Department of Defense has no photos of Ervin on file.

HOLLY N. SLAUGHTER, Lt. Col., USAFR

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] It was called FISH! no go fish

Big training thing in the early aughts.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZKiJejNRtw> >

While walking one day in Seattle

we discovered a business whose employees were so passionate about their work that people came from around the world just to experience their amazing energy. It was a fish market—Pike Place Fish Market, to be exact. We wondered, “What if every organization had this kind of positive energy and engagement?” We filmed the fishmongers and uncovered **four simple practices that help anyone be more successful.**

We call these The FISH! Philosophy.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 22 Mar 2016 11:32:53 -0400
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Thought You'd Appreciate This
Attachments: Nixon-Recog.Day.Proclamation_1-25-1974.pdf

See attached, and the scribbling is from (b)(6) asking when the "POW" was added onto the National POW/MIA Recognition Day, but this was just one year after the R-POWs came Caution-home. Have a good day, Ann

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JANUARY 25, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

NATIONAL MIA AWARENESS DAY

*When was
Pow killed?
Just to those who
returned?*

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Over 1,200 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. The bodies of more than 1,100 men who were killed in the same area have never been recovered.

Although the Vietnam Agreement of January 27, 1973, obligates North Vietnam and its allies to account for the missing and to return the remains of those who died, communist authorities have failed to account for our missing, or to return the remains of our dead in the year that has elapsed since the Vietnam Agreement was signed. As a result, the families of our missing men continue to live with the anguish of uncertainty about the fate of their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America do hereby designate Sunday, January 27, 1974, as National MIA Awareness Day, a day dedicated to the many Americans who remain missing and unaccounted for in Indochina, and to their families. I call upon all Americans to join on this occasion in expressing the clear, continuing commitment of the American people and their Government to seek the fullest possible accounting for Americans missing in Southeast Asia and the return of the remains of those who died. I also call upon State and local officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 22 Mar 2016 18:30:29 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Vietnam War Fact Sheets (U)

Thanks, and I talked with (b)(6) and we agreed to disagree, but that means I'll have to raise it higher, and he knows that too. Not to worry, we just disagree, it is sort of like the Dir. having the view that all publicity is good if it promotes DPAA and the mission, even if error-filled. I don't agree, not at all, and know that errors will come back to haunt, BIG TIME, not from me, but from others. We can't have DPAA claiming there are 83,000 US personnel "missing" and that DPAA is going to return them all Caution-home. Just can't! Later, Ann

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In a message dated 3/22/2016 6:09:35 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, per your request. These are from last week and are being updated. I still owe you the ones for Korea War and WWII. (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 23 Mar 2016 08:37:52 -0400
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Call For Vietnam To Drop Charges Against Prominent Bloggers

Call For Vietnam To Drop Charges Against Prominent Bloggers

Location of Vietnam. Source: CIA World Factbook.

BY EURASIA REVIEW < CAUTION-
[HTTP://WWW.EURASIAREVIEW.COM/AUTHOR/ADMIN/](http://www.eurasiareview.com/author/admin/) > MARCH 23, 2016

The Vietnamese government should release and drop all charges against two prominent bloggers, Human Rights Watch said today. The trial of Nguyen Huu Vinh and his colleague Nguyen Thi Minh Thuy is scheduled for March 23, 2016, before the People's Court of Hanoi.

The two have been charged under article 258 of the penal code for "abusing the rights to freedom and democracy to infringe upon the interests of the state." They have been in custody since May 2014. Their trial was originally scheduled for January 19, but was postponed on the eve of the Vietnam Communist Party's Congress, held every five years.

"The bloggers Nguyen Huu Vinh and Nguyen Thi Minh Thuy have been detained for almost two years simply for criticizing the Vietnam Communist Party and its leadership, even though the government has ratified international human rights law that unequivocally protects their actions," said Brad Adams,

Asia director. “The authorities should immediately free the bloggers and compensate each for this unjust detention.”

Nguyen Huu Vinh (also known as Anh Ba Sam), a former police officer and party member, started the blog Ba Sam in 2007, aiming to educate Vietnamese readers by providing links to news from a variety of perspectives. Most links are from state media. The blog published articles and commentaries on Vietnamese political, social, economic, and cultural issues. It also published translations of English and French language articles and excerpts from books.

During the six years it published, until the arrests of the two men, Ba Sam had attracted several million readers inside and outside Vietnam. According to the indictment, one blog on the site, Dan Quyen (“Rights of Citizens,” founded in September 2013), “published 2014 pieces of writing, received 38,574 comments and got 3,243,330 access hits.” It also said that another blog, Chep Su Viet (“Writing Vietnamese History,” founded in January 2014), “published 383 pieces, received 3,401 comments and got 480,353 access hits.”

The indictment listed 12 articles published on Dan Quyen and 12 on Chep Su Viet that have “untruthful and baseless content; distort the lines and policies of the Party and the law of the State; vilify a number of individuals and affect the prestige of offices and organizations; present a one-side and pessimistic view, causing anxiety and worry, and affecting the people’s confidence in the leadership of the Party, the Government, the National Assembly, and the State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.”

One of the 24 articles is “A Tale for 2000, a novel about human life under communist cruelty” (“Chuyen ke nam 2000: Cuon tieu thuyet ve than phan con nguoi trong cai ac cong san”), written by a former communist party member, Pham Dinh Trong. The article criticizes the communist government for its history of arbitrary and brutal imprisonment of dissenting voices from the

1960s to the present. It says that, “It [the communist party] cannot imprison the truth and righteousness. It cannot imprison one’s soul, mind, and nerve.” Another article singled out in the indictment is, “The trial of Truong Duy Nhat, where will the victims sneak to” (“Toa xu Truong Duy Nhat, cac bi hai se lui ve dau”), by an anonymous writer. The article predicts that during the trial of another prominent blogger, Truong Duy Nhat, in March 2014, none of the so-called victims of Truong Duy Nhat’s blogging, including the communist party’s general secretary Nguyen Phu Trong and Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, would be present. It maintains that, “Domestic and international observers have an opportunity to understand the internal affairs of the Vietnamese communist leadership and to measure its human rights promises after it had won a seat in the UN Human Rights Council and prior to the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership).”

Another article singled out in the indictment is, “The little Emperor Hoang Kong Tu vs. Vietnamese BBC” (“Ong troi con’ Hoang Kong Tu vs. BBC Viet ngu”), by the prominent bloggers Pham Doan Trang, Trinh Huu Long, and Nguyen Anh Tuan. The article says that a police general, Hoang Kong Tu, was “behaving like a little Emperor” because he threatened to bring charges against an author on the BBC Vietnamese service who wrote about a big corruption case in Vietnam.

State media reported that Public Security Ministry officials, including an unnamed vice minister, tried to persuade Nguyen Huu Vinh to stop posting articles that “oppose the Party and the State,” but to no avail.

Nguyen Huu Vinh’s wife, Le Thi Minh Ha, says that his health has deteriorated significantly in detention. During a visit in October 2015, her husband told her that there were red spots all over his body. She made an urgent request to various government officials, including President Truong Tan Sang; the

People's Supreme Court Chief Judge, Truong Hoa Binh; and the People's Supreme Procuracy Chief Prosecutor, Nguyen Hoa Binh, asking them to allow Nguyen Huu Vinh to have access to adequate medical treatment. Le Thi Minh Ha also filed multiple petitions to the authorities protesting the arbitrary arrest of her husband, but her petitions were ignored.

Vietnam is a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which protects peaceful expression, including expression critical of governments and leaders. But Nguyen Huu Vinh and Nguyen Thi Minh Thuy are not the only bloggers detained for expressing views disapproved by the authorities.

"Vietnam's friends and donors should publicly challenge the ludicrous charges against Nguyen Huu Vinh and Nguyen Thi Minh," Adams said. "They should demand that the government free all political prisoners and drop all pending charges against dissenting voices."

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Sent: Wed, 23 Mar 2016 20:11:53 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: Conversation with AMG (U)
Attachments: smime.p7s

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CAVEAT: None

Mr. (b)(6)

A wise and most Solomonesque suggestion.

But, at the end of the day, it still goes out under our letterhead, so I do believe we have some say.

Inasmuch as Mr. (b)(6) is our liaison to that community, I defer to him and his good judgment regarding how to proceed.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 4:07 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: Conversation with AMG (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

I suspect that agency may have an opinion on the matter that we should abide by. You or (b)(6) may want to check with them.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 3:49 PM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Cc: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CDR USN DPAA STRATEGY (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: Conversation with AMG (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Sir,

Just wanted to give you a heads-up: Spoke with Ann yesterday; she had left

a message on my voice mail last Thursday regarding our meeting with (b)(1). Since you had already spoken to her and (b)(1) had called her (shortly after we left her house), there was nothing more I could add.

She then transitioned into a conversation regarding our Vietnam War fact sheets, specifically her concern that we use the term "U.S. POW/MIA investigator" vice calling them who/what they are. I pushed back that in today's world, I am not comfortable IDing someone in an open source document as working for that particular agency in that particular capacity. She believes that unless we actually ID them and their agency, we may lose the capability.

Ann further stated that the Viets, Lao, and Cambodes know who they are, but I told her they aren't the ones I'm worried about; I'm worried about the REAL bad guys in the world, i.e., those who like blowing themselves up in public to kill some infidels, especially American infidels.

We went back and forth for a few minutes, but I finally told her that if she is that adamant on this matter, she needs to take it up with you.

I remain opposed to changing our fact sheets per Ann's request; I do not think it wise to "out" someone from that agency in an open source public document.

Furthermore, I really wish she wouldn't openly introduce them and call them up to the podium during the annual meeting, but that's her call.

Thanks

(b)(1)

prisoners to cooperate."

After being shot down in April of 1972, U.S. Navy F-4 pilot, Lt. Clemmie McKinney, an African-American, was imprisoned near the Cuban compound called Work Site Five. His capture occurred while then-Cuban president Fidel Castro was visiting the nearby Cuban field hospital. Although listed as killed in the crash by DOD, his photograph standing with Castro, was later published in a classified CIA document. More than 13 years later, on August 14, 1985, the North Vietnamese returned Lt. McKinney's remains, reporting that he died in November 1972. However, a U.S. Army forensic anthropologist established the "time of death as not earlier than 1975 and probably several years later." The report speculated that he had been a guest at Havana's Los Maristas prison, with his remains returned to Vietnam for repatriation. (We also paid big money for the remains—delivered in stacks of green dollars to Hanoi aboard an AF C-141 from Travis AFB, California.) Unfortunately, our servicemen held in the Cuban POW camp near Work Site Five (Cong Truong Five), along with those in two other Cuban run camps were never acknowledged nor accounted for and the prisoners simply disappeared.

If our honor code of "Duty, Honor, Country," and our national policy of "No man left behind," are more than meaningless slogans, then before our relations with Cuba can be normalized, their murderous leadership must account for our POWs—especially the 17 airmen taken to Cuba. The civilized world and American veterans demand it.#

Additional research on this topic, by John Lowery, is below:

Cuba's Vietnam War Involvement

Research by John Lowery

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From: (b)(6) DPAA AP (US)
Sent: 28 Mar 2016 18:15:09 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: FW: Did Barack and Raul Discuss Fidel's War Crimes/POWs?-JudicialWatch: ... (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Perfect. Thanks.

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 2:14 PM
To: (b)(6) DPAA AP (US); Knowles, Catherine S (Cathy) CIV DPAA GC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: FW: Did Barack and Raul Discuss Fidel's War Crimes/POWs?-JudicialWatch: ... (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) we have used variations of the below in our past letters which I think you would be on safe ground to use regardless of the lawsuit. Best, (b)(6)

The "Cuban program" refers to the events that happened in Vietnam between July 1967 and August 1968 where a small team of Caucasian interrogators, believed by the POWs to be Cuban because of their accents and names, brutally beat and tortured 19 American aviators in Cu Loe prison in the Hanoi suburbs. Tragically, one of the POWs, Captain Earl G. Cobeil, USAF, eventually died from the beatings. The other 18 POWs survived the interrogations and returned to the U.S. at the end of the war. The remains of Captain Cobeil were repatriated in March 3, 1974. Over the years, U.S. Government intelligence agencies and officials have attempted to confirm the identities of the Hispanic interrogators, but the intelligence community was never able to do so.

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From: (b)(6) DPAA AP (US)
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 1:10 PM
To: Knowles, Catherine S (Cathy) CIV DPAA GC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: FW: Did Barack and Raul Discuss Fidel's War Crimes/POWs?-JudicialWatch: ... (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Cathy,

Is there anything that I either CAN or MUST NOT say in regards to a piece of apparently ongoing litigation: Judicial Watch Inc. vs. Department of Defense, apparently regarding a FOIA request for records concerning the possibility of U.S. POWs being held in Cuba during the Vietnam War?

(b)(6) and I are the analysts going to the next Family Update in Austin, and even though I don't expect the issue to come up; however, Ann Mills Griffiths sent out about 3 e-mails this weekend concerning this issue.

Basically, if the question should come up, am I free to debunk some of the basic assumptions that underlie the assertion that the Cuban government held U.S. POWs in Cuba, without making reference to this litigation?

Thanks,

Very Respectfully,

(b)(6)

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

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

Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2016 10:17 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA AP (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA AP (US); (b)(6) DPAA AP (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA VM (US)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: FW: Did Barack and Raul Discuss Fidel's War Crimes/POWs?-
JudicialWatch: ...

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As raised earlier, here is another example, this time being distributed by (b)(6) Honor Release Return, via information received from Mary Schantag, as well as others. This is not going to go away, so I hope you'll take the recommendation seriously before this grows any more legs. Thanks in advance, Ann

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2016 6:03 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Did Barack and Raul Discuss Fidel's War Crimes/POWs?-JudicialWatch: Cover-up on American POWs in Cuba? Seventeen U.S. airmen captured during the Vietnam War may have been flown to Cuba

Below, a posting from Denise Simon.

You may have received a similar one earlier this week – if so – Sorry! But, I assure you it won't hurt to read this again.

This is an issue that has had little to no legislative attention for several years.

We need to educate ourselves first – then our elected officials. We, (USG), are about to repeat history.

Then - President Clinton was eager to develop the economic relationship with Vietnam at the cost of as many as 300 last known alive Americans

Now – President Obama is eager to develop the economic relationship with Cuba at the cost of perhaps as many as 19 Americans.

When will we – the people – decide to get involved?

From: POW Network [Caution-mailto:info@pownetwork.org < Caution-mailto:info@pownetwork.org >]

Sent: 26 March, 2016 14:00

Subject: Fwd: Did Barack and Raul Discuss Fidel's War Crimes/POWs?-JudicialWatch: Cover-up on American POWs in Cuba? Seventeen U.S. airmen captured during the Vietnam War may have been flown to Cuba

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Subject:

Did Barack and Raul Discuss Fidel's War Crimes/POWs?-JudicialWatch: Cover-up on American POWs in

Cuba? Seventeen U.S. airmen captured during the Vietnam War may have been flown to Cuba

Date:

Sat, 26 Mar 2016 17:48:57 +0000 (UTC)

Did Barack and Raul Discuss Fidel's War Crimes/POWs? < Caution-<http://founderscode.com/barack-raul-discuss-fidels-war-crimespows/> >

Posted on March 25, 2016 < Caution-<http://founderscode.com/barack-raul-discuss-fidels-war-crimespows/> > by Denise Simon
< Caution-<http://founderscode.com/author/admin/> >

Obama ignored the history again especially when it came to the topic of human rights in Cuba much less war crimes. Fidel gets a pass by the White House and the whole Obama front team.

JudicialWatch: Cover-up on American POWs in Cuba? < Caution-<http://www.judicialwatch.org/press-room/press-releases/judicial-watch-sues-department-of-defense-for-records-on-american-pows-held-captive-in-cuba/> > Seventeen U.S. airmen captured during the Vietnam War may have been flown to Cuba, held captive in a prison noted for holding political prisoners, and used for medical experiments on torture. We don't know for sure, because the Obama Pentagon is balking at requests for records. This week we filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of Defense to obtain records about American POWs who may have been held captive by Cuban government or military forces on the island of Cuba. The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Defense < Caution-<http://go2.judicialwatch.org/l/a/74i/ap/cqji/j55/meli/click.emaildirect> > (No. 1:16-cv-00151)). We filed this suit after the Defense Department failed to comply with a June 1, 2015, FOIA request seeking:

Any and all records depicting the names, service branch, ranks, Military Occupational Specialty, and dates and locations of capture of all American servicemen believed to have been held captive by Cuban government or military forces on the island of Cuba since 1960.

When U.S. Navy F-4 pilot Lt. Clemmie McKinney's plane was shot down in April 1972, he was reportedly held in the Cuban compound called Work Site Five in North Vietnam. The Department of Defense reportedly said he was killed in the crash, but a CIA document later published included a picture of McKinney standing next to Fidel Castro. Lowery also reported:

More than 13 years later, on August 14, 1985, the North Vietnamese returned Lt. McKinney's remains, reporting that he died in November 1972. However, a U.S. Army forensic anthropologist established the "time of death as not earlier than 1975 and probably several years later." The report speculated that he had been a guest at Havana's Los Maristas prison, with his remains returned to Vietnam for repatriation. (We also paid big money for the remains-delivered in stacks of green dollars to Hanoi aboard an AF C-141 from Travis AFB, California.) Unfortunately, our servicemen held in the Cuban POW camp near Work Site Five (Cong Truong Five), along with those in two other Cuban run camps were never acknowledged nor accounted for and the prisoners simply disappeared.

In 1999, during testimony before Congress < Caution-
<http://go2.judicialwatch.org/l/a/74i/ap/cqji/o55/weli/click.emaildirect> > , Mike Benge, former prisoner of war (POW) and POW historian stated: "I have also uncovered evidence of the possibility that American POWs from the Vietnam War have been held in Los Maristas, a secret Cuban prison run by Castro's G-2 intelligence service." American POWs describe the Cuban section of a Hanoi prison < Caution-
<http://go2.judicialwatch.org/l/a/74i/ap/cqji/d55/3eli/click.emaildirect> > as the Zoo. Cuba reportedly < Caution-
<http://go2.judicialwatch.org/l/a/74i/ap/cqji/r55/te1i/click.emaildirect> > provided personnel who helped improve the Ho Chi Minh Trail, which was used by the communists to support military attacks against U.S. military forces in Vietnam. The fact that we had to sue the Obama administration to get simple answers as to whether Cuba held and tortured American POWs strongly suggests that a cover-up is underway. The Obama administration admires Castro's Cuba so much that even the fate of the regime's victims, even American POWs, is of little concern.

***** The story you missed.

Cuban War Crimes Against American POWs < Caution-<http://www.amigospais-guaracabuya.org/oagmb002.php> >

During the Vietnam War* < Caution-<http://www.amigospais-guaracabuya.org/oagmb002.php> >

Cuban officials, under diplomatic cover in Hanoi during the Vietnam War, brutally tortured and killed American POWs whom they beat senseless in a research program "sanctioned by the North Vietnamese." (1) This was dubbed the "Cuba Program" by the Department of Defense (DOD) and the CIA, and it involved 19 American POWs (some reports state 20). Recent declassified secret CIA and DOD intelligence documents, obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, reveal the extent of Cuba's involvement with American POWs captured in Vietnam. A Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) report states that "The objective of the interrogators was to obtain the total submission of the prisoners..." (2)

According to former POW Air Force Colonel Donald "Digger" Odell, "two POWs left behind in the camp were 'broken' but alive when he and other prisoners were released [1973 Operation Homecoming]. ... They were too severely tortured by Cuban interrogators" to be released. The Vietnamese didn't want the world to see what they had done to them." (3)

POWs released during "Operation Homecoming" in 1973 "were told not to talk about third-country interrogations. This thing is very sensitive with all kinds of diplomatic ramifications." (4) Hence, the torture and murder of American POWs by the Cubans was swept under the rug by the U.S. Government.

The "Cuban Program"

The "Cuban Program" was initiated around August 1967 at the Cu Loc POW camp known as "The Zoo", a former French movie studio on the southwestern edge of Hanoi. The American POWs gave their Cuban torturers the names "Fidel," "Chico," "Pancho" and "Garcia." The Vietnamese camp commander was given the name "The Lump" because of a fatty tumor growth in the middle of his forehead.

Intelligence and debriefing reports reveal that testing "torture methods were of primary interest" of the "Cuban Program." The Cuban leader of the "Cuban Program" ["Fidel"] was described in debriefing reports as "a professional interrogator," and a second team member was described as looking like a Czech ["Chico"]. "The Cubans has (sic) the authority to order NVNS [North Vietnamese] to torture American PWs [POWs]." The Vietnamese "catered" to the Cubans. (5)

*Research conducted for the National Alliance of Families for the Return of America's Missing Servicemen by Board Member and former Vietnam POW Mike Bengé.

According to a 20 January 1976 deposition, Marge Van Beck of DIA/DI, Resources and Installation Division, MIA/PW Branch, states that she was told by the "Air Force that the CIA had identified FIDEL." (6) Since the CIA and the FBI has not released all documentation relevant to the "Cuban Program", there were no copies of any photographs accompanying the Defense Department's September 11, 1996, report to Congress, Cuban Program Information. (5)

Several other documents corroborate that the CIA analysts identified two Cuban military attaches, Eduardo Morjon Esteves and Luis Perez Jaen, who had backgrounds that seemed to correspond with information on "Fidel" and "Chico" supplied by returning POWs. (7) Reportedly, in 1977-78, Esteves served under diplomatic cover as a brigadier general at the United Nations in New York and no attempt was made to either arrest or expel him. (8)

However, unless the Cubans were overconfident, it is highly unlikely that those who participated in the "Cuban Program" would have used their actual names when they went to Vietnam, since it is standard practice in undercover operations to use new identities. According to an expert on Cuba, "Fidel's" profile fits that of Cuban Dr. Miguel Angel Bustamante-O'Leary, President of the Cuban Medical Association. [DPMO's compilation lists a Professor Jose Bustamante, who was the president of the Pan-American Medical Confederation.] Dr. Miguel Bustamante is said to be an expert at extracting confessions through torture and he was compared to Nazi Dr. Joseph Mengale. (9)

"Chico's" profile fits that of Major Fernando VECINO Alegret, described in two intelligence reports as being "un-Cuban in appearance makes [sic] one wonder if he was a Cuban, or a block officer (possible Czech) in Cuban uniform." "He has studied in the USSR," and "...his Spanish...does not sound like Cuban Spanish." He was active in the Rebel Youth Association (AJR) and Union of Young Communists (UYC). (5b) His background would give him a natural tie-in to the international communist youth training center and the Vietnamese interrogation center in Cuba. It would also explain the observation of and participation in the "Cuban Program" by young Vietnamese officer trainees (see below).

According to POW debriefing reports, "The Lump" told a group of POWs that the 'Cuban Program'...was a Hanoi University Psychological Study." (5c) [Also see section on Vietnamese and Soviet Bloc Research on American POWs]

The torture and murder of American POWs in Vietnam by Cubans sets an unconscionable precedent and is in direct violation of the Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War that the North Vietnamese communists signed.

The Beatings

"Fidel" called one of the American POWs the "Faker". However, he wasn't faking it. He was one of the three American POWs who had already been beaten senseless by "Fidel" and his cohorts.

The sight of the prisoner stunned Bomar, he stood transfixed, trying to make himself believe that human beings could so batter another human being. The man could barely walk; he shuffled slowly, painfully. His clothes were torn to shreds. He was bleeding everywhere, terribly swollen, and a dirty, yellowish black and purple from head to toe. The man's head was down; he made no attempt to look at anyone. He had been through much more than the day's beatings. His body was ripped and torn everywhere; "hell- cuffs" appeared almost to have severed the wrists, strap marks still wound around the arms all the way to the shoulders, slivers of bamboo were embedded in the bloodied shins and there were what appeared to be tread marks from the hose across the chest, back and legs. Fidel smashed a fist into the man's face, driving him against the wall. Then he was brought to the center of the room and made to get down onto his knees. Screaming in rage, Fidel took a length of rubber hose from a guard and lashed it as hard as he could into the man's face. The prisoner did not react; he did not cry out or even blink an eye. Again and again, a dozen times, smashed the man's face with the hose. He was never released. (10)

Air Force ace Major James Kasler was also tortured by “Fidel” for days on end during June 1968. “Fidel” beat Kasler across the buttocks with a large truck fan belt until “he tore my rear end to shreds.” For one three-day period, Kasler was beaten with the fan belt every hour from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and kept awake at night. “My mouth was so bruised that I could not open my teeth for five days.” After one beating, Kasler’s buttocks, lower back, and legs hung in shreds. The skin had been entirely whipped away and the area was a bluish, purplish, greenish mass of bloody raw meat.(11)

DPMO’s Evaluation

The “Cuban Program” was evaluated by two of the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office’s (DPMO) chief analysts Robert Destatte and Chuck Trowbridge. In an email to Commander Chip Beck, an intelligence officer who at the time was working at DPMO, Destatte said he had concluded that the “Cuban Program” was nothing more than a program “to provide instruction in basic English to PAVN [North Vietnamese Army] personnel working with American prisoners.”(12) According to Destatte, it was an English language program that had gone awry.

Destatte also has the audacity to claim that the Vietnamese were unaware of the “Cuban Program,” and it was stopped once the Vietnamese found out that “Fidel” and the others were torturing the American POWs. However, the evidence that Destatte studied in compiling the report to Congress belies his assertion. It is very clear from the POWs’ debriefing reports that the camp commander, “The Lump”, guards and various other Vietnamese cadre were present during torture sessions.

Destatte also professes, “The Vietnamese explanation is plausible and fully consistent with what we know about the conduct of the Cubans in question...”(12) And how had Destatte reached his conclusion? Destatte asked the North Vietnamese communists, and this is what they told him! These are the very same people who broke every agreement they made with the United States, and who systematically murdered over 80,000 political prisoners after the communist takeover of South Viet Nam in 1975. A military historian once told Commander Beck not to underestimate “dumb,” and Beck said Destatte would have to be brain-dead, however, to be that dumb.(13)

It is evident that DOD’s analysis of the “Cuban Program” is incomplete for it did not examine the possible link to a Hanoi University research study, nor was there any investigation of Cuba’s role in maintaining the Ho Chi Minh Trail where numerous American servicemen were captured. In early 1999, DPMO’s chief, Bob Jones, told members of the organizations representing the families of POW/MIAs that he had proposed a meeting among Vietnam, Laos and Cambodian officials to discuss the fate of American POW/MIAs. The author, representing the National Alliance of Families, suggested that Cuba should also be invited to participate, since they were responsible for the “Cuban Program” as well as for maintaining a good share of the Ho Chi Minh Trail where many servicemen became MIA. Jones retorted that my suggestion was ridiculous for there was no evidence that the Cubans were ever involved. [“See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil,” author.]

Other Cuban Involvement With POWs

Documents reveal that Cubans not only tortured and killed a number of American POWs in Vietnam, but may have also taken several POWs to Cuba in the mid-1960s. The POWs, mostly pilots, were reportedly imprisoned in Las Maristas, a secret Cuban prison run by Castro’s G-2 intelligence service. The source of this information reportedly was debriefed by the FBI; however, this debriefing report was not in DPMO’s report to Congress, and no evidence has surfaced that there was any other follow up.(14)

According to a February 1971 State Department cable, a former aide to Fidel Castro offered “...to ransom POWs in NVN [North Viet Nam] through the Castro Government.” The cable concluded, “Propose doing nothing further unless advised.”(15) Evidently no advice was forthcoming, and there is no evidence of any other agency investigating this matter.

One intelligence source reportedly interviewed “Fidel”, “Chico” and “Pancho” after they returned

from Hanoi to Cuba and said they claimed that their real job was to act as gate-keepers to select American POWs who could aid international communism.(16)

According to a DIA "asset", Hanoi made "a political investment in all cases where prisoners [could] be ideologically turned around in order to someday serve its designs in behalf of international communism."(17) This is corroborated by several other intelligence reports. One, a CIA briefing memo, reveals that "As of September 1967 [redacted] a great deal of proselytizing of American pilots was being carried out in an effort to try to convince them to go to other communist countries as advisors. [redacted] This was disclosed during an official Party briefing [redacted]. The North Vietnamese claimed the communist countries needed the advice of American pilots to counter any attack which the U.S. might make against the communist countries."(18) This was the same time period that the "Cuban Program" was in full operation.

Those Americans targeted for selection by the communists as "advisors" for the communist countries would have been the highly-skilled pilots and electronic warfare back-seaters, skills highly prized by Soviet Bloc countries. The reported American POWs ("pilots") reported to have been held in Las Maristas prison in Cuba could have been some of these highly skilled people, who would have been prized assets for communist Cuba.

DPMO's analyst Bob Destatte wrongly concluded that the "Cuban Program" was terminated by the Vietnamese in August 1968 because of "Fidel's" excesses in torturing the American POWs. This is far from the truth, for the Vietnamese communists routinely continued to torture American POWs in other camps long after the "program" was terminated.

Besides being part of a medical study linked to the University in Hanoi, Cuba was carrying out an aggressive propaganda campaign and other subversive activities against the U.S. According to the Cuban paper *El Mundo*, in August 1968, Professor Miguel A. D'Estafano, who headed the Cuban Solidarity with Vietnam Committee, "prolonged his stay in the DRV to complete a program with various organizations and institutions to collect extensive information that can serve as the basis for the second symposium against genocide in Vietnam..." According to POW debriefings, a Cuban (presumably D'Estafano) showed up at the Zoo during that time and "Fidel," "Chico" and "Pancho" left with him. Their return was timed so they could prepare a presentation for the communist internationale Second Symposium Against Yankee Genocide in Vietnam held in Cuba, October 18-21, 1968.(19) There, films and tapes were shown of the research on American POWs in the "Cuban Program" that served to boost the morale of the communists that the war in Vietnam was being won.(1) [Similar to the Bertrand Russell War Crimes Tribunal "kangaroo court" and "dog and pony show" held in Denmark in July 1967.(20)]

"Fidel," "Chico" and "Pancho" weren't the only Cubans who were involved with American POWs. As part of their propaganda program, Dr. Fernando Barral, a Spanish-born psychologist, interviewed Lt. Cmdr. John Sidney McCain Jr. (now a U.S. Senator) for an article published in Cuba's house-organ *Granma* on January 24, 1970.(21) Barral was a card-carrying communist internationale residing in Cuba and traveling on a Cuban passport.

Cubans on the Ho Chi Minh Trail

The Cubans were heavily involved in the Vietnam war. Cuba had a very large contingent of combat engineers, the Giron Brigade, that was responsible for maintaining a large section of the "Ho Chi Minh Trail;" the supply line running from North Vietnam through Laos and Cambodia to South Vietnam. The contingent was so large that Cuba had to establish a consulate in the jungle.(22)

A large number of American personnel serving in both Vietnam and Laos were either captured or killed along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and in all likelihood, many by the Cubans. One National Security Agency SigNet report states that 18 American POWs "are being detained at the Phom Thong Camp..." in Laos, and "...are being closely guarded by Soviet and Cuban personnel with Vietnamese soldiers outside the camp."(23)

Cubans and Other POWs

According to CIA documents Cuban communist party committee members, Cuban “journalists” Raul Valdes Vivo and Marta Rojas Rodriguez, “visited liberated areas of South Vietnam where they interviewed [interrogated] U.S. prisoners of war being held by the Viet Cong.”(24) [Many of the American POWs held in the South Viet Nam, were in fact under the command-control of the North Vietnamese’s Enemy Proselytizing Bureau, but temporarily farmed-out to Viet Cong.] Rojas told of her “interviewing” American POWs in South Viet Nam at the Bertram Russel mock war crimes tribunal in Denmark in 1967.(20) Photographs of some of the POWs, and related articles, appeared in Cuban and various other communist media. American POWs Charles Crafts, Smith, McClure, Schumann and Cook were among those interviewed and photographed by Rojas and Vivo. This leads one to ask, “Why hasn’t DOD pursued questioning Cubans about the fate of American POWs?”

One POW camp holding a large number of Americans was located about 100 km from the Chinese border between Monkai and Laokai, (an area where Cuban engineers were constructing military installations after 1975). According to an intelligence source, “one day the camp just disappeared, guards and all”.(25) [also see End Notes]

The disappearance of American POWs near the Cuban facilities at Monkai and Laokai wasn’t an isolated incident. American POWs also disappeared in the vicinity of two other Cuban installations. One American POW camp, located at “Work Site 5” (Cong Truong 5) just north of the DMZ, was adjacent to a Cuban field hospital that Fidel Castro visited in 1972. None of the POWs held in that camp were ever released, including black American aviator Lt. Clemmie McKinney. McKinney was shot down in April 1972, approximately the same time as Castro’s visit. McKinney’s remains were returned on August 14, 1985. The Vietnamese claim that McKinney died in November 1972; however, “A CILHI (U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii)

forensic anthropologist states his opinion as to time of death as not earlier than 1975 and probably several years later.”(26) Had McKinney been a guest of the real “Fidel” to be exploited by Castro’s G-2 at Las Maristas and later returned to Vietnam?

Another Cuban installation was near Ba Vi, where numerous sightings of “white buffalos” [i.e., American POWs] were made by South Vietnamese undergoing “reeducation” in the North. According to one of the recently returned Vietnamese 34-A commandos, he saw 60 American POWs at the Thanh Tri Prison complex in 1969.(27) Also in the same prison complex were approximately 100 French and Moroccan POWs captured in the early 1950s. Later the French and Moroccans were transferred to the Ba Vi Prison complex near the Cuban facility. There were a small number of American POWs held for a while in a section of the Thanh Tri Prison complex, appropriately dubbed “Skidrow”. However, they numbered about 20, not 60, and none had been held with French and/or Moroccan POWs.[see End Notes]

The commando’s report corroborates numerous other similar sightings; however, DPMO has made a conscious effort to discredit all of these reports—although from unrelated sources and too numerous to ignore.

Other Cuban Involvement

Several reports indicate that Cubans were piloting MIGs in aerial combat with American pilots over North Vietnam. One American advisor flying in an H-34 used a M-79 grenade launcher to shoot down a Cuban flying a biplane in Northern Laos.(28)

This was the same kind of plane used in the attack against Lima Site 85—the top-secret base in Laos providing guidance for American planes in the bombing of North Vietnam.

The involvement with American POWs was just a part of Cuba’s long history of commitment to

assist the Vietnamese communists, and just another chapter in their role as “communist internationales” on behalf of the Soviet Union. The Cubans first showed up in Vietnam not too many years after they consolidated power on their own island in the early 1960s. Soon after, the Cubans soon began operating en masse alongside their Vietnamese brethren. They even accompanied the North Vietnamese through the gates of the South Vietnamese Presidential Palace in Saigon on April 29, 1975.(21) However, the Cuban’s assistance to the North Vietnamese continued well beyond 1975.

Raul Valdes Vivo: The creditation of Raul Valdes Vivo as a journalist, however, was only a cover, for he was in fact a DGI (Cuban Intelligence) officer and a high-ranking Cuban communist party member. [Latinos often hyphenate their last name in recognition of the matrilineal side of the family. Therefore, the last name of Raul Valdes Vivo (Valdes-Vivo), may in fact be Valdes. However, he will be referred to as Vivo in this paper.] In his book, *El Gran Secreto: Cubanos en el Camino Ho Chi Minh*, Vivo wrote that he first met Marta Rojas in 1965 at a Cuban Communist party meeting. Vivo was the Cuban communist party representative to the IndoChinese communist party from 1965 thru 1974.(21)

Vivo claims to have established a Cuban embassy in the jungle in Vietnam in South Viet Nam in 1969. The truth is Vivo was attached to the Central Office for South Vietnam (COSVN), the central command for North Vietnam’s operations in South Vietnam, which was located well inside Cambodia. Much to the chagrin of the Vietnamese, Vivo was assigned to COSVN upon the insistency of Raul Castro, Fidel’s brother, who was head of the Cuban armed forces. The Vietnamese reluctantly acquiesced, since Cuba was supplying several thousand soldiers to build, maintain and guard a sizeable portion of the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and providing a large amount of other “technical” and material assistance. COSVN was in fact a front for a front. [For propaganda purposes, the North Vietnamese maintained that COSVN was the headquarters for the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam (NLF), a political arm of the Viet Cong. However, in fact, the NLF was a “front” for Hanoi, and COSVN was entirely controlled by the North Vietnamese. It was the North Vietnamese headquarters for staging and directing operations into South Vietnam.]

During a reception in Cuba for a high-ranking Vietnamese communist party official, in a loud voice, Castro chided Vivo for not inviting him to “his embassy.” In fact, Castro wasn’t at all chiding Vivo, for the barb was aimed at the North Vietnamese for not inviting Castro to COSVN headquarters in Cambodia. Vivo responded by telling Castro the difficulty in accessing “his embassy” after Cambodian General Lon Nol’s coup d’etat 1970, indicating that Castro’s safety in Cambodia could not be assured. Vivo was evidently in charge of Cuban intelligence in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Initially, the soviet-block subversion of Cambodia was coordinated by the Cubans out of the Cuban embassy in Phnom Penh. After General Lon Nol took over in 1970, the intelligence staff of the Cuban Embassy in Phnom Penh was moved into Hanoi along with a core of Vietnamese trained high-ranking Khmer Rouge officials to form a “Cambodian government in exile.” In another section of his book, Vivo refers to himself as the Cuban Ambassador “in” Hanoi in 1971.

Later in his book, Vivo says that Cubans were with the North Vietnamese communists in 1975 when they took over Saigon, “although a modest presence.” These statements are very important, for historians have yet to admit the extent of the involvement of Cuba and the other Soviet-Bloc in the directing the Vietnam War as part of the “communist internationale.”

Vietnamese in Cuba

While a POW in Hanoi, I was interrogated by “The Lump” and another individual who had a Spanish accent. After learning about the “Cuban Program” upon release, I assumed the person with the Spanish accent might have been “Fidel.” After my release in 1973, I identified “The Lump” in a photograph taken in Cuba shown to me by a member of a Congressional committee. In the picture, “The Lump” was with a U.S. anti-war contingent. I was told that he had been identified by intelligence agents as being responsible for funneling KGB money to the American anti-war groups, such as those that Jane Fonda led.(9)

The foreign affairs element of the Vietnamese National Liberation Front, code named “CP-72,”

was positioned only 90 miles off the coast of Florida during the war and their personnel worked closely with the Cuban Government in manipulating the anti-war movement in the United States. Many of the propaganda themes directed at influencing groups in the United States were developed from information gathered by "CP-72" and was fed to the Cuban interrogation experts who were involved in exploiting American POWs in Vietnam for propaganda.(29).

Also, CIA and DIA reports reveal the operation of an international communist youth training center southeast of Santiago de Cuba in the mid-and-late 1960s. The young people, many of whom were blacks and Vietnamese, were being trained for subversive operations against the United States. One intelligence source reported that many of these young people were children of French soldiers who had either defected to the Vietnamese communists during the French Indochina or were children of French forces who were POWs and still held by the Hanoi communists. Reportedly, they had been given Vietnamese wives, and the children were taken away from their parents at a very young age and sent to communist youth camps similar to those in the Soviet Union and "Hitler's Children" in Nazi Germany.(30)

According to a DIA source, their control officer was Jesus Jiminez Escobar. "The students (agents) were to be infiltrated into the United States through normal airlift channels and would be claimed by relatives on their arrival." "Their subversive activities against the United States would include sabotage in connection with race riots..."¹⁶ Another DIA source said that "the 5th contingent was infiltrated into the U.S. from Canada through Calais, Maine."¹⁷

The same source said that DIA also monitored a center in Cuba during the same period where Vietnamese were being trained by the Cubans in POW interrogation methods. "Fidel", "Chico", and the other Cubans associated with the "Cuban Program" in Hanoi in all likelihood may have been staff associated with this center. Maj. Fernando Vecino Alegret, "Chico", has an extensive background in youth movements. This presumption is strengthened by the debriefing reports of American POWs who were in the "Cuban Program." They reported that "a large number of VN officer trainees" came to the camp, and the Cubans "Conducted interrogation training, using [American] POWs." [DPMO] The trainees were estimated to be approximately 20 years of age. One would logically assume that this was in-service training of Vietnamese graduates from the training camp in Cuba.

Vietnamese and Soviet Bloc Research on American POWs

The Cubans used standard scientific methodologies in selecting American POWs for the "Cuban Program;" i.e., random selection with a control group. Everett Alvarez was initially interviewed for the "Program" but was disqualified purportedly because he was of Spanish decent and presumed to speak Spanish.(5)

A 1975 secret CIA counterintelligence study states that the Medical Office of Hanoi's Ministry of Public Security (MPSMO) was responsible for "preparing studies and performing research on the most effective Soviet, French, communist Chinese and other...techniques..." of extracting information from POWs. The MPSMO "...supervised the use of torture and the use of drugs to induce [American] prisoners to cooperate." MPSMO's functions also "...included working with Soviet and Communist Chinese intelligence advisors who were qualified in the use of medical techniques for intelligence purposes. The Soviets and Chinese...were... interested in research studies on the reactions of American prisoners to various psychological and medical techniques..."(32)

The "Cuban Program" in Vietnam parallels that of a similar Soviet program in Korea according to congressional testimony on September 17, 1996 by General Jan Sejana, the highest ranking defector from the Soviet Block during the "Cold War."(33) After defecting, Sejana worked for years as a top-secret analyst for the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency. According to Gen. Sejana,"Americans were used to test physiological and psychological endurance and various mind control drugs. Moscow ordered Czechoslovakia to build a hospital in North Korea for the experiments [on American POWs] there." As in North Korean, Soviet, East German, Czechoslovakian and Cuban "medical specialists" were assigned to the top-secret "Hospital 198" in Hanoi where American POWs were believed to have been taken for "treatment".(34) This would have been the hospital where at least one of the American POWs in the

“Cuban Program” was taken for shock treatment.[35]

In the 1950s and early 1960s, Gen. Sejana had been in charge of communist Czechoslovakia's Defense Council Secretariat, and from 1964 on, First Secretary at the Ministry of Defense. In his various official capacities, he was constantly meeting with Soviet officials, receiving instructions, and relaying those instructions to various Czech agencies and departments. “At the beginning of the Korean War, we received directions from Moscow to build a military hospital in North Korea. The Top Secret purpose of the hospital was to experiment on American and South Korean POWs. It was very important to the Soviet plans because they believed it was essential to understand the manner in which different drugs...affected different races and people who had been brought up differently; for example on better diets. Because America was the main enemy, American POWs were the most highly valued experimental subjects. I want to point out that the same things happened in Vietnam and Laos during the Vietnam War. The only difference is the operation in Vietnam was better planned and more American POWs were used, both in Vietnam and Laos and in the Soviet Union.”

Several sets of remains of American servicemen repatriated from Vietnam evidenced that they were of POWs who had suffered severe and depraved conditions long after the purported release of all POWs in 1973. The skull of one had been sawn open, evidence of an autopsy as part of an experiment common to Soviet-style research on the affect of certain drugs on the brain.(36)

Cuba's End Game in Vietnam

According to a DIA “asset”, after the signing of the cease-fire on January 21, 1973, 4,000 Cuban army engineers arrived in Hanoi. They helped rebuild the Phuc Yen/Da Phuc Airfield North of Hanoi where, according to intelligence reports, American POWs were used as technicians after the war. Later, the Cubans disappeared into the mountains of the north and constructed and equipped secret bases about 100 km from the Chinese border between Monkai and Laokai. Here, the Soviets equipped the bases with mobile launch ramps, medium-range strategic missiles, possibly with tactical nuclear warheads, capable of hitting population centers in the southern part of China.(17) This is the same area where the above mentioned POW camp containing American prisoners “disappeared, guards and all.”(25)

Units of this same Cuban engineering contingent were building the airfield in Grenada when Americans overran the island. U.S. military intelligence captured reams of documents and photographs relating to this unit's operations in Vietnam. However, no evidence has surfaced that these documents were ever analyzed for information on POWs by DPMO or any intelligence agency.

In the spirit of communist solidarity, Hanoi reciprocated for Cuba's assistance during the Vietnam war by sending U.S. arms and ammunition, captured in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, to South America to fuel the “revolution” directed by the Cubans there.

As agents of the Soviets, and continuing their belief in the communist internationale, the Cuban government expanded its role in the communist internationale.

The Cubans sent troops to Angola. In 1975, Vivo again surfaces in Angola posing as a journalist. Vivo “interviewed” western mercenaries who were put on trail in a “kangaroo court” in yet another slanted propaganda coup against the U.S. One of the mercenaries was an American who's body has yet to be recovered.(13)

Evidently, Cuba's partnership with Vietnam in subversive activities against the U.S. has continued. In 1996, Jane's Defense Weekly reported that “Vietnam has been training Cuban Special Forces troops to undertake limited attacks in the USA... Havana's strategy in pursuing such training is to attack the staging and supply areas for U.S. forces preparing to invade Cuba. The training program is focused on seaborne and underwater operations, roughly comparable to those assigned to U.S. Navy Seals. The political objective would be to bring the reality of warfare to the American public and so exert domestic pressure on Washington.”(37)

Vietnam and Cuba are closely linked by their belief in exporting international communism. Hanoi praised Cuba for its shootdown of two American planes and denounced the Helms-Burton Bill as "Insolent!" Hanoi recently reaffirmed the unswerving solidarity of the communist party, the government and people of Vietnam with the Cuban revolution.(38)

Conclusion

The behavior of "Fidel", "Chico" and "Pancho" in the torture and murder of Americans is beyond the pale and is clearly in violation of the Geneva Conventions on the treatment of Prisoners of War, which North Vietnam signed. Allowing these Cubans to go unpunished sets an ugly precedent, and adds to America's growing "paper tiger" image. Although the Cubans' crimes are smaller in number, they are no less than some of the war criminals that are being tried in Bosnia.

If the communist regime in Hanoi was fully cooperating in resolving the POW/MIA issue as President Clinton, Senator John McCain, and Ambassador Pete Peterson profess, the Vietnamese communists would have turned over to the U.S. the names of the Cubans who tortured and killed American POWs in the "Cuban Program." Full cooperation by the communist government in Hanoi includes the full disclosure of the true identities and roles of these Cuban "diplomats", who were "advisors" to the Hanoi prison system, and were directly responsible for the murder, torture, and severe disablement of American POWs.

Although the "Cuban Program" was reviewed by the Department of Defense's Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Office (DPMO), its analysis was incomplete. DPMO's chief analyst Robert Destatte's claims that the "Vietnamese's story is plausible and fully consistent with what DPMO knows about the conduct of the Cubans in question" are ludicrous and grossly incompetent. DPMO's analysis of the "Cuban Program" is glaringly incomplete, indicating either incompetence, negligence, or an attempt at political correctness in keeping with our present policy toward Cuba.

DPMO did not thoroughly, nor competently, analyze the documentation they presented to Congress, and other related material including:

- POW debriefing reports containing the statements by the camp commander that the 'Cuban Program' "was a Hanoi University Psychological Study."

- POW debriefing reportings that clearly state that the Vietnamese camp commander ("The Lump"), cadre and guards were well aware of, and often participated in, the torture.

- the CIA report, North Viet-Nam: The Responsibilities of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam Intelligence and Security Services in the Exploitation of American Prisoners of War.

- DIA reports on the training of Vietnamese prison interrogators by the Cubans.

- no mention of the interviews and photographs made by Cuban journalists cited in documentation, and no there is no indication that it attempted to pursue the Cuban connection.

- obtaining information from FBI files relating to the "Cuban Program," reports by Cuban refugees of American POWs from Vietnam being held in Cuba, or electronic and other surveillance of Eduardo Morjon Esteves during his "service" at the United Nations.

- no attempt to obtain the intelligence information relating to their operations in Vietnam garnered from the seizure documents by Army intelligence from the Cuban engineers building the airfield in Granada during the U.S. incursion of that island.

End Notes

DPMO maintains, as did the defunct Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, that there is no conclusive evidence that American POWs were left behind in Vietnam after "Operation Homecoming" in March 1973. However, eyewitness reports, such as Col. Odell's, and numerous intelligence documents, belie these claims. Pentagon officials weren't the only ones who wanted to keep this secret, and it wasn't only because of third-country diplomatic ramifications. The Nixon Administration, and chief negotiator Henry Kissinger, in particular, wanted to hide the fact that POWs had been left behind in their haste to close the chapter on the Vietnam War.

There are numerous intelligence reports of a group of American POWs seen north of Hanoi, who were suffering from severe war wounds or mental disorders. They were still being held because the communists feared their release would have an unfavorable impact on public opinion. It is very likely that these POWs are the ones who simply disappeared at Monkai and Laokai, for conspicuously absent from the Operation Homecoming release in 1973 were POWs suffering from severe war wounds (amputees) and mental illnesses.

An abnormal, disproportionate number of Americans captured in Laos were never released. Although the CIA has acknowledged that approximately 600 men are missing in action in Laos, given the nature of the "Secret War," it is reasonable to presume that the number could be much higher. The fact that out of the 600 acknowledged missing in Laos, only 10 persons survived is unbelievable. Only 10 were released. When the North Vietnamese communists negotiated the treaty to end the IndoChina War with the French in 1954, they never acknowledged the capture of POWs in Laos. A 1969 RAND report warned that when the U.S. negotiated with the dogmatic Vietnamese communists, they would most likely again deny that they captured any American POWs in Laos. U.S. intelligence showed that over 82% of American losses in Laos were in areas under total control of the North Vietnamese.

American POWs captured in Laos were likely candidates for "transfer" to other Soviet Bloc countries, such as Cuba, since the Vietnamese considered them as "free commodities."

Much of DOD's analysis of POW camps and evaluations of live sighting reports are based on the time-frame that the camps were occupied by POWs who returned in 1973. Therefore, if a live sighting pertains to a period of time that does not correspond to the time it was occupied by returned POWs, it is most often disregarded or debunked. Also, the analysts often failed to take into consideration the fact that many of these camps were vast complexes with annexes often hundreds of kilometers apart that have the same name as the main camp. An excellent example is the Son Tay POW camps, one north of Hanoi and the other south of Hanoi. Thus, if a live sighting report correlates to the name of a camp but the coordinates are different from the main camp, the live sighting may be discounted. This is what happened in the case of most of the Thanh Tri complex and Ba Vi Prison live sighting reports.

DPMO analysts, and DOD's Joint Task Force-Full Accounting (which conducts on-the-ground investigation of live sighting reports in Vietnam), discredits most live sighting reports by providing the names of the sources to the Vietnamese communist secret services weeks before interviews—a violation of good intelligence procedures, who subsequently disappear or are coerced; or by simply discrediting the sources because they had been political prisoners. However, DPMO's Bob Destatte uses these same sources (political prisoners) to vilify "Bobby" Garwood, a detainee who was court martialed for collaboration with the Vietnamese communists and reported live sightings of Americans in Vietnam. If many of the reports are "triangulated," several live-sightings from unrelated sources are very similar—too much so to be mere coincidence (e.g., "white buffalos").

For some unfathomable reason, DOD sent pilots, who had worked in top-secret projects such as the atomic energy program, on tactical bombing missions over North Vietnam only to be shot down and captured. The loss of a great many planes over North Vietnam could have been easily avoided. According to National Security Council advisor William Stearman (1971-76 & 1981-93), "One of the untold scandals of the Vietnam War was the refusal of battleship foes [i.e., within the Pentagon] to follow an expert panel's advice and deploy them to Vietnam until it was too late. Of all the targets struck by air in North Vietnam, with a loss of 1,067 aircraft and air crews, 80 percent could have been taken out by a battleship's 16-inch

guns without endangering American lives or aircraft.”(39)

The loss of pilots was further exacerbated by Defense Secretary Robert McNamara’s Dr. Strangelove-like obsession of directing targets to be bombed at the same time every day. To some, it seemed as if DOD, led by McNamara, was intentionally aiding the communists by providing them with some of our best and brightest military minds [e.g., one F-111 pilot was shot down over North Vietnam shortly after leaving the Gemini space program.] Concurrently the Soviet equivalent to the Gemini program made quantum leaps over the next two years in the area of the F-111 pilot’s specialty. An F-111 capsule was found in a Russian museum by U.S. investigators. There are several other similar examples of vast improvement in communist technologies after the capture of these pilots. According to DIA’s “asset”, the American POWs were “a gold mine of information to brief ... specialists in the technologies used by the enemy.”

Michael D. Bengé* More here with citations. < Caution-<http://www.amigospais-guaracabuya.org/oagmb002.php> >

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Sent: 29 Mar 2016 11:50:21 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] A legislative win for Rolling Thunder's 'chair of honor'...

In reality, (b)(6) we use whatever comes our way that can possibly be turned into a positive, always looking for a win-win-win scenario. Call for further explanation of the League's position on H.R. 1670, Ann

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No, just curious if you knew him.

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No, did you want me to? Ann

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Very nice. Have you set up an office call with Congressman Lynch yet?

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] A legislative win for Rolling Thunder's 'chair of honor' dedicated to POWs, thos

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A legislative win for Rolling Thunder's 'chair of honor' dedicated to POWs, those missing in action <Caution-Caution-Caution-http://twthumbs.washtimes.com/media/image/2016/03/27/3_272016_pow-mia8201_c0-297-804-765_s885x516.jpg?06d8b4d41b826c43dc6b67fbf65ff3a419ab2e63> < Caution-Caution-Caution-http://www.washingtontimes.com/multimedia/image/3_272016_pow-mia8201.jpg/ >

The "chair of honor" — a public symbol of remembrance for POWs and MIAs — always remains unoccupied and now appears in 100 sites around the nation. New legislation has passed in the U.S. House that would also place one ... more > < Caution-Caution-Caution-

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By Jennifer Harper < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.washingtontimes.com/staff/jennifer-harper/> > - The Washington Times - Sunday, March 27, 2016

Rolling Thunder < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/rolling-thunder-inc/> > is known for its patriotic "Ride for Freedom" to the nation's capital each year and an intense interest in veterans' affairs. Now the national motorcycle club has inspired some legislation, based on the organization's unwavering support for the "chair of honor" — a simple but effective public reminder of some 83,000 troops still missing in action or held as prisoners of war.

Each chair bears the stark, familiar POW/MIA emblem and remains permanently unoccupied; currently, there are chairs of honor placed in 100 indoor and outdoor sites around the nation, including several major sports stadiums. But Rolling Thunder < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/rolling-thunder-inc/> > officers wanted to know: Why not one for the U.S. Capitol?

They made their case two years ago to Rep. Stephen F. Lynch, Massachusetts Democrat, who introduced the "National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015," which passed unanimously on the floor of the House last week. The bill has straightforward intent, providing that an appropriate chair of honor be placed on the Capitol grounds as a solemn, enduring reminder of those who did not make it home. A bipartisan companion bill in the Senate < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/senate/> > has also been introduced by Sens. Marco Rubio, Florida Republican, and Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts Democrat.

"When we pass this chair every day, we will be reminded of our commitment to our POWs, our MIAs and their families that we have not forgotten them, we will never forget them, and we will not rest until they all come home," the Massachusetts Democrat said after the bill passed, heartily crediting Rolling Thunder < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/rolling-thunder-inc/> > in his own state and elsewhere for championing the idea and pushing for the legislation.

"Though our soldiers are not here, there is still a space for them," notes Gus Dante, member of the Rolling Thunder, Inc. < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/rolling-thunder-inc/> > national board.

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] SPRING LAKE'S POW-MIA CHAIR HONORS 'ULTIMATE SACRIFICE'

NEWS < Caution-<http://abc11.com/topic/news/> >
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< Caution-<http://abc11.com/news/spring-lakes-pow-mia-chair-honors-ultimate-sacrifice/1266803/#videoplayer> >

POW-MIA Chair honors those who didn't come Caution-home.

Monday, March 28, 2016 10:00PM

SPRING LAKE (WTVD) --

A constant reminder of service members who never came home is now a permanent part of Spring Lake Town Hall.

The local Rolling Thunder chapter unveiled this POW-MIA Chair of Honor on Monday.

"As long as we as a community remember those that have come before us," said Spring Lake mayor Chris Rey, "who have given the ultimate sacrifice, we will always continue to be better for who we are."

Spring Lake's chair of honor is the fifth of its kind in Cumberland County but the first to have a permanent home in a city government building.

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GOD HELP US! IT IS NOW 91,000!!!

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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: link to story (U)

Yes, I suppose, but we've been through all this before, (b)(6) clear back to the early 1980s. UGH!

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Considering all the pieces run by stars and stripes and propublica, I think "hollywood" deserves credit for being the only media that is not doing a hatchet job. It's a start.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 08:32 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: link to story (U)

Well, I would lthink that it makes sense to ask to keep you posted if a decision is made to move forward, at least that is what I always do, and they have been courteous enough to comply. It's worth a try, don't you think?

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Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 06:59 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: link to story (U)

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From: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 30 Mar 2016 12:46:29 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: link to story (U)

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CAVEAT: None

For the record, I did NOT know that CBS was writing that show or airing it...

Lt. Col. Holly Slaughter
DPAA Public Affairs
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 7:25 PM
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Sent: 4 Apr 2016 14:29:04 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heads Up from Ann M-G (U)

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CAVEAT: None

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From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 9:34 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA AP (US); (b)(6)
(b)(6) DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heads Up from Ann M-G

Need to discuss these this afternoon. Thanks.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2016 6:46 PM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heads Up from Ann M-G

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Mike, just a heads up that you need to know before next weekend's trip to Florida and The Ride Home dedication.

Per (b)(6) who is attending, and representing the League, retired (b)(6) will be in attendance. She likely will again be falsely riding on the notoriety she erroneously gained while pushing DoD to grant the Medal of Honor to her brother whose remains were, briefly, buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns, then disinterred and identified. Until that situation, (b)(6) though in USAF/PAO, had never lifted a finger to assist on the accounting mission. She was totally unknown to those most active in public awareness, etc.

It was quite a sticky situation and required a lot of time and attention for us to come up with the language now inscribed on top of the empty Vietnam War Tomb of the Unknowns marble stone. I don't know what if anything may be in DPAA files/records, but it was a mess, and (b)(6) likely has all the data in his files.

One other heads-up is that (b)(6), MIA wife, is also planning to be in attendance, and she can be a bit of a hanger-on, per (b)(6) so just be aware. Again, (b)(6) knows her, and likely (b)(6) and/or (b)(6) as well. Welcome back, Ann

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From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: 5 Apr 2016 12:43:16 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Latest DRAFT 47th Annual Meeting Program
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(b)(6) -

From DPAA East space-- please call Ann, and find out the status of her "invites" to the League Annual Conference. I may have to go over and twist a few arms to sustain attendance at the banquet, and seek a decision on whether or not CSA Milley has yet agreed to speak at the Candlelight dinner. Let me know please.....thanks.

Vr, Mike

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Mike Linnington
Director, DPAA, USD(P)

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Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 6:59 PM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)
Cc: Gann, Michael J Col USMC DPAA AP (US); (b)(6)@mail.mil; Holland, Thomas D (Dr. (ST-SES)) CIV DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA OPS TASK LA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA VM (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA LAB (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Latest DRAFT 47th Annual Meeting Program

Just to ensure all of you participants have the latest, as of today. We very much look forward to having you with us, and will send this separately to all the DIA participants, State, NSC and others. Best to all, Ann

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An update, Ann

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Subj: Contact Just Established With the ROK Govt.- D.C. Embassy Re: Reestablishing Open Lines Of Communication For the U.S. DoD (DPAA Teams) To Go Back Into the ROK Seeking our MIA/BNR/DIC

Ann - Once again I am about to set out while piercing through the fog of diplomacy and politics (country to country).

Sounds all too familiar right !
Just got off the line with the ROK embassy (202) 939.5600.
The PFC there listened to me for approx. 15 Min's
as I know his govt. was also listening too.

I outlined my purpose and goals.
He then directed me back here to the ROK Consulate General (312) 822.9485 here to start.
He was very attentive while listening to what we accomplished back then as well.

I am also fully aware that I was being recorded and my call will be shared

inside the ROK as well as with my country's intel teams.

More to follow...

Best.

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Just Posted in the Chicago Tribune 4/3/16



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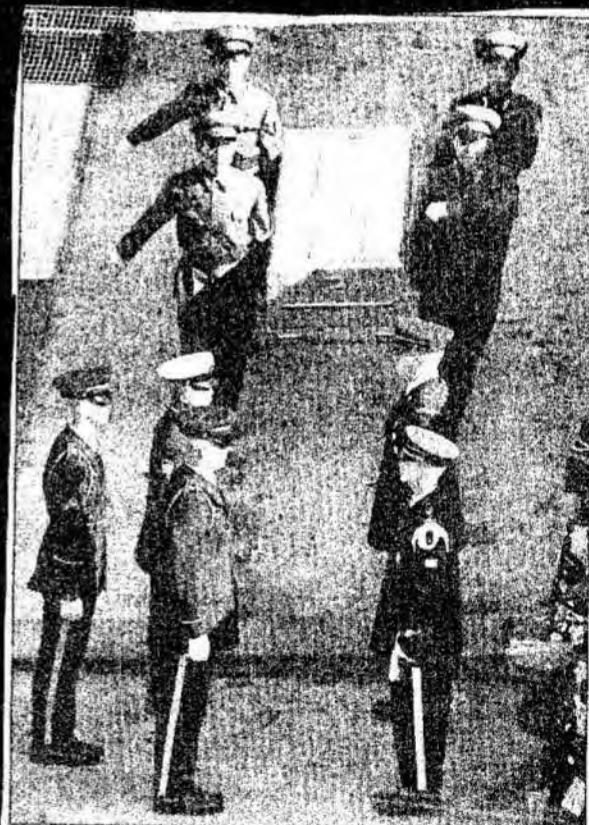
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Illinois - A Marine Vietnam veteran is seeking to further assist the USA in **re-establishing lines of communications** with the ROK Govt with the goal and objective of seeing our U.S. Dept. of Defense - POW/MIA Accounting Agency JFI and JFR teams being allowed to work together in the locating, recovery, identifying and return of the Korean Wartime U.S. missing in action (MIA/BNR/DIC) cases. To date there remains well over 5, 300 plus that were left there.
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Tuesday, April 5, 2016

By Paul McLeary with Adam Rawnsley

More U.S. strikes in Somalia. U.S. aircraft carried out two airstrikes in Somalia that hit al-Shabab forces “who posed imminent threats to U.S. and partner nation forces,” a Pentagon spokesman said Monday evening. The strikes, which took place on April 1 and April 2, came just before the March 31 drone strike which took out < Caution-

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The strikes follow a massive assault < Caution-

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Update. We reported yesterday on some early, sketchy reports out of Syria that either Russian, Syrian, or American aircraft had taken out Firas al-Suri, a spokesman for al Nusra, the al Qaeda affiliate in northern Syria. But later in the day the Pentagon claimed the hit. Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook went to great lengths to describe al-Suri as an al Qaeda leader, as opposed to a Nusra operative, in keeping with the American reluctance to open up a new front against Nusra in Syria.

“We have always considered al Qaeda leaders to be legitimate targets,” Cook said at a Pentagon press briefing. “Of course, al Nusra has its ties to al Qaeda. And that is something that we’ve been very upfront about for years. And continues to be an ongoing, active part of our efforts, will be to target al Qaeda leadership.”

Can’t stop, won’t stop. Despite the \$500 million flameout of its previous attempt to train and equip Syrian rebels to fight the Islamic State, U.S. forces have continued to look for credible partners on the ground in Syria. While only a handful of fighters ever managed to get into the action -- and many of them were promptly attacked < Caution-

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<http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cDovL2ZvcmlhLWZpZ2h0aW5nLXJhZ2VzLWJvYi1nYXRlcy8/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17B8a37e774> > that President Barack Obama had signed off on a plan to begin bringing small groups of rebels out of the country for more training by

U.S. forces. There are about 50 U.S. special forces troops in Syria currently advising the rebels in their fight with ISIS.

Remember Iraq? News of the Iraqi army's deliberate march toward Mosul has been coming in bits and pieces lately, but there has been some heavy fighting further south near the ISIS-held city of Fallujah. The militant group has carried out a wave of suicide attacks from Baghdad on north over the past two days, killing dozens of civilians. But Iraqi forces have hit back, claiming < Caution-

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> to have killed about 150 ISIS fighters near Fallujah.

Gold standard. Musa Hilal, the Sudanese warlord who helped push Darfur into a spasm of chaos and bloodletting, is now earning about \$54 million a year in profits from Jebel Amir, one of the largest unregulated gold mines in Darfur, according to a confidential report by a U.N. Security Council panel. But there's a catch, according to < Caution-
<http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cDovL2ZvcmlpZ25wb2xpY3kuY29tLzlwMTYvMDQvMDQvcnVzc2hLWJsbn2Nrcy11LW4tcmVwb3J0LWxpbmtpbmctYWxsZWdlZC1zdWRhbmVzZS13YXItY3JpbWluYWwtdG8tZ29sZC1wcm9maXRlZXJpbmctv53761e2df6e3a59752511a17B8ef22697> > **FP's Colum Lynch:** "the report's release has been blocked by Russia, which is seeking to redact key details on the Sudanese gold trade. Russia has also refused to extend the contracts of the panel's five members, effectively putting them out of work." Neither move has previously been reported.

Home front. On Monday, the Pentagon announced that it was shipping two Guantanamo detainees to Senegal. The men are both Libyans who had been held at the detention facility in Cuba without charge since 2002, but neither could be sent back to Libya due to the messy security situation there, **FP's Molly O'Toole** reports < Caution-
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#PanamaPapers

The leak of thousands of documents from a Panamanian law firm, Mossack Fonseca, has exposed the secret financial holdings of leaders from around the world, but the documents reveal more than just illicit personal wealth. The leaked data shows how shell companies managed to do business on behalf of sanctioned rogue states. In North Korea < Caution- <http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cDovL3d3dy50aGVndWFyZGlhbi5jb20vbmV3cy8yMDE2L2Fwci8wNC9wYW5hbWEtcGFwZXJzLWJyaXRvbi1zZXQtdXAtdmlybS1hbGxIZ2VkbHktdXNIZC1ieS1ub3J0aC1rb3JlYS13ZWFWb25zLXNhbGVz/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17Bd058f580> > , Mossack Fonseca helped set up the incorporation papers for DCB Finance Limited in the British Virgin Islands, a front company for the country's Daedong Credit Bank. The U.S. later sanctioned both entities, citing their alleged role in helping North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs. And in Syria, the papers show the government there using Fonseca to set up front companies on behalf of three Syrian firms sanctioned by the U.S. for providing fuel < Caution- <http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLnIhaG9vLmNvbS9wYW5hbWEtcGFwZXJzLXNob3ctc3lyaWEtcVnaW1lLWNpcmN1bXZlbnRIZC1zYW5jdGlvbNmtcmVwb3J0LTE3MDQ0NTI2My5odG1s/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17Bfd6100e3> > for the Assad regime's military.

Top dollar

Global military expenditures reached \$1.6 trillion in 2015, a bump of about 1 percent from the previous year, according to a new report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). The increase is the first time global military spending has risen since 2011, with the majority of that growth taking place in Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Gulf. SIPRI officially releases the report Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. when a panel discusses trends < Caution- <http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zdGltc29uLm9yZy9jb250ZW50L2dsb2JhbC1taWxpdGFyeS1zcGVuZGluZy1hbmQtYXJtcy10cmFkZS10cmVuZHMtaW1wbGljYXRpb25z/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17B730c010c> > in global military spending at the Stimson Center.

Who's where when

1:00 p.m. Defense Secretary Ash Carter discusses preparing DoD for the future with John J. Hamre at the Center for Strategic & International Studies. Livestream here < Caution- <http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cDovL2NzaXMub3JnL2V2ZW50L2JyZWFWaW5nLW5ldy1ncm91bmQtcHJlcGFyaW5nLWRvZC1mdXR1cmUtc2VjcmV0YXJ5LWFWzaC1jYXJ0ZXI/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17Bb7e358b9> > .

2:30 p.m. A panel discusses a new report "Distract, Deceive, Destroy: Putin at War in Syria" at the Atlantic Council. Livestream here < Caution- <http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cDovL3d3dy5hdGxhbnRpY2NvdW5jaWwub3JnL2V2ZW50cy93ZWJjYXN0cy9kaXN0cmFjdC1kZWNIaXZILWRlc3Ryb3ktcHV0aW4tYXQtdFyLWluLXN5cmIh/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17Bddb593f1> > .

Syria

The fighting around Aleppo is heating up despite the purported withdrawal of some Russian

military assets from the country. Reports indicate that Hezbollah < Caution-
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<http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cHM6Ly90d2l0dGVyLmNvbS93YXJyZXBvcnRz/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17B2eb4453f> > which flags reports in Iranian media of the country's war dead in Syria also notes the Monday announcement of an Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) officer, Col. Ali Taheri, killed < Caution-
<http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cHM6Ly90d2l0dGVyLmNvbS93YXJyZXBvcnRzL3N0YXR1cy83MTY5NTkyMTk2MTA3NTA5Nzc/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17Bfe4d342b> > in Aleppo, raising the total IRGC killed there to seven since this weekend. Reports of Russian airstrikes around Aleppo, however, are noticeably absent from accounts of the fighting.

Iraq

The U.S. has extradited < Caution-
<http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6440137.56883/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cud2FzaGluZ3RvbnBvc3QuY29tL3dvcmxkL25hdGlvbFslXNlY3VyaXR5L3NpbmdhcG9yZS1tYW4tZXh0cmFkaXRlZC10by1kYy1pbi1leHBvcnQtY2FzZS1vdmVvLXJvYWRzaWRILWJvbWJzLWluLWlyYXEvMjAxNi8wNC83ZDY4YmRmYS1mYTg0LTExZTU0dG2Zi1hMDM3ZGJhMzgZMDZfc3RvcnkuaHRtbA/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17Bf6bd825c> > a Singapore man, Lim Yong Nam, on charges that he illegally exported American radio communications devices to Iran for eventual use in roadside bombs against U.S. troops in Iraq, the **Washington Post** reports. The charges against Lim date back to 2011, when the Justice Department indicted him, three other Singapore residents and an Iranian citizen for the alleged exports. Two of Lim's co-defendants pled guilty and have already served their sentences and another two remain at large.

Turkey

Hackers appear to have hit a Turkish government database in a massive breach < Caution-
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Gulf Cold War

The feud between regional rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran continues as Saudi Arabia revoked < Caution-
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The USS *Sirocco* seized a large cache < Caution-
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South China Sea

Vietnam has seized a Chinese ship it claims sailed < Caution-
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The U.S. and the Philippines have kicked off joint wargames < Caution-
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And finally...

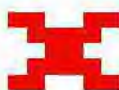
Some fascinating Cold War espionage history < Caution-
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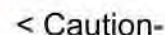
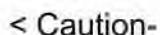
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From: (b)(6) M CIV DPAA AP (US)
Sent: 5 Apr 2016 16:54:12 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: Griffiths, Ann Mills (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US) (b)(6)
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) DPAA
(US) (b)(6) CIV (US)
Subject: RE: Pre-Loss Photo Project (U)

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

We were just contacted by Navy Casualty asking if we had any photos of Donald R. Hubbs (Refno 1091). Apparently his family lost most, if not all the photos they had of Don. Have searched our holdings here in DPAA and have been unable to locate any photos of him. Would appreciate it if you could check your collection, and if you happen to have any photos of Don and are willing to share, please forward to (b)(6) or (b)(6). Both individuals are info addressees on this note. Look forward to any help you can provide. Semper Fidelis. (b)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 2:59 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPMO (US)
Subject: Re: Pre-Loss Photo Project (U)

Mr (b)(6)

Please forgive me - I don't remember speaking with you before and I am not familiar with the FCMS system.

What photos do you still need? We completed the photo search 20 May 2014. Some of them are not the best, but what I have is better than nothing at all.

I get a lot of requests for photos and I am very protective of these men and their families. I tried to contact someone within the old DPMO to verify that you are who you say you are. Unfortunately the email was undeliverable. Since the reorganization, I don't know where anybody is nor do I know if they are actually still around.

Please explain further and I will do some checking from this end.

I like peppermint patties.

(b)(6)

In a message dated 8/21/2015 1:27:53 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

Don't know if we have had direct contact before, but many moons ago when you were just starting your research project you contacted DPMO and asked us to identify those unaccounted-for individuals that we didn't have any photos on. That task ended up on my desk and we supposedly replied with a list of names (all this was probably run through (b)(6) and our External Relations Directorate). Have seen several updates over the years and you and (b)(6) appear to have made a significant dent, if not completed the project. As we communicate, DPAA is working on an as yet unnamed automated case management system (replacement for the failed FCMS system), and there is a distinct possibility leadership will want to include photos of the unaccounted-for to put a personal touch to each loss incident. Was hoping I could sweet talk you into providing us with a digital copy of those photos you have collected over the past decade. All I have to offer in return is heartfelt thank you, a hug at next opportunity, or the pride of my life, a peppermint pattie (while I usually only give out one of the three, I am more than willing to suck it up and provide all three to make this happen). Please don't let Ann know that I offered you a hug because she might get jealous and take the photo of my son off the wall of her office. Look forward to hearing from you. Semper Fidelis, (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 5 Apr 2016 13:09:51 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Emailing: Radio America address-AMG 12-1984
Attachments: RadioAmericaaddress-AMG12-1984.pdf

Check this out, a radio broadcast I did in 1984! (b)(6) just faxed to to us, still pouring through his boxes and boxes of archival history. Ann

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From: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 4/5/2016 12:35:26 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Emailing: Radio America address-AMG 12-1984

Your message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

Radio America address-AMG 12-1984

Note: To protect against computer viruses, e-mail programs may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.

This is Ann Mills Griffiths, Executive Director of the National League of POW/MIA Families with a guest commentary for Radio America.

In the decade since U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War came to an end, the Vietnamese government has been less than cooperative in accounting for prisoners who did not return and providing information on the missing. As a result, 2,483 American servicemen and civilians are still missing and unaccounted for in Indochina.

Efforts to obtain information about their fate have met with limited but increased success in the past several months. In February of this year, the highest level delegation to visit Vietnam since the end of the war met with the Vietnamese Foreign Minister to discuss the POW/MIA issue. I was on that official delegation and heard expressed strong commitments from the Vietnamese government to accelerate cooperation and account for our missing men.

In October, a White House representative and I again met with Vietnam's Foreign Minister in New York. Previous commitments were strengthened by renewed assurances that his government wished to move quickly to resolve this humanitarian problem. The Lao government has expressed equally strong pledges to cooperate with the United States government to resolve this national tragedy.

During this time of the year, our thoughts naturally turn to the spiritual, to freedom, to the values which make our nation strong and to the faith which sustains us all in times of uncertainty and suffering. Too often, the POW/MIA issue becomes statistical, losing its personal meaning. The uncertainty and pain are very real to our men still missing and to us, their families.

The Holiday Season also brings poignantly to the fore thoughts of family and friends. During the lighting of the national Christmas tree on December 13th, the President's remarks included words which bring this problem close to home. He stated,

"There is no one we hold in our hearts more closely than those MIAs - those missing in action in Southeast Asia, some of whom may be serving our country still. They, too, are absent from the table; and the gathering will never be complete until they return or are accounted for."

This latest reaffirmation of the President's personal concern is reassuring to hear and reflects the high priority to resolving this issue now apparent throughout our government.

During this Holy Season, the POW/MIA families ask for the nation's prayers to sustain any of our men who may still be held captive in Southeast Asia and to give our nation's leaders the wisdom and strength to bring them home to their families.

This is Ann Griffiths wishing you the blessings of the season and the prayer that 1985 will bring peace and hope throughout the world.

xxx

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 5 Apr 2016 15:26:29 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: voice mail on flyers (U)

Call now, I was on an errand, but no pick-up? Did you let it ring long enough?

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In a message dated 4/5/2016 2:39:54 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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Just tried calling you back but it did not go to voice mail?

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 5 Apr 2016 15:59:05 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Contract for League Meeting Breakout Rooms (U)

We'll get back to you, Ann

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In a message dated 4/5/2016 3:56:10 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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Ann, our contract folks are working the contract with the Hilton for the League Meeting. The hotel gave us the a/v costs but has not provided the room costs. Can you hammer out the price with them so they can provide it to us. Thx! (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 5 Apr 2016 15:59:34 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: Vietnam War Fact Sheets (U)

OK, whatever, and thanks, Ann

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

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I don't have them but will ask the policy guys to send them to me. They are in the process of updating them.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 3:50 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: Vietnam War Fact Sheets (U)

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Could you also now send me the Korean War and WWII (China & Japan)? And what about Russia? Or USRJC? Since the Director has now stated that he established the agenda for the upcoming meeting of the USRJC, it would be nice to have a Fact Sheet

for Russia & the USRJC, don't you think?

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Here you go!

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 5:30 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: Vietnam War Fact Sheets (U)

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Ann, per your request. These are from last week and are being updated. I still owe you the ones for Korea War and WWII. (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 6 Apr 2016 14:12:03 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US); (b)(6) DPAA STRATEGY (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Vietnam War FACT Sheets (U)
Attachments: facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg, Fact.Sheet-CB.w-AMG.Edits_4-5-16.doc, Fact.Sheet-LA.w-AMG.Edits_4-5-16.doc, Fact.Sheet-VN.w-AMG.Edits_4-5-16.doc

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Fact sheet suggestions from Falls Church.

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Vietnam War FACT Sheets

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As I mentioned earlier, I took each Fact Sheet and edited the content, using the tracking tool for ease in identifying suggested changes. I recommend that these NOT be taken for granted and, as they are posted on DPAA's web site and subject to review by audiences foreign and domestic, that they regularly be reviewed for policy messages being conveyed. All three ran onto a second page due to deletions and inserts, but each will play out as one page when corrected. I recommend simply "accepting all" changed, then playing out the old and new versions to compare the two.

Thanks in advance for considering these suggestions. And I also recommend that the Fact Sheets for Korea, the PRC and Japan be condensed to one page. Otherwise, a misimpression may be gained that greater attention and effort are devoted to WWII and the Korean War than to the more recent Vietnam War. That would contradict the Director's repeated pledges that DPAA will continue to "surge" on Vietnam War accounting in the near term (characterized as the next 3-5 years), before turning more actively to Korean War accounting and WWII remains recoveries.

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Progress in Cambodia as of March 1, 2016



Current Status of Unaccounted-for Americans Lost in the Vietnam War

	<u>Vietnam</u>	<u>Laos</u>	<u>Cambodia</u>	<u>China</u>	<u>Total</u>
Original Missing	1,972	574	90	10	2,646
Repatriated and Identified	<u>708</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1,024¹</u>
Remaining Missing	1,264	304 1	49	7	1,622 1

Of the remaining 49 Americans still unaccounted for in Cambodia, seven are in a “non-recoverable” category. This means that as a result of rigorous investigation, we have conclusive evidence the individual perished, but do not believe it possible to recover his remains. On rare occasions, new leads can arise that bring a case back to a more active status. In all cases, the NOK have been informed.

Repatriating and Identifying Remains Field Operations

- The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) ~~normally~~ conducts ~~at least~~ one Joint Field Activity (JFA) per fiscal year in Cambodia.
- Each JFA involves 25-40 U.S. personnel plus their Cambodian counterparts. Together, they work on investigations and excavations throughout the country for a period of approximately 30-60 days.
- ~~American~~ ~~Remains~~ believed to be those of Americans are transferred to DPAA’s Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for identification by forensic anthropologists.
- The 50th JFA began January 10 and continued through March 23, 2015. A recovery team excavated a site in Kampong Som Province.
- The 51st JFA began January 10 and continued through March 1, 2016. A recovery team excavated sites in Prey Veng and Stung Treng Provinces.

Resolving “Last Known Alive” Cases

- Of the original 19 individuals “Last Known Alive” in Cambodia (those who survived or may have survived their loss incident and were either alive on the ground, in captivity, or in immediate proximity to capture, but did not return), DoD has confirmed the death of 10, with the fate of nine still unresolved.
- Of the 10 whose deaths have been confirmed, the remains of seven have been ~~located~~ recovered and identified; efforts continue to recover the remains of the other three.
- U.S. and Vietnamese ~~technical experts~~ specialists meet regularly in Hanoi to discuss Last Known Alive cases in areas of Cambodia controlled by Vietnamese forces during the war.

Research and Investigations

- ~~A U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) POW/MIA investigator~~ investigation specialists, known as a member of the Stony Beach Team, is stationed in Phnom Penh full-time. He pursues leads associated with the remaining all 49 individuals still missing and unaccounted for in Cambodia, with priority focus on LKA cases.
- Witnesses have assisted in identifying recovery sites on Koh Tang, the island associated with the Mayaguez incident. Thirteen of the 18 Americans missing from that incident have been recovered and identified.

¹This number now includes the 63 Americans who were returned and/or identified from 1973 – 1975.

- U.S. researchers continue to review materials in Cambodian archives. Private researchers studying Khmer Rouge wartime atrocities in Cambodia have also shared relevant information they have uncovered.
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Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency



Progress in Laos as of March 1, 2016

Current Status of Unaccounted-for Americans Lost in the Vietnam War

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Remaining Missing	1,264	<u>302</u> ¹	49	7	<u>1,622</u> ¹

Of the remaining 302¹ Americans still missing and unaccounted for in Laos, 13 are in a “non-recoverable” category. This means that as a result of rigorous investigation, we have conclusive evidence the individual perished, but do not believe it possible to recover his remains. In all cases, the NOK are fully informed. On rare occasions, new leads can arise that bring a case back to a more an active status.

Repatriating and Identifying Remains Field Operations

- The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) plans to conduct four Joint Field Activities (JFAs) this fiscal year in Laos. Each JFA involves up to 53 U.S. personnel, plus their Lao counterparts. Together, they will work on investigations and excavations throughout the country for periods of between 30 - 45 days per JFA.
- American remains believed to be those of Americans are transferred to DPAA's Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for identification by forensic anthropologists.
- The 139th JFA began January 10 and continued through February 16, 2016. Recovery teams excavated sites in Attapeu and Savannakhet Provinces.
- The 140th JFA began February 29 and continues through April 6, 2016. Recovery teams are excavating sites in Houaphan, Xiang Khoang, and Khammouan Provinces.

Resolving “Last Known Alive” Cases

- Of the original 81 individuals “Last Known Alive” in Laos (those who survived or may have survived their loss incident and were either alive on the ground, in captivity, or in immediate proximity to capture, but did not return), DoD has confirmed the death of 62, with 19 still unresolved.
- Of the 62 whose deaths have been confirmed, the remains of 20 have been located and identified, and efforts continue to recover the remains of 42.
- U.S. and Vietnamese technical experts specialists meet regularly in Hanoi to discuss Last Known Alive cases in areas of Laos controlled by Vietnamese forces during the war.

Research and Investigations

- A U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) POW/MIA investigator investigation specialist, known as a member of the Stony Beach Team, is stationed in Vientiane full-time. He pursues leads associated with the remaining all 302 301 individuals missing and unaccounted for in Laos, focused on LKA cases as first priority.
- The Lao have allowed approximately 80 Vietnamese witnesses to participate in investigating 50 cases in trilateral operations during JFAs in Laos. These witnesses have provided significant information that has led to the excavation of several sites and recoveries associated with as many as 20 individuals.
- The U.S. completed an archival research arrangement with the Lao in 2007. The initiative, begun in June 2004, involved a jointly planned comprehensive effort to locate documents in Lao archives that could contain information regarding Americans missing in Laos during the war. The program did not uncover any information, continues to seek relevant archival records that may still exist and appreciates recent Lao Government commitments to search unilaterally for such documents.

¹This number now includes the 63 Americans who were returned and/or identified from 1973 – 1975.

- The Lao ~~allowed~~ permitted a Joint Archival Research Team (ART) access to the Lao National Film Archives and Video Center from 1994 - 1999. The ART reviewed over 18,000 photographs, with only eight depicting U.S. POWs and nine depicting U.S. aircraft wreckage.
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Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency



Progress in Vietnam as of March 1, 2016

Current Status of Unaccounted-for Americans Lost in the Vietnam War

	Vietnam	Laos	Cambodia	China	Total
Original Missing	1,972	574	90	10	2,646
Repatriated and Identified	708	272	41	3	1,024 ¹
Remaining Missing	1,264	302 ¹	49	7	1,622 ¹

Of the remaining 1,264 Americans still missing and unaccounted for in Vietnam, 478 are in a “non-recoverable” category. This means that as a result of rigorous investigation and assessment, we have ~~conclusive~~ concluded there is evidence sufficient to establish the individual perished, ~~but do not believe it possible to and that recover~~ his remains are unrecoverable. In all cases, the NOK are fully informed. On rare occasions, new leads can arise that bring a case back to ~~a more~~ active status.

Repatriating and Identifying Remains Field Operations

- The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) plans to conduct four Joint Field Activities (JFAs) this fiscal year in Vietnam. Each JFA involves approximately 95 U.S. personnel, plus ~~their~~ Vietnamese counterparts. Together, they work on investigations and excavations throughout the country for a period of approximately 30 days each JFA.
- ~~American~~ Remains believed to be those of Americans are transferred to DPAA’s Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for identification by forensic anthropologists.
- The 121st JFA began November 6 and continued through December 15, 2015. Recovery teams excavated sites in Dien Bien, Son La, Thanh Hoa, and Ha Tinh Provinces.
- The 122nd JFA began February 25 and continues through April 12, 2016. Recovery teams are excavating sites in Kontum, Binh Dinh, Dac Lac, Khanh Hoa, and Binh Phuoc Provinces.

Resolving “Last Known Alive” Cases

- Of the original 196 individuals “Last Known Alive” in Vietnam (those who survived or may have survived their loss incident and were either alive on the ground, in captivity, or in immediate proximity to capture, but did not return), DoD has confirmed the death of 174, with the fate of 22 still unresolved.
- Of the 174 whose deaths have been confirmed, the remains of 51 have been located and identified, and efforts continue to recover the remains of 123.
- ~~Cambodia, Vietnam, and U.S. technical experts met in Hanoi in November 2004 to discuss Last Known Alive cases along the Cambodia—Vietnam border. A meeting with Laos, Vietnam, and U.S. technical experts to discuss Last Known Alive cases along the Laos—Vietnam border took place in Vientiane in April 2005.~~
- U.S. and Vietnamese technical experts specialists meet regularly in Hanoi to discuss Last Known Alive cases in Vietnam, as well as in Cambodia and Laos.

Research and Investigations

- ~~U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) POW/MIA investigators investigation specialists, known as members of the Stony Beach Team,~~ rotate into Hanoi on a continuous basis to pursue leads associated with the ~~remaining~~ 1,264 Americans still missing and unaccounted for in Vietnam, focused on LKA cases as first priority.
- ~~A~~ Research efforts continues are ongoing in the Ministry of National Defense (MND) central archives. Since May 2012, Vietnam has turned over policy, strategic, and tactical level archival documents regarding unaccounted for Americans that are providing to be useful, and the U.S. is urging unilateral provision of all relevant materials.

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- In addition to the interviews conducted during JFAs, U.S. and Vietnamese investigators have conducted nearly 300 oral history interviews of former and current Vietnamese government and military officials, ~~including General Vo Nguyen Giap~~ an effort that is continuing.
 - Since Vietnamese troops occupied portions of Cambodia and Laos during the War, the U.S. asked them to cooperate in investigations there. Ninety-three (93) Vietnamese witnesses have participated in operations in Laos (79) and Cambodia (14); most of them have participated more than once.
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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 6 Apr 2016 11:33:49 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Donald R. Hubbs photos (U)

Strangely, either I didn't see them or (b)(6) took my email address out of the reply that included the photos, so how about sending them over? Ann

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In a message dated 4/6/2016 10:00:12 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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Those photos look like straight out of central casting....

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto(b)(6)@aol.com]
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Cc: (b)(6) DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA RA (US); (b)(6) CIV (US)
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Yes (b)(6) thanks, and to your wonderful husband, (b)(6) as well. Your work to collect all the photos for these many years is recognized and deeply appreciated, a real contribution to the mission for a wide variety of reasons, not least of which is putting a face to the names as you initially proposed. Your persistence is a testament to sheer determination and will, and I'm reassured to know you continue to contribute to DoD's collective efforts in this way. Best to you, (b)(6) and all, Ann

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(b)(6)

Thanks for the quick turnaround. You have a great collection there. Would like to inform family that photos came from you rather than the USG. Please advise (b)(6) soonest if you want anonymity. Semper Fidelis, (b) P.S. While I will be gone/retiring at the end of this month, still would like to tap into your collection to fill blank spots once our new case management system comes on line.

(b)(6)

Please give (b)(6) time to respond regarding credit for photos before shipping out to Navy Casualty. (b)

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Donald R. Hubbs photos

(b)(6)

(b)(6) requested that I send you and/or (b)(6) a photo of this man for Navy Casualty. I picked these 2 because I liked them the best and they clearly showed his face.

Hopefully they come through okay.

(b)(6)

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Cc: Holland, Thomas D (Dr. (ST-SES)) CIV DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Latest DRAFT 47th Annual Meeting Program
Attachments: 47thAnMtgDrft_4-6-16_TIMED.pdf

attached, and you'll note that (b)(6) is unable to make it this year. His imminent departure from Laos as the longstanding CRS prompts a week-long pre-retirement stay in Bangkok for a thorough physical, but I won't be at all surprised if he come to the 48th - 50th League annual meeting from his soon-to-be-new home in Florida. Feel free to share this with colleagues, but also note the League's annual meeting programs most often continue to change somewhat until just before going to print. Best to all, Ann

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DRAFT 4/6/16



47th Annual Meeting

***June 22-25, 2016
Hilton Crystal City Hotel
Arlington, Virginia***

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(b)(6) & (b)(6)

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Annual Dinner & Registration

Boutique

Commemorative Program

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Orientation

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Sergeants-at-Arms

Special Events

(b)(6)

Lacy Rourke

(b)(6)

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

BADGES: All attendees, except uniformed military officials, must wear the visible, color-coded badge on the lanyard provided at registration for entrance into all League-hosted and Service-hosted events, including off-site events. ANY alteration to a badge will result in revocation and denial of admittance.

White – League (voting) family members

Blue – non-League family members

Green – US officials

Yellow – family members attending only DoD briefings

Tan – League associate members

Grey – concerned citizens

Red – media

INFORMATION AND PRESS: Located in the **Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level**. Direct inquiries to Communications Chairman Lacy Rourke ((b)(6))@gmail.com) or call Hilton Crystal City (703) 418-6800 and ask for the League Office.

DoD OFFICES: Vietnam War investigators and analysts will again be available in the Service Casualty Offices throughout the League's meeting to support individual Case File Reviews with families. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to share information with these specialists, preferably NOT in conflict with critical government briefings, the legal justification for DoD-provided transportation. US officials will be present by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd. All Service Casualty Offices are located on the 1st floor:

USA

USN/USMC/Civilian

USAF

DPAA

Blue Ridge Room

Shenandoah Room

Skyline Room

Luray Room

Individual Case File Reviews will be held in these locations from noon to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 7:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday. Please try to schedule reviews at times outside of sessions during which critical information is presented. Instead, ask for early morning, lunch or dinner breaks.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Newcomer Orientation: There will be an important informational session in the Patrick Henry Board Room, First Floor, on Wednesday, June 22nd, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. First-time attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Twilight Tattoo: Thanks to support from the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration, Army-provided bus transportation to the Ft. Myer Twilight Tattoo will begin boarding at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22nd, for those credentialed. The program is from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at which time buses return to the Hilton.

The **47th Annual Dinner** will be preceded by a no-host reception in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer on Thursday, June 23rd, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom and conclude at 9:00 p.m.

Workshops: Two specialized workshops will be held in the Richmond and Roanoke Rooms, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Service Hosted Luncheons will be held Friday, June 24th, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level:

USA	Washington Room
USN/USMC/Civilian	Adams Room
USAF	Madison Room

Workshop: You are urged to attend a special workshop, **Maximizing Benefit from DPAA's Website**. Specialists will give registered attendees guidance on how to get the most in terms of useful information, helpful in preparation for the future family-member-accessible Case Management System. This forum will be in the Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

United States Marine Corps Evening Parade: Participation is limited to the first one hundred attendees with authorized badges. The performance at the historic USMC Barracks at 8th and I Streets is Friday, June 24th; buses will begin boarding at 6:30 p.m.

League-Hosted Farewell Reception will be held Saturday, June 25th, in the Crystal Room, Plaza Level, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

BOUTIQUE: The League Boutique will open in the Old Dominion Board Room, Plaza Level, on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. and during posted hours throughout the meeting. There will be a Silent Auction prior to the 47th Annual Dinner.

DISPLAYS: 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration and Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) displays are located in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level, available for public review by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd.

POLICY RESOLUTIONS: To ensure availability at the start of the Business Session, Saturday, June 25th, 2:00 p.m., resolutions must be submitted in writing to Resolutions Chairman Mark Stephensen by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24th. Resolutions not prepared in advance may still be introduced on the floor.

BUSINESS SESSION: The League Business Session, held June 25th, 2:00 p.m., in the Virginia Ballroom, is open to all credentialed attendees. Only dues-current Family Members (white badges) are eligible to vote.

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 on the First Floor to determine eligibility.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, call the Hilton Crystal City Hotel operator.

CELL PHONES: All phones must be silenced during all sessions, including the 47th Annual Dinner.

SMOKING AND VAPOR CIGARETTES: These are strictly prohibited in meeting rooms. There are posted smoking areas outside the Hilton Crystal City Hotel.

DRESS CODE: The dress for the meeting sessions is business casual, or Military Class B, and for the 47th Annual Meeting Dinner, the dress for ladies is cocktail attire and, for men, suit and tie or Military Class A.

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

3:00 PM 9:00 PM	REGISTRATION	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES	Patrick Henry Board Room First Floor
5:30 PM	Board Buses to Fort Myer	Hilton Hotel Rear Entrance Lobby Level
8:30 PM	TWILIGHT TATTOO Fort Myer Ceremonial Field	
8:45 PM	Board Buses for Hilton	

Thursday, June 23, 2016

9:00 AM 11:30 AM	OPENING GENERAL SESSION	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level
	<u>Call to Order</u>	(2 min)
	<i>Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister Chairman of the Board of Directors, Presiding</i>	
	<u>Presentation of Colors</u>	(5 min)
	<i>POW*MIA Elko (NV), Boise Valley, Magic Valley & Pocatello (ID) Awareness Associations</i>	
	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	(2 min)
	<i>Mrs. (b)(6) MIA/RR Sister & Board Member</i>	

Invocation (3 min)
Ms. (b)(6) MIA Daughter & Board Member

"America the Beautiful" (5 min)
Maj Gen Arnold Fields, USMC (Ret) & Ms. Lacy Rourke

In Memory & Honor (5 min)
Ms. (b)(6) MIA Daughter & Board Secretary

Keynote Remarks: **The Honorable Robert O. Work** (Invited)(20 min)
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Unveiling of National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster 2016 (5 min)
Deputy Secretary Work & Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Presentation of League Awards (20 min)

Title, Post-Vietnam Trip, TBD
Mr. Ben Rhodes, Deputy National Security Advisor (Invited) (20 min)

The Long Road to Today (20 min)
Mr. (b)(6) Deputy Director
Outreach & Communications Directorate,
DPAA, Hawaii

A Glimpse into the Future (20 min)
Mr. (b)(6) Senior League Policy Advisor
Director of Asian Affairs, National Security Council, 1981 – 1989

Assessing Today's Reorganization (20 min)
Ms. Mills-Griffiths

11:30 AM
1:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM
3:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION – NATIONAL POLICY
Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Virginia Ballroom

Today's Mission, Priority & Objectives (30 min)
Mr. Michael Linnington, Director
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs (20 min)
General Robert "Doc" Foglesong, USAF, (Ret) (Invited)

Operational Perspective Worldwide (20 min)
BG Mark Spindler, USA, Deputy Director
DPAA, Hawaii

Facilitating Family & Veteran Engagement (20 min)
Ms. Fern Sumpter Winbush, Principal Staff Director
DPAA, Washington, DC

Strategic Partnerships – Update (20 min)
Dr. Thomas Holland, Director, Strategic Initiatives
DPAA, Washington, DC

3:00 PM
4:00 PM

FROM THE VETERANS' PERSPECTIVE

Virginia Ballroom

Mr. (b)(6)
Special Operations Association, Washington Liaison

Mr. (b)(6) (To be invited)
Executive Director & Assistant Adjutant General, VFW

Major General Arnold Fields, USMC (Ret) (To be invited)
Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration

4:00 PM
6:00 PM

DINNER BREAK PREPARATION

Boutique 4:30 – 5:30 PM Old Dominion Ex. Board Room, Plaza Level

6:00 PM

NO-HOST RECEPTION

Virginia Ballroom Foyer

Special Boutique items will be on display for Silent Auction

7:00 PM

**47th ANNUAL DINNER
& CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY**

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Welcome (2 min)
Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister, Chairman of the Board

Presentation of Colors, National Anthem & Service Medley (15 min)
Military District of Washington (To be requested)

Missing Man Honors Table (10 min)
Mr. (b)(6) League Veterans Advisor

Invocation (5 min)
*Father Paul K. Hurley, MG, CHC, USA
Chief of Chaplains, USA*

Dinner (20 min)

Introduction of Special Guests (15 min)
Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Remarks: **General Mark A. Milley, USA** (20 min)
Chief of Staff, United States Army (Invited)

Presentation of League Distinguished Service Award (10 min)

Candlelight Ceremony Honoring Vietnam War POW/MIAs
& 15th Anniversary of the Helicopter Loss of Six American (20 min)
& Nine Vietnamese Military Personnel on April 7, 2001

*USA, USMC, USN, USAF Service Casualty Candle Lighters (Invited)
Roll Call of MIAs, US and SRV Personnel being Honored - _____*

9:00 PM

Benediction (5 min)
Father Hurley

Friday, June 24, 2016

8:30 AM
11:30 AM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Options for Applying Advanced Underwater Technology

RADM Frank A. Morneau, USN (Invited) (30 min)

*Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command
Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Ft. Story, Virginia*

Ms. (b)(6) Historian/Underwater Archeologist (15 min)
DPAA, Hawaii

DIA's Role in the POW/MIA Accounting Mission

Lt Gen Vincent Stewart, USMC, Director (Invited) (15 min)

Defense Intelligence Agency

Augmenting DPAA's Investigation Process (60 min)

*Mr. (b)(6) Stony Beach Program Manager
Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Headquarters*

*Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist
Vientiane, Laos*

*Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist
Hanoi, Vietnam*

*Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist
Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

*Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist
Bangkok, Thailand*

Archival Research & Investigation Potential (20 min)

Mr. (b)(6) League Intelligence & Research Advisor

11:45 AM
12:45 PM

WORKSHOPS

Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level

Pursuing an MIA Case – Your Role

Richmond Room

Ms. (b)(6) Chairman

Dealing with Ambiguous Loss

Roanoke Room

Ms. (b)(6) Chairman

Mr. (b)(6) Workshop Leader

1:00 PM
2:30 PM

SERVICE HOSTED LUNCHEONS

Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level

USA
USN/USMC/Civilian
USAF

Washington Room
Adams Room
Madison Room

2:45 PM
3:45 PM

DPAA WORKSHOP

Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level

Maximizing Your Benefit from DPAA's Website

4:00 PM
6:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Asia & Pacific Regional Approach

(30 min)

*Col Michael Gann, USMC, Director, Asia Pacific Directorate
DPAA, Hawaii*

Today's Vietnam War Accounting Process

(30 min)

*Mr. (b)(6) Casualty Resolution Specialist
DPAA Detachment 2, Hanoi, Vietnam*

Macro Analyses in Support of Policy & Operations

(20 min)

Mr. (b)(6) Asia Pacific Directorate, DPAA, Washington, DC

Case by Case Analyses in Support of Field Operations

(20 min)

Mr. (b)(6) Asia Pacific Directorate, DPAA, Hawaii

Understanding the Identification Processes

(20 min)

Dr. (b)(6) Laboratory Manager

6:30 PM

Board Buses to 8th & I
Space is limited to the first 100 attendees with badges.

Lobby Level

8:30 PM

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS EVENING PARADE

USMC Barracks, 8th & I Streets, SE, Washington, DC

10:00 PM

Buses return to Hilton Crystal City Hotel

Saturday, June 25, 2016

9:00 AM
12:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Department of Defense Q&A Panel

Department of Defense presenters will respond to questions from family members and, time permitting, veterans and others, covering any and all subjects raised in prior sessions.

12:00 PM
2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK


2:00 PM
5:00 PM

LEAGUE BUSINESS SESSION

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding


From the League Office

(15 min)

Ms. (b)(6)  *League Administrator*


Treasurer's Report/Annual Audit

(15 min)

Mr. (b)(6)  *MIA Brother, League Treasurer*

Resolutions for Consideration

(60 min)

Mr. (b)(6)  *MIA/RR Son, Resolutions Chairman*

Open Discussion

(30 min)

DEFIANT: The POWs Who Endured Vietnam's Most Infamous Prison, the Women Who Fought for Them, and the One Who Never Returned

Alvin Townley, Author

(30 min)

6:30 PM
8:00 PM

LEAGUE-HOSTED FAREWELL RECEPTION

Crystal Room
Plaza Level

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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Latest DRAFT 47th Annual Meeting Program (U)

No, nothing really that NEW or surprising, but I'm liking the addition of RADM Morneau of the Navy Expeditionary Command (or whatever the full title is) to talk about the work they are lining up to do with DPAA, and several other newer, updated aspects in keeping with your new agency. The largest questions are how will Mark Spindler, Fern Sumpter Winbush, and (b)(6) do in this never-before-experienced environment? I don't know, but hope for the best, Ann

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I have to say that I really like the layout/format of this agenda. Is it new or are my new glasses working?

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attached, and you'll note that (b)(6) is unable to make it this year. His imminent departure from Laos as the longstanding CRS prompts a week-long pre-retirement stay in Bangkok for a thorough physical, but I won't be at all surprised if he come to the 48th - 50th League annual meeting from his soon-to-be-new home in Florida. Feel free to share this with colleagues, but also note the League's annual meeting programs most often continue to change somewhat until just before going to print. Best to all, Ann

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Washington Report - AFSA

I wanted you to see that Air Force Sergeants Association covered the recent ID of a WWII unaccounted for man, so I sent them a thank you note from their most recently enlisted associate member. They have done an incredible amount for us all, Ann

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Comprehensive Veterans-related Legislation Coming

Recently the chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA), shed a little light on legislation in the works to reform the way VA conducts business and care of Veterans. Though still in draft form, the chairman says the bipartisan package they are working on will include provisions that:

- Hold all VA employees accountable for mismanagement and misconduct;
- Provide caregiving benefits to Veterans of all generations;
- Address the crisis of opioid over-prescription among Veterans;
- Expand availability of orthotic and prosthetic care for Veterans;
- Help reduce the VA's appeals backlog; and
- Implement strict rules to ensure community physicians providing care to our Veterans receive prompter payment for that care.

No doubt many of VA's benefit programs and services could benefit from some level of reform, but in this piece we want to comment on the plan to support additional family members that care for wounded, ill or injured Veterans. Enacted in 2010, the original Family Caregivers Program is limited to Post-9/11 Veterans. It provides no help for Veterans of other engagements nor does it help those with serious illnesses or diseases such as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Multiple Sclerosis (MS). It provides home health training, peer support, and a small financial stipend to caregivers of severely injured Veterans. Those accepted into the program also have access to mental health support and enrollment in the VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) if they are not already eligible.

AFSA believes there should be no distinction in the sacrifices made by severely disabled Veterans or their families, regardless of where or when they served. The service of our Veterans from previous wars or other eras, and the sacrifices of their caregivers, must be honored similarly, and we encourage Congress to pass legislation

that expands caregiver benefits to Veterans of all eras.

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Warrior Returned Home after 73 Years

In the decades since the world wars, much emphasis has been put on identification and the return of remains of those missing in action (MIA). A little over a year ago the Department of Defense formed the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to assist in these efforts including a registry of those missing from WW II to current operations and shares stories of those missing.

One such hero has recently been recovered and returned home to Florence, South Carolina after being missing for 73 years. In 1943 Marine Corps Sgt. John C. Holladay was assigned to the 1st Raider Regiment and "was tasked with assaulting through enemy positions at Bairoko Harbor on New Georgia Island as part of Operation Cartwheel, a joint Marine Corps-Army offensive to shut down operations in the South Pacific" when he killed by sniper fire. In that battle more than 30 other Marines and soldiers were killed, and while many were recovered soon after, Holladay remained missing for decades.

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Uber's Military Initiative

Shifting the transportation conversation with an added bonus of increased flexibility for commuters across the globe, Uber launched UberMilitary in September 2014. And recently "UberMilitary has reached its goal of signing up 50,000 members of the military community to become drivers, the company announced Thursday.

"Todd Bowers, Marine veteran and UberMilitary director, told Military Times that working for Uber helps veterans and their families transition back into civilian life. He said the military drivers he's spoken to name flexibility as the biggest selling point: They can earn and income while they continue the job hunt or save money to go back to school."

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AF to Review Tattoo Policy

With other service branches reviewing and changing their tattoo policies, it's not surprising to hear that the Air Force is following suit. "'The Air Force has recently formed a working group to review the tattoo policy,' Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Brooke Brzozowska told the Air Force Times on Tuesday" with any proposals for change likely be presented to Air Force leadership in the following months.


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We would like to hear your thoughts about the current tattoo policy and potential for changes in the near future. Email us at milgov3@hqafsa.org < Caution-mailto:milgov3@hqafsa.org > .

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Yes, they certainly are, Ann

PS: See latest program

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Attached are the two documents that AMG sent to the Director this afternoon. I was hoping to help you all to get ahead of him on asking for information but it sounds like this isn't as easy to answer as the LKA question was. Your choice on how much you put into this before the Director asks you for a brief/info/response but this is the informal WARNO. You will see in AMG's response that she directed Post 541 to contact us for information on what the government is doing regarding the DIC cases.

(b)(6)
Military Assistant to the Principal Director Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
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RESOLUTION

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
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Resolution No. _____ Date _____
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WHEREAS, the American Legion is a national organization of veterans who have dedicated themselves to service of their community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th Legion National Convention, calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion supports the continued declassification of all POW/MIA information, the strengthening of joint commissions with Russia, North Korea and China, and adequate resourcing of investigative efforts and field operations; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has also worked continuously with both the Congress and Dept. of POW/MIA accounting Agency (DPAA) to improve the policies and programs for the accountability of missing persons; and

WHEREAS, Many of the U.S. POW's that died during the Vietnam War were known to have been buried in the many cemeteries in and around Hanoi; and

WHEREAS, Those DIC cases (Died In Captivity) still listed with the US Dept. Of POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) as missing in action / body not recovered / died in captivity; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Dept. Of POW/MIA (DPAA) has confirmed their 2016 agenda does include those still classified as (DIC) Died In captivity cases; and

WHEREAS, The National League of Families of American POW/MIA's as well as the Department of Defense are not pursuing these unmarked graves throughout the Vietnam countryside; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth District Council, Department of Illinois in regular meeting March 23, 2016 approved this resolution; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Illinois in Department Convention assembled in Springfield, Illinois July 13-16, 2016 that The American Legion, put as much pressure as possible in this area, to locate these graves, deal with the countries involved to recover these remains, and return them state side for proper burial in U.S. Soil; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon its adoption this resolution be forwarded to the National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio August 26 - 1, 2016 for their consideration.

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signature _____
(Convention Committee Chairman or Secretary)

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by our Post but with indicated Department action substituted for the local resolving clause.

Submitted by (Post Name) EDISON PARK POST

Post No. 541
Location of Post (City) CHICAGO, IL
(Commander) Walter J. G. G. G.
(Adjutant) Henry T. Hark

(Below is to be filled in when resolution is submitted from another authorized source.)

(Commission or Committee Chairman)

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April 11, 2016

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Dear Legionnaires:

This letter is to formally object to the proposed resolution being brought to your Department Convention July 13-16, 2016, from the Northern District Council as approved at their March 23rd meeting. Our objection is based on provisions that convey to all Legionnaires a misrepresentation concerning the League's views, as well as those of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

Distasteful and disappointing as it is to be put in the position of opposing mission-related resolutions proposed by longstanding, recognized supporters, registering our opposition was our only option due to misstatements of fact. While there are several generally inaccurate statements, the most egregious provision states: *"WHEREAS, The National League of Families of American POW/MIAs as well as the Department of Defense are not pursuing these unmarked graves throughout the Vietnam countryside...."*, thus misleading all who read the resolution, in particular Legionnaires who will consider this proposal at your Department Convention.

We are confident you agree that resolutions considered and passed by The American Legion have significant impact on the executive and legislative branches of our government, as they do on countless thousands of our nation's veterans. That is as it should be, thus reinforcing the importance of accuracy in each provision and the resulting action advocated. There are several instances that warrant mention, and I would urge that you contact DPAA Director LTG Michael S. Linnington, USA (Ret), to obtain DoD's official clarification on the proposed resolution's content.

Despite inherent difficulties in locating grave sites of Americans who died while held captive in often makeshift camps outside the known prison system, achieving the fullest possible accounting for them continues to be a priority for both the League and DPAA.

After more than 40 years of dedicated effort, the League is deeply grateful that our country continues to demonstrate to the world that America stands behind those who protect and defend our freedom and, if captured or missing, will do her very best to recover them for their families and our nation.

The American Legion has been a leader and the League's partner in pursuing answers throughout many years, before and since the 1975 end of the Vietnam War. We value and appreciate our longstanding partnership, and it is most distressing that any Legionnaires would accuse the POW/MIA families of abandoning this important aspect of the mission, with our proven record of responsible, integrated efforts. That would never occur!

The League is and will continue to be reasonable and objective in our expectations. We know that accounting for each and every one of our missing and unaccounted-for heroes will never be possible. It is precisely due to this reality that our three-fold goal since formation on May 28, 1970, has been 1) the return of all prisoners; 2) the fullest possible accounting for the missing; and 3) the repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died during the Vietnam War. Should your staff have any questions, please feel free to call me at 703-465-7432, or email [\(b\)\(6\)@aol.com](mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com).

Sincerely,



Ann Mills-Griffiths
Chairman & CEO

cc: LTG Michael S. Linnington, USA (Ret)
Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

Mr. Dale Barnett
National Commander in Chief
The American Legion

Mr. (b)(6), Chairman
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Mr. (b)(6) POW/MIA Chairman
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WASHINGTON — The Air Force closed the case on Sgt. Joseph Matejov when his surveillance aircraft went down at the end of the Vietnam War.

The missing airman was deemed killed in the fiery crash, and more than two decades later a group gravestone was installed at Arlington National Cemetery. A single casket containing bone fragments recovered in Laos was lowered into the ground at the 1996 funeral for Matejov and seven fellow Air Force crewmembers.

Officially, it was the end of the military's accounting.

But the funeral did not bury the controversy over the downed aircraft, call sign Baron 52. The case's long history is riddled with doubts and disagreements within the Pentagon, intelligence community and Congress over whether Matejov died that night in 1973.

Now, the Air Force and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency are re-examining the incident after decades of pressure from Matejov's family and could change his status from killed to missing in action. A decision could be made within weeks.

The airmen's nine siblings, who have pushed for the change, in February presented evidence to the accounting agency of Air Force conjecture over the crash circumstances and a radio intercept about potential American captives. The evidence, spanning 43 years and compiled by the family, contains declassified documents and was shared with Stars and Stripes.

"MIA is not closure, though it is better than this travesty that exists in the file to this day," said his younger brother John Matejov, who is a retired Marine officer. "We shouldn't have to fight for that."

The change would add Matejov to the list of 83,000 servicemembers still missing and require DPAA to embark on a new effort to account for his remains.

An MIA status would be a stunning reversal for the Air Force, which has insisted since 1973 that there is no proof airmen escaped the Baron 52 crash. It would also be an extraordinary precedent for the DPAA to support the move, giving hope to other families still searching for loved ones lost in the war.

'That KIA determination was wrong'

For Matejov's family, the decades of uncertainty and frustration began with a letter from his wing commander a week after his EC-47 aircraft crashed.

"After careful consideration, I feel that there is a possibility that one or more crew members could have parachuted to safety, therefore your son will continue to be carried in a missing status until a final determination can be made," Col. Francis Humphreys wrote to Matejov's father and mother on Feb. 13, 1973.

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A Feb. 13, 1973, letter from the Air Force notifying the Matejov family of the termination of the search for Sgt. Joseph Matejov.

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e was smashed days later by another letter from the colonel.

With little new evidence, Humphreys, who retired as a brigadier general and died in 2013, reversed his opinion and listed Matejov and all seven other crewmembers as killed in action.

“My chief concern is that KIA determination was wrong,” said Roger Shields, who was chairman of the Defense Department POW/MIA task group and directed the return of American prisoners of war during Operation Homecoming. “Nobody at the time when this decision was made could have said without any question that these men were dead.”

During the Vietnam War, the military often classified troops as missing in action – and assumed further effort might bring them back alive – even when the facts indicated otherwise, he said. Troops were rated MIA even when witnesses saw their aircraft go down with an intact canopy and no rescue beacon was activated.

“We just saw too many cases where it looked like the chances of survival were not that good but it turned out that people did survive,” he said.

Last contact



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Joe Matejov turned 21 in February 1973. He had been deployed 10 months as an electronic warfare specialist with the Air Force Security Service, first to Vietnam and then to an airfield

in Thailand. The classified work consisted of eavesdropping on North Vietnamese forces during flights over the officially neutral country of Laos.

His tour was wrapping up – 100 missions under his belt and a Distinguished Flying Cross in the pipeline – and he was ready to get back to the United States.

His EC-47 flew out of Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base just before midnight Feb. 4. The converted cargo plane, equipped with secret surveillance equipment, carried three other electronic warfare specialists from the 6994th Security Squadron and a four-man flight crew with the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron.

Over Laos, the flight left U.S. radar coverage. The airmen flew at a lofty 10,000 feet as they sniffed out North Vietnamese tanks moving south along the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Crews had recently begun flying at the higher altitude to avoid artillery fire. Even so, parachutes were packed and each crewmember carried a survival radio preset to an emergency frequency.

Every 20 minutes, Baron 52 radioed Moonbeam, the airborne command-and-control center also plying the night sky over Laos. At 1:25 a.m., the crew reported 37 mm or 57 mm anti-aircraft fire but no damage.

There were no more updates from Baron 52.

Report: No evidence of survivors

Four days after the last radio contact, an HH-3E Jolly Green Giant helicopter hovered over the Baron 52 wreckage as it lowered two pararescuemen and a radioman. The airmen worked quickly once on the ground. The area was hostile, and approaching aircraft heard gunfire and were targeted by a missile. Two large North Vietnamese bases were just miles away.



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“When we got there one of the PJs set up a perimeter, and the other one and myself were looking for bodies,” the technical sergeant radio operator at the time, Ron Schofield, said in a declassified Air Force oral history interview in 1989.

Schofield and the team searched for crewmembers and ensured the classified surveillance equipment used by the Air Force Security Service was destroyed.

The EC-47 was on its back. The rear of the fuselage – where Matejov and three other electronic warfare specialists were seated – was badly damaged after a heavy load of fuel burned off in the crash.

Still, the bodies of four airmen, including the seated pilot and copilot, were visible, preserved by their fire-retardant flight suits. The team was only able to recover the remains of pilot 1st Lt. Robert E. Bernhardt during a rushed 15 minutes on the ground.



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Matejov and the other three “backenders” could not be seen in the wreckage.

“There should have been some remains of the backenders in the fire, but there wasn’t anything,” Schofield said in 1989.

The search-and-rescue report found no evidence of survivors. However, Schofield remembered a clue in the burnt fuselage that pointed to crewmembers escaping through a rear door.

“These aircraft flew with the doors on. If that aircraft had crashed with the door on, there would have been a little bit of it left at the top” where the plane had burned, he said. “It was gone. It looked like it had been kicked off.”

‘A certain amount of conjecture’

After the search, Humphreys believed some of the crew could have gotten out of the EC-47 before it crashed Feb. 5 on the jungle floor.

But pressure was mounting from the families over the missing-in-action status. They wanted progress in finding the airmen.



On Feb. 5, 1973, about a week after the signing of the Paris Peace Agreement, an EC-47Q electronic warfare collection aircraft call sign Baron 52, was shot down over Saravane province, Laos, about 50 miles east of the city of Saravane. COURTESY OF 6994TH.COM

An Air Force cable from higher command to Humphreys on Feb. 21 said, “The father of one of the missing men has contacted this office” after receiving the colonel’s letter about possible survivors.

A few days later, Humphreys again wrote to the Matejovs and other crew families, this time with a very different conclusion.

“A careful review of all available facts has been made and there is no reasonable doubt that there were no survivors,” the letter said.

The letter was met with enough fear and doubt that the colonel wrote again to the families in March, denying that his decision was premature or lacked a sound basis.



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A letter from Humphreys to the Matejov family denying his decision that there were no survivors was premature or lacked a sound basis. COURTESY OF THE MATEJOV FAMILY

“We did employ a certain amount of conjecture in trying to visualize the events as they took place,” Humphreys wrote. “However, we made logical assumptions based on all the available faces and information.”

He said the Baron 52 flight was blown out of the air suddenly, leaving no time for escape. The high-tech equipment on the EC-47 and the crew’s survival radios were

key to his determination. The airmen never made contact again in the moments – and then days – after the crash.

“The intensive training of all flying personnel makes it improbable that at least one of the crew members would not have instinctively transmitted on one of the many pieces of communication equipment available in case of an emergency, unless they were all immediately and completely incapacitated,” he wrote.

‘Holding four pilots captive’

At the time of the Baron 52 crash, a U.S. surveillance plane flying somewhere over the South China Sea picked up an enemy radio intercept.



The barracks at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base located on the eastern border of Thailand was the host to Detachment 3 of the 6994th Security Squadron and eventually the Headquarters, 6994th Security Squadron. Detachment 3 operated out of Ubon from Dec. 1, 1972, until Feb. 7, 1974.
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The initial classified translation was:

“Group is holding four pilots captive and the group is requesting orders concerning what to do with them.” A later version used the word “pirates,” which some would claim was a term used for Americans, and also included numerical markers.

The intercept was publicly revealed years later, in 1979, when it became a central – and strongly disputed – piece of evidence. Was it proof Matejov and the three other “backenders” had escaped and been captured by enemy forces in Laos?

It is unclear whether the Air Force command had direct access to the classified intercept in February 1973 when it decided to list Matejov and the other crewmembers as killed in action. Records show the Air Force Security Service discussed the possibility of “sanitizing” a specific piece of classified intelligence so it could be presented to support keeping Baron 52 personnel listed as missing in action.



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Lionel Blau was a captain serving as operations officer at Matejov’s 6994th Squadron at the time. He was skeptical of the push for a KIA status and pressed Humphreys to look into the intercept.

“I went in and simply told the colonel, ‘Please do not make that decision yet until we can get straightened out what this [intelligence] is about,’ Blau said in a declassified 1989 oral history interview. He said Humphreys turned him down because he

believed the search-and-rescue evidence showed no one could have escaped the crash.

But Blau continued to believe the airmen had an opportunity to escape.

"I've gone through this in my sleep, awake. It haunted me for quite a while," he said during the interview.

'The science was conclusive'

By spring 1973, Shields, the National Security Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency still believed there was a slim chance that crewmembers escaped the aircraft, a Senate select committee found in 1993 after investigating the case.

An NSA analyst named Jerry Mooney stoked the smoldering doubts with a memorandum in May 1973 about the enemy radio intercept.

Mooney, a fiery critic of U.S. treatment of POWs during the Vietnam War, retired from the agency in the late 1970s and left public service for an isolated part of Montana, where he keeps three telephones but no computer. "Too easy to bug," he joked.

The radio intercept could only be traced to one area – the Baron 52 crash site in Laos, according to Mooney.



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Retired NSA analyst Jerry Mooney, a fiery critic of U.S. treatment of POWs during the Vietnam War, claimed that a radio intercept that could only be traced to one area – the Baron 52 crash site in Laos -- showed not only the location of the transmission, but also that U.S. crewmembers with burns were given water and transported by truck along a road in Laos.

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"Everything showed that the target communications that were sent were from that area and in reference to that shoot-down. ... The science was conclusive," he said.

His NSA interpretation of the radio intercept claimed it showed not only the location of the transmission, but also that U.S. crewmembers with burns were given water and transported by truck between particular mile markers along a road in Laos.

"After three months, there was no doubt all this stuff was tied into the EC-47," Mooney said.



The Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base is located on the eastern border of Thailand.

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Word of the intercept and Mooney's memo spread among airmen in Matejov's squadron. It was startling news to Joe Matejov's father in 1979 when it was made

public by the press. The Matejov family had held a funeral, as the Air Force advised, and was coming to grips with the sergeant's death.

Airmen began telling Stephen Matejov, a former Army lieutenant colonel with a Silver Star from the Korean War, about sightings of men herded along dirt roads and radio intercepts about American captives.

"It was 'barracks room' talk, and these men expressed surprise and consternation that those captured would be declared dead in so short a time," he wrote in a frustrated letter to the Air Force.



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Word of the radio intercept and Mooney's memo spread among airmen in Matejov's squadron and was made public by the press in 1979. In response, Stephen Matejov wrote a letter to the Air Force. The service brought him to the Pentagon to review the records in his son's death and lessen his doubts about the KIA decision. When he left the building, Matejov was "as amazed and as puzzled as my son's comrades were."

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Theory or 'musings'

Bob DeStatte, a senior analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency, was handpicked by the White House in 1986 to take another look at the case after years of public controversy and news coverage, much of it over the radio intercept.

DeStatte was an Army signals intercept technician during the Vietnam War and was later recruited by the DIA to investigate Vietnam POW cases. "I knew how to make reasonable judgments," he said.

If Mooney was a believer in the value of intercepts – called signals intelligence – DeStatte was a skeptic.

"In general, I think you should never rely on signals intelligence without some collateral information from other sources to deal with it," he said. "In this case we had one intercept."

DeStatte tracked down the airman on the modified Boeing 707 who had picked up the transmission. He provided flight logs, which often include handwritten notes for analysts.

"The intercept technician sitting on that aircraft added such a footnote ... his comment was, 'Other transmissions on this frequency indicate that the transmitting unit is located in the vicinity of Vinh city,'" on the central Vietnamese coast, DeStatte said.

That put the origin far from the interior of Laos where the Baron 52 wreckage was found.

Sen. Bob Smith, vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, questions Bob DeStatte, a senior analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency, about the Baron 52 intelligence during a 1992 hearing.

DeStatte's investigation resulted in a detailed takedown of Mooney's theory – what DeStatte now calls a page and a half of “musings”—and a DIA conclusion that the

transmission had nothing to do with the flight.

In the early 1990s, the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs chaired by John Kerry also investigated Mooney's claims. Relying heavily on DeStatte and the DIA's work, it came back with an equally skeptical conclusion.

“Mooney's analytical judgments regarding the Baron 52 incident are largely speculative and unsubstantiated,” the committee wrote in its final report. “There is no firm evidence that links the Baron 52 crew to the single enemy report upon which Mooney apparently based his analysis.”

‘Get this stuff behind us’

The Senate committee spent 18 months traveling the globe and holding hearings on Baron 52 and other reports of possible POWs from the Vietnam War. In 1993, it concluded there was no evidence that the United States left anyone behind.

But again, the Baron 52 case would have no clear-cut resolution.

“They started from the premise that it (the evidence) was all bogus,” said Bob Smith, a former New Hampshire Republican senator and the committee vice chairman. “Their goal was to get this stuff behind us, account for as many people as we could, put them on a list and then normalize relations with Vietnam.”

When the committee issued its findings, Smith released a list of POWs he said were still not accounted for by the United States. Matejov and the Baron 52 airmen were on it, despite the Air Force insistence and the doubts raised over the intercept evidence.

The crew should never have been considered killed in action if there was any indication of capture, he said. Instead the Air Force should have assumed they were missing.

“The Matejov family, what they went through is a disgrace,” he said. “They are still not getting all the information from the government.”



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Matejov and his mother, Mary.

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Smith was a controversial figure on the committee. Shields and DeStatte viewed him as a zealot and still hold some bitterness. He and his committee staff were “true believers,” who like military families at the time were ready to assume a cover-up, said Frances Zwenig, a Democrat under Kerry who was staff director of the committee.

“You want to believe your loved one wasn’t killed,” she said.

‘Not my brother’s teeth’

The crash site in Laos was finally excavated in 1993. Examiners uncovered 31 bone fragments and a variety of zippers, fasteners, pieces of flight gear and side arms. The fragments could not be tested – or even conclusively determined to be all human.

The excavation uncovered compelling evidence including metal pieces to account for eight parachutes – enough for all crewmembers. It also found one of Matejov’s dog tags.

The Matejov family and others have discounted the findings. They say crews sometimes carried extra parachutes and airmen had more than one dog tag, leaving open the possibility of escape and survival.

Among the remains was a single tooth.

Sgt. Peter Cressman was a radio operator in the back of Baron 52, just like Joe Matejov. Twenty years after he was declared dead, the Air Force identified the tooth as his.



Sgt. Peter R. Cressman was serving as an Airborne Morse Systems Operator, on Baron 52.
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Some of Peter Cressman’s teeth had been knocked out and he wore a dental plate.

“Those X-rays are not my brother’s teeth,” Cressman said.

Cressman is a retired law enforcement officer, a former police sergeant who once oversaw a sheriff’s office crime prevention division. After clashing with the Air Force over his brother’s death, he parlayed his professional experience into investigating POW cases in the 1980s.



Evidence found at the Baron 52 excavation site from the Matejov presentation to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. In November 1992, the Joint Task Force for Full Accounting was able to conduct an archaeological excavation of the Baron 52 crash site and recovered partial remains.

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His younger brother, Bob, still has doubts. The tooth was identified using dental records instead of DNA testing, Cressman said. But the Air Force records showed two full rows of teeth.

"I don't want to sound like a conspiracy idiot because I don't believe in all that crap," said Bob Cressman. "I think from everything I've seen and heard from interviews, I think that he and several people on that plane got out before it crashed."

'What it all boils down to'

Joe Matejov's family filed into a conference room at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in Arlington, Va., in February. All nine of his siblings and other relatives had flown in from across the country – two now using walkers.

Stephen Matejov had traveled to the



Joe Matejov (rear row, far right) stands with his parents and nine siblings, his brother John (rear row, center), who have carried on the quest to change his status to missing in action after his mother and father died.

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area 37 years earlier and left the Pentagon perplexed by the decision in his son's case. In 2007, the family received what they considered a lengthy run-around regarding a Baron 52 review from the DPAA's predecessor agencies, the Defense POW/Missing

Personnel Office and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

But the years of persistence finally won them an opportunity to present their case directly to Michael Linnington, the DPAA director, and Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, the deputy director. The Matejovs went prepared with a presentation of witnesses, experts and declassified military documents put together with about a decade's worth of pro bono work by a sympathetic Washington law firm.



The family quest over the Baron 52 case has fallen mostly to Matejov's brother John, who maintains the evidence and memorabilia from decades of investigations and press coverage.

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"What it all boils down to when all is said and done, however, is right here. ... Sgt. Joseph Matejov, our brother," John Matejov told the DPAA officials as he pointed to the airman's portrait. "Joe put on a uniform and went to fight for

his country, a country that has yet to properly account for him."

The DPAA leaders listened for two hours and agreed to send a recommendation on the change of status to the Air Force by mid-April.


The service will make the final decision on whether to list Matejov as missing in action, Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Brooke Brzozowske told Stars and Stripes.

A decision to change the status would mean that DPAA "would seek to account for them as we do with all other individuals who are unaccounted for from past conflicts," agency spokeswoman Lt. Col. Holly Slaughter told Stars and Stripes.

It would also be an admission by the Air Force that it erred when considering Matejov killed all those years ago.

"I honestly don't believe he is alive but he didn't die in the crash," his sister Theresa Freeze, 56, said. "We just want the truth. We want [the case] to remain open and be looking for him ... because we don't believe he came Caution-home."

Freeze, a West Point graduate who served as an Army captain, said it is unlikely the DPAA would launch a mission to Laos to find her brother, and that the family is not asking for the contents of the Arlington grave to be exhumed for further testing. Instead, she wants her brother's name to be added to the 83,000 servicemembers the DPAA lists as missing and unrecovered.



The Baron 52 crew was finally laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in 1996 in a communal grave in Section 34, Site 4402.
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As unidentified remains are discovered in Southeast Asia and elsewhere, Matejov would be considered as a possible match, Freeze said.

"Every day now on Facebook, I see them finding remains and bringing them home and giving people closure," she said.

'He was denied'


John Matejov was the recipient of the last letter his brother ever wrote, sent from Southeast Asia before the plane crashed. He keeps it in a safe in his home. From time to time, he takes out the letter and reads it, choking with emotion.

Just a year apart, the brothers shared the tightest bond in the family.

They competed in everything and got in trouble together, Matejov said. They planned to enlist in the military together after high school.

"I oftentimes wonder where he would have been, what his career path would have been. Would he have kids?" he said. "And he was denied that."

The family quest over the Baron 52 case has fallen mostly to John, who keeps the boxes of evidence and memorabilia from decades of investigations and press coverage. He was the one who gave the family's final statement to the leaders at the DPAA in February.



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He has mastered all the details of the case. Every point has been considered and reconsidered in the hope that it will finally, someday, persuade the Air Force to see the family's version of the truth.

It has become a long-running theme in his life, repaying a debt to a brother he loved so much.

“First and foremost is honor. I don’t understand why people don’t grasp that. The debt of honor,” John Matejov said. “We all have our lives, we all have our distractions. I get that. But if we can’t uphold honor in the accounting process ... who are we?”

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PS: I added (b)(6) as he is the O&C Deputy, plus I think he was on the last DPAA-hosted Conference Call, right?

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Please review the notes from the March 31, 2016 conference call.
Thank you
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Respectfully,

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By Sky News US Team

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It really takes a special kind of low-life to desecrate a military display honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Over the past several months the Military Religious Freedom Foundation has waged a campaign to have Bibles removed from "Missing Man" displays located on federal property. They claim the inclusion of the Bible is a violation of federal law.

So far at least three VA medical clinics and one Air Force base have complied with the MRFF's demands to cleanse the displays of the Good Book.

I have been reporting on this religious cleansing for the past two years – and now a group of conservative organizations is preparing to fight back against the MRFF.

Fox News has exclusively obtained a letter sent to Robert McDonald, secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs – urging him to reinstate the Bible to the Missing Man displays.

"The removal of the Bible not only violates the integrity of these displays, but insults those returned POWs who gained daily strength from their faith in the prisons of our enemies," they wrote. "When a governmental agency such as the VA removes any part of the display, it is a grave insult to the nation's veterans who often gather together to honor those who have not returned, while also interfering with the message being expressed."

The letter was signed by representatives from Family Research Council, American Family Association, First Liberty Institute, Chaplain Alliance for

Religious Liberty, Center for Military Readiness, Freedom Alliance, Liberty Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom, Freedom X, Judicial Watch, LION Associates, Military-Veterans Advocacy, Stand Up America US, and the International Conference of Evangelical Chaplain Endorsers.

Secretary McDonald did not return my telephone calls or emails.

"There is definitely an all-out assault on the Christian faith within our military today," said Lt. Gen. (Ret.) William Boykin, executive vice president of the Family Research Council and one of the signers.

Boykin accused the VA of having a "knee-jerk" reaction to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation.

"It's a sad situation that a guy would actually try to destroy the traditions of our military and the basic values of our country," he told me.

The Missing Man Table was established during the Vietnam era. It was a solemn reminder of those who were Prisoners of War or Missing in Action.

The tables are typically displayed on military bases and VA clinics – and they are steeped in tradition. There are empty chairs for each of the five services, a red rose, an inverted glass, a yellow ribbon, salt sprinkled on a plate, a lemon slice, a candle – and a Bible.

"The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God," reads the official ceremony script.

But the Military Religious Freedom Foundation believes the Bible's presence on the Missing Man table represents a violation of the law.

Mikey Weinstein, the founder and president of the MRFF, demanded VA clinics in Youngstown, Ohio, and Akron, Ohio, remove the Bibles from the displays.

In a disgusting act of cowardice, VA officials in Youngstown and Akron obeyed Weinstein's demands and removed the Bibles. The MRFF also reports that a VA clinic in Houston got rid of the Bible, too.

The Youngstown clinic replaced the Bible with a "generic book" – a prop - "One whose symbolism can be individualized by each of our veterans as they pay their respects," a VA official told Vindy.com.

In a separate incident, the Bible was also removed from a display at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

"This is not persecution or victimization of Christianity," Weinstein told the *Air Force Times*. "This is simply an example where the Air Force should have a policy that makes it absolutely clear that nobody's religious affiliation is on (exclusive) display."

A base spokesperson confirmed to the newspaper that the Bible had been stripped from the display.

"Mutual respect is an essential part of the Air Force culture and we must ensure we create an environment in which people can realize their highest potential, regardless of one's personal religious or other beliefs," spokesperson Marie Vanover told the *Times*.

And by mutual respect – they mean anything remotely related to the Christian faith must be cleansed from the United States military.

I hope Secretary McDonald follows the wise counsel of conservative leaders like Gen. Boykin.

And I also hope he listens to the words of people like Ann Mills-Griffiths, the chairman of the board for the National League of POW/MIA Families.

Her brother, Commander James B. Mills, disappeared somewhere over North Vietnam on Sept. 21, 1966. The 26-year-old naval aviator remains classified as missing in action.

"The Bible kept many of our POWs alive and sustained their families through decades of uncertainty," she told me. "The Bible has always been a part of the tradition. Until now – no one has ever suggested the Bible should be removed from the table."

Mikey Weinstein and the Military Religious Freedom Foundation should be ashamed – declaring war on such a revered military tradition.

The Missing Man table is not about you, Mr. Weinstein. It's about brave patriots like Commander James B. Mills and their families.

Never forget that.

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Sent: 14 Apr 2016 09:48:39 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: (b)(6) email (U)

Of course he noticed, and he is really weak on the Legion staff, but then the entire DC HQ staff is weak and losing out almost daily, and very sadly. I've done all I can to alert people who can and should be recommending changes, but I have MUCH more important concerns on my plate, as you know. Despite all that, I hope YOU have a good day, Ann

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In a message dated 4/14/2016 9:46:05 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Of course. (b)(6) just responded to me. First time in almost a year. I think he noticed who I cc'd.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 8:20 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: (b)(6) email

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Sure I have it, but will you promise to tell (b)(6) that you can't get any responses from (b)(6). He knows from me, but it will help if he knows from you and, in this case, why don't you call (b)(6). His phone number here in Alexandria is (b)(6) and in (b)(6). His email is (b)(6)@yahoo.com < Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@yahoo.com >. I've talked with him at lengths about how bad things are within Legion HQ, and you should also know that (b)(6) and (b)(6) are working to stop (b)(6) resolution, based on the letter I sent to the IL Department Commander, copied to the Legion National Commander, Linnngton and (b)(6). I've not known you to over-react, so don't on this one. Have a good day, Ann

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In a message dated 4/14/2016 7:26:32 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Do you have it? I'm so very tired of getting blown off by (b)(6). He doesn't respond to anything but just asks stupid questions.=

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Apr 2016 08:24:56 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: American Legion Letter To North Korean Govt

(b)(6) reply was fine, and I only deal with (b)(6) non logistics, not substance. Thanks for closing the loop between you, HI and the League. It always helps to be mutually supportive, despite what some lawyers may think and the good news is, there is ONLY one NGO who represents Vietnam War families, unlike the plethora of those who pretend to represent Korean/Cold War families.....and then there is WWII, now represented by (b)(6)!! UGH, Ann.

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In a message dated 4/14/2016 7:30:19 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

(b)(6) just so you know who is speaking for the Legion. (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:12 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Open Letter To North Korean Govt. (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 11:42 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Open Letter To North Korean Govt. (U)

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Thanks (b)(6)
We have many in the loop here.
You never know what might happen when
an NGO comes forward. Sounds all too familiar to me when we went to Vietnam.

(b)(6)

On Wed, Apr 13, 2016 at 3:40 PM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
<(b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > >
wrote:

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CAVEAT: None

Hi (b)(6)

This is to acknowledge your email and voicemails. Thanks for letting us know of your efforts.

FYI, the permission/authorization/approval to return put teams in North Korea will be made a higher level of the US government-- and we will maintain our readiness to return when authorized. Other parts of the USG, not DPAA, are primarily in charge of the US relationship with Asian Countries.

I assume you in coordination with the National American Legion Headquarters -- I ask because I also forward your correspondence to our DPAA headquarters Outreach & Communications Division Chief (in DC) who directly interfaces (and can do much more) with your AL National HQ on broad strategic issues and other mutual needs and requests.

Best Regards,

(b)(6)

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

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:23 AM

To: RCO KP

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Open Letter To North Korean Govt.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 15 Apr 2016 13:23:40 -0400
To:

(b)(6)



Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Rep Leonard Lance Helps on POW/MIA Flag Bill

Sure wish someone could convince Rolling Thunder to at least use the accurate number of US personnel missing and unaccounted-for since WWII. It is not 90,000, especially when roughly 40,000 are considered unrecoverable and virtually "buried at sea" in the US Navy tradition since most went down at sea in US Navy ships during WWII. As Senators McCaskill and Ayotte were publicly demanding, it is time for the USG to bring realism to expectations on WWII accounting, as well as Korean War and Vietnam War. In the latter, we have always accepted the reality that not all Vietnam War POW/MIAs will be accounted for, but we still hope for and expect as much information as can be reasonably expected. Best to all, Ann

Thanks to Lance for help with POW/MIA flag bill | Letter



A POW/MIA flag raising day ceremony at Centenary College. (*Express-Times Photo | TONY IANNITELLI*)

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[The POW/MIA flag flying beneath the American flag over the U.S. Capitol is designated as the symbol of our nation — a reminder of our commitment to our POW/MIA and their families that we have not forgotten them, and to resolve the 90,000 plus soldiers still unaccounted for from all wars. We will never forget until they all come Caution-home.](http://cloud.siteencore.com/v1/loading.html#rotftwetu=aHR0cHMIM0EvL3d3dy5nb29nbGUuY29tLw%3D%3D&ibothsahttrtd=aHR0cHMIM0EvL3d3dy5nb3Z0cmFjay51cy9jb25ncmVzcy9iaWxscy8xMTQvaHI0OTEwJTNGdXRtX2NhXBhaWduJTNEZ292dHJhY2tfZmVIZCUyNnV0bV9zb3VyY2UIM0Rnb3Z0cmFjay9mZWVkJTI2dXRtX21lZGI1bSUzRHJzZcw%3D%3D&shtlp=aHR0cCUzQS8vd3d3LmxlaGlhZhbGxleWxpdmUuY29tL29waW5pb24vaW5kZXguc3NmLzlwMTYvMDQvdGhhbmtzX3RvX2xhbmNIX2ZvcI9oZWxwX3dpdGguaHRtbA%3D%3D&otisu=aHR0cCUzQS8vc2I0ZWVuY29yZS5jb20vQWR2YW5jZU5ldC9MZWhpZ2hWYWxsZXIMaXZIL05KQU0xNUxWL2luZGV4Lmh0bWw%3D&x=122&y=209&w=1675&h=798&t=14607401873101&tokenID=F9TAEDU8XSMI8LX6IEEKH3P9XK540YU2&s=c2I0ZWVuY29yZS5jb20%3D > . This legislation requires that the POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in action) flag be displayed all days that the American flag is displayed on federal buildings, mainly the U.S. Capitol and the White House.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

I also would like to thank John Byers, communication director for Lance's office, for his help with writing the text of this legislation.

Gus Dante

National board member, Rolling Thunder Inc. National Branchburg, N.J.

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Sent: 15 Apr 2016 20:42:44 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV (US); (b)(6)
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Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Update - Contact Made With DPK-Korean Perm Mission Representative - Dire... (U)
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Should loop (b)(6) in on this...

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Don't know if (b)(6) sent this one to you, but there is NO indication that the DPRK has expressed any wish to meet with (b)(6) at least not in this email transmission. Perhaps on the phone? You might want to check to (b)(6) Ann

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Sent: 4/15/2016 1:39:09 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Update - Contact Made With DPK-Korean Perm Mission Representative - Direction Given - Invite to Meet Extended (b)(6)

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Looks like they are interested in meeting with me (TBA).

(b)(6)





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WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (Mo.), Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, today applauded Senate passage of the National POW/MIA Remembrance Act. The measure directs the Architect of the Capitol to place a commemorative chair in the U.S. Capitol to honor American servicemembers who are Prisoners of War or Missing in Action. As Chairman, Blunt expedited consideration of the bill in the Senate, where it passed by unanimous consent.

“We can never forget our nation’s servicemembers who are Prisoners of War or Missing in Action, nor can we abandon our efforts to return them to their families. I hope this chair will encourage the millions of visitors who pass through the Capitol each year to pause and remember the more than 91,000 service members who remain unaccounted for since World War I. We owe our freedom to these men and women, and it is only right that we honor them in the world’s most notable symbol of democracy.”

The chair that is placed in the Capitol under this measure will feature the logo of the National League of POW/MIA Families. Veterans advocacy group Rolling Thunder has backed the campaign to place commemorative chairs in state capitols, city halls, and sports arenas throughout the United States.

The bill passed the House on March 21st of this year, and is now headed to the president’s desk.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 18 Apr 2016 15:05:55 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) USARMY HRC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: MIA/POW soldier

Sorry, this went before I intended, so this resend is adding (b)(6) to the addressees, Ann

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In a message dated 4/18/2016 2:44:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@aol.com writes:

(b)(6) and (b)(6) I was hoping for a reply from this lady who contacted me, but in view of the lapsed time, I thought one of you might like to take it upon yourself to reach out to her.

As you can see from my reply, I was encouraging her to provide additional information, but thus far, nothing additional has been received.

I also wanted you all to know that this is precisely the kind of reply we send to Americans who inquire to our office, but have relatives missing or otherwise unaccounted-for (KIA/BNR) from earlier wars and conflicts. It shows the way we all can and should be mutually helpful, though of course I have no idea what others may recommend. Just thought you'd want to know this lady (b)(6) is interested and, if nothing else, may be able to provide a DNA sample for comparison use by the DPAA Lab.

Best to all, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
To: (b)(6)@msn.com
Sent: 4/9/2016 5:02:33 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: MIA/POW soldier

(b)(6) thank you for contacting me and I regret that you lost your uncle, (b)(6), during the Korean War, though there is some reason for hope in your uncle's case. If he was captured, died in captivity and was buried adjacent to one of the known POW camps in North Korean, there is a possibility that his remains could be among the co-mingled remains unilaterally repatriated by the DPRK some years ago. Scientific advances in recent years have finally begun to bear fruit in identifying some of those initially buried as "unknowns" in US cemeteries abroad, as well as here in the US.

The National League of POW/MIA Families is, by charter and bylaws, focused solely on Vietnam War missing; however, because of what we started in 1970, the accounting mission has broadened in scope and mission to also include worldwide efforts to account for the missing and otherwise unaccounted-for (killed-in-action/body-not-recovered, or KIA/BNR) from both the Korean War and WWII.

You didn't mention where you are located, but the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) holds "Family Member Updates" most months out of each year, plus DPAA-hosted Annual Government Briefings for Korean War and Cold War families will be held in the DC area in August.

You also didn't mention which of the Military Services your uncle was in, but since it was related to the Korean War, I'd assume either Army (most likely) or Marine Corps. Either way, you need to be in touch with the correct Service and unless you already are in communication, I'll be glad to put you in touch with the right Service.

When you reply, please also provide your uncle's full name, assuming that (b)(6) may be a nickname, or an abbreviation, rather than his given name. You mentioned your father having arranged a funeral service for his brother, but I'm assuming you meant a Memorial Service, without remains, since otherwise you would not be inquiring. I did the same for my brother, primarily because I wanted to honor his service while the vast majority of my family who knew him well was still able to travel freely, as well as to ensure that if/when any remains of my brother are recovered and identified, there will be a place for him at Arlington National Cemetery.

As to (b)(6), I'm afraid I don't know since that is the (b)(6) (b)(6) though I'd never heard (b)(6) mention having a (b)(6) who was captured during the Korean War.

(b)(6)

Please respond when you are able and provide your address, telephone and any other information you care to share. Again, I'm glad you contacted me and I'll help in any way to get you connected, plus if there has been no DNA reference sample provided by a qualified blood relative of your missing uncle, it is crucial that such be arranged so that if/when possible, there will be comparison data available.

I look forward to hearing from you and best wishes,

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In a message dated 4/9/2016 4:39:43 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@msn.com writes:

Ann,
I was just researching events for MIA/POW to take my family to. I found this page and was going to register, but everything I see is for Vietnam. My uncle was in the Korean Conflict and captured. His remains have never been found, because of him being in North Korea. My Dad was able to get a military burial finally here in Utah about (b) years ago. I want to teach my children and celebrate my uncles life. I was wondering if this is an organization for Vietnam only.

(b)(6) my Uncle who died is (b)(6) I don't know if he was (b)(6)

(b)(6)
Thanks for your time,

(b)(6)

Sent from my iPad=

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 20 Apr 2016 19:09:04 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Letter from the Director to all Vietnam War POW/MIA Families (U)
Attachments: facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg, DPAA.Ltr.to.NOK_4-12-16.pdf

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

I can't honestly recall what he said in his remarks other than to call out different folks who work in the mission.

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

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

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 2:05 PM

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

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Letter from the Director to all Vietnam War POW/MIA Families

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(b)(6) the form letter that was sent is now attached as there are some who would not have received it as their previously missing loved ones have been accounted for and returned to them.

I do hope the update in Austin went well, that all those who signed up to attend did so, and that the information they received was realistic and well-understood. I look forward to hearing about the sessions and understand also that the Director gave updated, more comprehensive remarks. In view of that, I'd appreciate a copy of what he provided that I'll be glad to post and share with all League officials.

Thanks in advance and best, Ann

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In a message dated 4/16/2016 6:59:23 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (b)(6)@aol.com writes:

(b)(6) I wanted you to know that I received a computer-generated form letter today inviting me to Washington, DC, June 22-25 to receive briefings on USG efforts that will be "held at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, during the National League of POW/MIA Families 47th Annual Meeting."

If I didn't know differently, I would think that DPAA had made all arrangements for the special rate at the Hilton and that the League was holding meetings at the same time. That's a "partnership?" Really? It struck me more as a disconnect from reality and didn't even mention of the need to arrive early to be able to attend the Ft. Myer Twilight Tattoo? Or any suggestion on registering for the 47th Annual Meeting?

Although I'm sure it was not coordinated with (b)(6) but rather with DPAA's legal staff, it certainly isn't an auspicious, cohesive beginning for the 47th Annual Meeting. In fact, it is VERY disappointing. Ann

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April 12, 2016

MRS ANN MILLS GRIFFITHS

(b)(6)

Dear MRS MILLS GRIFFITHS,

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I invite you to Washington, DC, on June 22 to 25 so that we can brief you on our efforts to account for your loved one missing from the Vietnam War. The briefings will be held at the Hilton Crystal City hotel in Arlington, Virginia, during the National League of POW/MIA Families' 47th Annual Meeting.

In addition to the briefings, each family member will have the opportunity to meet with an analyst to discuss the efforts being made to account for their missing loved one. The Department of Defense is authorized to provide funding for travel for two qualifying family members of each missing serviceman or civilian under the Coincidental Assistance (COIN Assist) program. Please contact your casualty officer for additional information on the COIN Assist program.

Army.....	(800) 892-2490
Navy.....	(800) 443-9298
Air Force.....	(800) 531-5501
Marine Corps.....	(800) 847-1597
State Department.....	(202) 485-6106
CIA.....	(703) 874-4270

If you plan on attending this year's meeting and need a room at the hotel, please call the Hilton Crystal City hotel at 800-445-8667 to make your reservation and use group code "MIA" to get a special room rate. The cut-off date for the special rate is June 1, 2016.

I hope you are able to attend this year's meeting. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact your service casualty officer so they can assist you.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Linnington
Director



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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Resolution information - was sent to me from Departmet

Just FYI, so you'd have my reply to the copy sent to (b)(6) and all, Ann

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CC: (b)(6)@yahoo.com
Sent: 4/20/2016 5:03:49 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: Resolution information - was sent to me from Departmet

I have no problem at all with ruffling feathers, (b)(6) if the basis for the "ruffle" is accurate. Accusing the League and DPAA of abandoning DIC cases in Vietnam is not! I applaud the intention of garnering greater, more rapid attention and results, no doubt of that! Best, Ann

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In a message dated 4/20/2016 2:13:08 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

Dear (b)(6)

The date today is 4/20/2016.
Yet the Korean War has been over since the early fifties.

Over 5,300 U.S. service personnel were left behind within the North Korea
former POW campsites since then.
Yet again our **recommended resolution** is claiming to see that a **an
action plan if formed** by the **U.S. DPAA**.

I/we must believe in them in order to get these U.S. remains Caution-home.
If ruffling a few feathers does it...then let it be so.

Having walked the past battle fields in Vietnam on my return trip
helped give me an even greater sense of the USA/VN/DPK/Russia effort to
complete
this mission within these countries.

I stand by this resolution and hope that you will too.
Should there be a need for further discussion my phone line is (b)(6)
(b)(6)

Until then we respect those appointed with the mission of resolving this all
urgent POW/MIA/BNR/DIC case(s) issue.

Respectfully submitted,
(b)(6)
Illinois Marine Combat Veteran
Chair
POW/MIA Post 541 Comte
(b)(6)

On Wed, Apr 20, 2016 at 10:21 AM, (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-
mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > > wrote:
FYI

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mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com >
Sent: 4/20/2016 10:09:24 A.M. Central Daylight Time
Subj: Resolution information - was sent ot me from Departmet

Not sure what this means exactly, but I figure we managed to ruffle a few feathers.

(b)(

From: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Sent: 20 Apr 2016 18:06:28 -0500
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV
DPAA EC (US); RCO KP (b)(6)@one.un.org
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: My Response To The National League of Families
POW/MIA Letter - We Must N...
Attachments: Follow up to the DP-K UN Delegation 001.jpg

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USA & DPK-Korean POW/MIA Search Teams Seeking
Permission to Re-Enter the DPK-Korea - Together We Can

Sent via Email & USPS

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April 20, 2016

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Re: POW/MIA Recovery Operations DPK - Korea

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Att: North Korean Desk Officer

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(b)(6) of course we need communication and there is no lack of communication between the League and the Vietnamese, Lao or Cambodians. Nor is there a lack of initiative on the part of US investigators deploying on field operations to interview potential sources of information on all unresolved cases, including DICs.

I certainly agree that you, in The American Legion, or you personally, have every right to hold whatever opinion you desire, but I could not allow to go unchallenged your false assertion related to the Vietnam War DIC cases. It is untrue, simple and direct as that, and your asserting otherwise left me no choice but to clarify with responsible Legion officials.

Best wishes,

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Re: USA-DPAA Recovery Efforts
VLC Area & DPK-Korea

Dear Ms. Griffiths/Ann:

We have known each other for many years since my first return back to Vietnam. As a private citizen/Vietnam Marine Combat veteran, I have also believed that communication is our best tool in the box to further help get the job done in recovering our U.S. service personnel in the Vietnam/Laos/Cambodia areas?

Yet, the year is 2016' and we have yet to see or hear of any most recent recovery efforts of those U.S. personnel that died in those POW campsites/prisons as outlined in our previous correspondence sent.

Therefore, our American Legion resolution must stand as read.

Many of the U.S. DPAA teams' today need to (wait for information to come in) while obtaining sites where possible U.S. remains have been left.

As a retired law enforcement First Lieutenant, I believe that we cannot continue to wait for "news tips" from the area farmers to come to them. We must go out and beat the bushes down. Much like a crime scene, the need for first hand witness information is vital for our US DPAA JFI Teams.

Interviews must take place! This is why I insist that the American Legion maintain its recently revised resolution edition.

Only together as one can we achieve the common goal of locating, recovering, identifying and returning the collected remains of our U.S. service personnel.

By keeping our feet up on the desk while waiting for the phone to ring with information —is the wrong approach.

The most recent photo capturing the DPK Korean farmers digging up what appears to be human remains reminds us that too need to reopen the border for our USG-DPAA teams to return to those former wartime Korean War prisons/campsites.

Having just spoken today with my DPK Korean counterpart at their UN mission offices located in New York—I was reminded that we need to contact the pentagon to help complete this task of securing an open border for our teams. So you see we continue to chase our tails and nothing gets down.

In closing, maybe we can achieve this goal of re-establishing communications with our counterparts not only in the DPK Korea but the Vietnam/Laos/Cambodia and throughout the world where we served, fought and at times many died while kept as a prisoner of war.

(b)(6)

m Veteran (Former US Based NGO to Vietnam)

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Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 47th Annual Meeting & Commemorative Candlelight Ceremony (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

FYI,
The Dir sent a note to the MDW Cmdr asking him to support your request. I thought you should know.
(b)(6)

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This is addressed to you, (b)(6) since you are noted a copy of the (b)(6) Memo which I managed to recover from last year, though sent to (b)(6). I hope this covers all the MDW-support bases and makes everyone happy. I don't know about other forms, however, so if there is something else, kindly send it back to (b)(6) and me, and thanks in advance.

I can well recall when I would simply call MDW and chat with them about what we wanted each year; it was all so pleasant, friendly and not at all a burden. Remarkably, it also worked, and everyone seemed so much happier. Some changes sure are NOT an improvement, to put it mildly, Ann

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Sent: 4/21/2016 5:47:39 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: 47th Annual Meeting & Commemorative Candlelight Ceremony

Gentlemen, attached are 1) Invitation to MG Becker; 2) Memorandum to (b)(6) related to MDW support; and 3) the latest DRAFT of our 47th Annual Meeting Program.

We sincerely appreciate the superb support and assistance provided in years past and sincerely hope that your assets and resources will again be available.

Best wishes to each of you, and God bless our military and their families, all so very special to us.

Respectfully,

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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: Holland, Thomas D (Dr. (ST-SES)) CIV DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Bloomberg Caution-news: Too many classified documents make US unsafe

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“There’s classified, and then there’s classified,” President Barack Obama said in a recent interview. Unfortunately, he’s right: The U.S. government classifies vast amounts of material as secret, top secret and the like, much of it with no relevance to national security.

This isn’t just a bureaucratic waste of money and a blow to the democratic ideal of government transparency. Overclassification makes the U.S. less secure, in that it distracts intelligence agencies from protecting actual life-and-death secrets, and undermines public support for data collection and other measures needed to keep us safe.

Justice and accountability require a thorough reappraisal of the need for secrecy.

One person who understands the problem is Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, whom nobody could call soft on national security. In March, he asked his agency chiefs to find ways to make more documents available for public scrutiny.

One striking suggestion: Switch from a system in which some materials are scheduled for declassification after a set period — often 15 or 25 years — to one in which officials actively look to identify documents that can be declassified sooner.

More broadly, the intelligence community needs to lose its risk-averse mindset about documents: Nobody ever got fired for classifying something that didn't need it.

To alter that dynamic, each of the 16 agencies that make up the intelligence community could appoint a declassification official, similar to an inspector general, to pore over secret materials and identify those documents that most deserve public scrutiny. Agencies that fared poorly in these random audits would know the extent to which they are wasting time and money on needless secret-keeping.

A simpler change would be to drop the lowest level of classification, "confidential," altogether, as the U.K. did in 2014. Documents in that category have no bearing on national security yet account for more than one-fifth of classified material. Eliminating the label, Clapper says, would free personnel to vet truly sensitive materials.

Any experienced government official can tell you that classification can be used for purely political ends, such as hiding documents to save an agency or official from embarrassment or legitimate scrutiny. Transparency on this score could be improved by ensuring that contractors at intelligence agencies have the same job protections as full-time staffers if they bring malfeasance to light through proper whistle-blowing channels.

The intelligence community has made some recent progress on unnecessary secrecy. The number of people holding security clearances has dropped significantly — a good sign, because overclassification creates the demand for such permissions. The government claims it has lowered overall classification rates as well, though some critics don't trust the figures. In any event, more needs to be done.

In his remaining months in office, Obama should press for changes to ensure that the next administration will be more open than his.

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Sent: 24 Apr 2016 11:00:28 -0400
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Note caveated announcement re: 1Lt Thomas, as proposed earlier.

Thanks, (b)(6) and you know, I hesitated on that and should have paid more attention to my inner voice, though thought I'd checked it on DPAA's web site. Obviously, I goofed up, but it sure isn't the first time and there undoubtedly will be more. Have a great Sunday, Ann

PS Will one of you in DPAA kindly send me the email address for Todd Livick? Since he now, as I was admonished, "the new (b)(6)" I assume he'll be cleared to communicate with people outside the agency? Or will the leadership also be monitoring his emails?

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In a message dated 4/24/2016 10:35:41 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

Thanks, Ann. One correction: (b)(6) was USA, not USAF. Best, (b)(6)

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 23, 2016, at 12:27 PM, (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > wrote:

UPDATE: April 23, 2016

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: The number of US personnel missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War is still **1,621**.

Recently announced as accounted for is SFC Alan L. Boyer, USA/Special Forces, listed as MIA 3/28/68, Laos, and identified 3/16/16. Prior to this announcement, DPAA had announced the name of Major Donald G. Carr, USAF, listed as MIA 7/6/71, in South Vietnam, remains returned 8/29/14, and identified 8/10/15. Word is circulating that remains of 1Lt Daniel W. Thomas, USAF, the other officer missing from this incident, have been recovered. All hope that these remains will be identified as 1Lt Thomas and returned to his family; however, in reality, the osseous material recovered will undergo thorough analysis at the DPAA Laboratory in Hawaii before any conclusions can be reached. The total accounted for is still **962 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, raises the total of US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War to **1,025**. Of the 1,621 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-301; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations and analyses 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 of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War.

DPAA DIRECTOR VISITS PRC & SOUTH KOREA: Director Michael Linnington, accompanied by three DPAA staff members, is now en route to the People's Republic of China (PRC) for accounting-specific talks aimed at increasing PRC cooperation. In addition to advocating joint field operations, Mr. Linnington likely will seek greater access to archives relevant to Vietnam War losses that would predictably have been known to PRC personnel then serving in North Vietnam and Laos, and archives related to known POW camps run by PRC personnel during the Korean War. The team will then travel to South Korea. Following a tour of MAKRI (Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA Recovery and Identification facility), the team will participate in a repatriation ceremony honoring two US personnel who served during the Korean War, remains of whom, if verified through DPAA Lab identification, were recently recovered by South Korean recovery specialists. MAKRI was established in 2007 with support and assistance of (b)(6) and CILHI.

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-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 25th, with a **League-hosted Farewell Reception**.

ATTEND DPAA-HOSTED UPDATE: The next DPAA-hosted POW/MIA Update will be held in Boston, MA, on May 14th. Contact your Service Casualty Office to obtain the latest information. If a family member and you have not yet provided a DNA sample for comparison, you are encouraged to do so and your Service Casualty Office can explain eligibility.

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Sent: 25 Apr 2016 11:10:18 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Latest DRAFT 47th AnMtg (U)

Will do, (b)(6) and thanks for the suggestion. I was "just" getting it you all first, and I doubt Linnington wants to hear much from me, but I'll try again, not giving up on him, at least not yet. I really want him to succeed, even beyond his wildest dreams! Ann

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In a message dated 4/25/2016 9:05:46 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

I personally think it helps when you send out the program to all your POCS here and at the services all at once.... then everyone is on the same sheet of music and no one is wondering or asking who has the latest agenda.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2016 6:47 PM
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attached is the latest, and please share, especially with those who need it, such as the Service Casualty Offices, or would they prefer the abbreviated version I'm sending out in our upcoming newsletter? Let us know, Ann

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 25 Apr 2016 18:23:37 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Funeral for SSG Alan Boyer, USA Special Forces (U)
Attachments: 20160422_090621.jpg, 20160422_133958_resized.jpg

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

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From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 10:09 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Funeral for SSG Alan Boyer, USA Special Forces (U)

Well, compared to Bangkok, Olongapo pales. However, returning via Manila with side trip to Angeles City. Look that up on the YouTubes. Also hope to hit the midget bar just down the street from my friend's place. For photo opp mainly.

Bangkok so unreal, I felt like I just fell off a turnip truck. Just so f-in HOT, locals complaining. GO CAPS!!!

On April 25, 2016, at 8:33 PM, "(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)"
(b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

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CAVEAT: None

We don't get to do fun stuff either. How many weeks are you staying in Olongapo?

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
From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 9:29 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Funeral for SSG Alan Boyer, USA Special Forces (U)

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CAVEAT: None

The two names are not familiar to me. We don't meet too many of the guys in the field. Looks like a good trip.

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From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 9:03 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Funeral for SSG Alan Boyer, USA Special Forces (U)

LOL...I lose weight traveling. Down to 279 lbs. now, after 4 SAUNA stops. Did anyone know those guys? One works with (b)(6) a lot. Bridge over Kwai attached. 

On April 25, 2016, at 7:44 PM, (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)" (b)(6)@mail.mil> wrote:

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CAVEAT: None

Poor elephant. It's not designed to carry 280 pounds of American hillbilly.

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

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 7:37 AM

To: (b)(6)@comcast.net

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Funeral for SSG Alan Boyer, USA Special Forces

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Sorry, I forgot the photo, and it's a GREAT one! Thanks, Ann

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In a message dated 4/25/2016 5:20:21 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@comcast.net writes:

Ann,

I quick response and sorry to hear of Dorothy. I am in Siem Reap now. In Vientiane I saw an American looking guy sitting out front on my hotel SMOKING in the 102F HEAT. Feel like temp, 116F. Chat finally deduced he was in the Army, based in HI. I asked if he is DPAA and that would be a YES. This morning, he was in the lobby with another guy and likewise.

Army guy does equipment maintenance, (b)(6) and safety mgmt. (b)(6)
(b)(6) Something like that, can't read his printing. How small world is that???

Great trip so far. Manila, Bangkok, Vientiane, now Siem Reap. Overnight in Saigon on the way back to Manila to 're-visit friends there.

See soon, (b)(6)

PS. Please forward to (b)(6) and (b)(6). I don't have their addresses.

On April 25, 2016, at 5:21 AM, (b)(6)@aol.com wrote:

All of you to whom this has been sent are assumed to have known and loved (b)(6) mother of SSG (b)(6) USA/SF, whose remains have not been recovered and identified. All has been planned in coordination with the League and the SF community, both SFA and SOA, plus DPAA.

Though (b)(6) had wanted to hold the funeral in the Old Post Chapel at Ft. Myer, it was not available, so the funeral will instead be held in the Memorial Chapel at Ft. Myer on (b)(6) followed by interment in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. After conclusion of the ceremony, the SFA Trust is hosting a reception at Ft. Myer, but I don't yet know the precise location. My expectation is that it will be in the historic Ft. Myer Officers Club, as the last SF reception was held, but that has not been confirmed.

This email is to learn from each of you, with spouse where applicable, will arrive in DC and have time to check into the Hilton and get to Ft. Myer for the funeral at (b)(6). Frankly, I recommend that you all fly in on (b)(6) so that you can visit elected officials on Capitol Hill before going to Ft. Myer.

Others simply cannot make it to DC in time and that is understandable, but please let me know your intentions, no later than (b)(6) preferably earlier. I have made a commitment to give the SF guys a firm count before the (b)(6), and that will occur.

In addition, if you know of other long-time League members who knew (b)(6) and/or (b)(6) and also plan to attend the 47th Annual Meeting, please let me know their names and email addresses so that I can contact them and confirm their arrival in time to attend.

This is, obviously, an emotional, but very happy time for (b)(6) and though she certainly wishes this had come before (b)(6) passed away, her first reaction was precisely as we all feel and react, "(b)(6) finally knows" what happened. I'm sure you are all as happy for (b)(6) and I, and she has been swamped with all the expressions of support she has received.

OK, that's it, and let me know your intentions. Best to all, Ann

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Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 47th Annual Meeting & Dinner
Attachments: 47thAnMtgDrft_4-24-16_TIMED.pdf, Registration.Form_2-17-16.doc, Registration.Form_2-17-16.pdf, 4-25-16_Newsletter.docx

Just so you know, all our military Service Casualty Offices now have the full and abbreviated latest draft programs, as well as the Registration Form, hoping the information is in time for their mailings to NOK. The next one I'll do is to participants, and you all should discard any prior versions. For the good of the mission, thanks for correcting the repatriation date for Alan Boyer to 6/16/1998. Best to all, Ann

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Sent: 4/25/2016 2:07:55 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: 47th Annual Meeting & Dinner

Hi to All, and the subject latest draft is attached. There are still a couple of confirmations that are needed, including the title for Dep. National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes' presentation, and some additional changes for the Friday morning session, but other than that, things seem to be moving forward smoothly.

I'm also enclosing an abbreviated program without details (presenters and titles, etc.) that you may want to consider using for your upcoming "COIN Assist" mail-outs to the Vietnam War families. If so, you can just cut and paste from the WORD document,

including the administrative notes that you and the NOK may find useful. Last year, some of the families were disappointed that they didn't get into DC early enough to participate in the Twilight Tattoo at Ft. Myer on Wednesday, June 22nd, the day of registration/credential distribution. And finally, the Registration Form, in both WORD and PDF.

Please also note the beginning and ending hours designated for individual case file reviews. Though we'd much prefer you all would remain on Saturday and accept our invitation to mix and mingle at the League-hosted Farewell Reception, many of you have in recent years departed Saturday afternoon. So that the families can at least take advantage of their lunch break on Saturday, I do hope you'll be able to accommodate being available until the session resumes at 2:00 p.m.. on that day, June 25th.

Finally, there was unanimous agreement on the board to ask our Service Casualty Offices to again participate in the Commemorative Candlelight Ceremony by serving as candlelighters. Your participation last year was deeply appreciated and made the ceremony even more meaningful. I would ask that you send the full names and, if active-duty, rank/rate for inclusion in our dinner program. The only advance requirement will be to meet briefly with (b)(6) (whom many of you know) on Thursday evening, June 23rd, before the doors open for seating at 6:30 p.m. I estimate no more than ten minutes of your time for this purpose.

We look forward to having you all with us again this year, and if any of you have questions, you certainly know where to find us. The additional email addresses in the copy-to section, in addition to our long-time friend (b)(6) are (b)(6) (my office), (b)(6) and (b)(6)

Best to all, Ann

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Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Linnington's History Project

The Director indicated earlier he wants to have some recorded history of how the mission evolved into what is today DPAA. Toward that objective, I have a box of the official portraits of the JTF-FA Commanders that was sent to me from Bangkok when JTF-FA became JPAC. They are sitting in my office, but we really don't need them and they would fit in nicely if he was at all serious about DPAA's evolution from JCRC and CIL. Let me know if there is really any interest in this project. At this point I have no idea if was, or is, serious, but I would think such a "display" of some merit might be best placed at the beautiful new DPAA facility in Hawaii, and that it rightly should fall under Outreach and Communication so, with that in mind, I'm copying the new Deputy Director (b)(6) Later, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 25 Apr 2016 21:41:46 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Letter Sent To North Korean Foreign Ministry of Aff...

(b) I doubt he'd cc (b)(6), because he knows the Legion structure, and don't necessarily want to run into them in his own IL environment. We just need to keep him in his lane, NOT at the national level, and we can, no doubt, and I'll help in any way, so keep me posted if you see something bizarre crop up. I'd rather have things multiple times than b caught off guard. Ann

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

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Yes, he must send three emails a day with various rants to various folks. I should have guessed you were on the distro. I presume he is ccing (b)(6) too but can't be sure.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 05:21 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Letter Sent To North Korean Foreign Ministry of Aff...

Yes, I knew (b)(6) had sent you and (b)(6) a copy; he blind-copied me on that, but I wanted (b)(6) and (b)(6) to see it too. He is REALLY off the charts this time,

resurrected his rabid determination and certainly has no lack of commitment or energy. He has country names and official positions all over the map, though you may be right that the DPRK is bizarre they may even believe he is someone important in The Legion's leadership. God only knows, but glad you are not responding, though BG Spindler did, a mistake in my view. Later, Ann

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

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CAVEAT: None

Thanks, Ann. Mr. (b)(6) sent me and (b)(6) a copy earlier. I sent it to (b)(6) as an FYI because I'm sure the DPRK believe (b)(6) is someone senior within the American Legion based on his signature block. I also told (b)(6) that we have no intention of responding or commenting on these letters because it only seems to encourage Mr. (b)(6) that he is working for and/or assisting the US Government in our accounting efforts when all he doing is creating confusion. Best, (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) @aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) @aol.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 4:30 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Letter Sent To North Korean Foreign Ministry of Affairs in North Korea T...

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Just FYI,

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com
To: (b)(6)@mail.mil (b)(6)@mail.mil
Sent: 4/25/2016 4:17:44 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Letter Sent To North Korean Foreign Ministry of Affairs in North
Korea Today

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 28 Apr 2016 15:38:37 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Draft Remembrance Invitation (U)
Attachments: Remembrance Invitation HMC Gonzales-USN (3).doc

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann,
Please take a look at this draft and see what you think. If you want a joint signature, just add it at the bottom or tell me what you want added. Please leave the track changes on so I can easily spot the changes.

Thanks.

(b)(6)



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Ms. (b)(6)

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Dear Ms. (b)(6)

At the request of the National League of POW/MIA Families, I would like to invite you to attend a special dinner the League is hosting on June 23, 2016, to honor the eight American servicemen and 11 foreign nationals who have lost their lives while trying to bring home our missing from the Vietnam War as well as World War II. The dinner will be held on June 23 from 7pm to 9pm at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

The National League of Families is a non-profit organization composed of families of missing servicemen and civilians from the Vietnam War and they hold a three day meeting each year in Arlington, Virginia to update their families on the government's efforts to account for their loved ones-this year's meeting is the 47th since the League was established. The League chose this year to honor those who have died serving this mission because it marks the 15th anniversary of the April 7, 2001, tragic loss of your husband, (b)(6) (b)(6) and his six fellow American comrades and their nine Vietnamese team members while on a mission in Vietnam.

The ceremony will also honor a US Army officer and South Vietnamese noncommissioned officer killed in Vietnam in 1973 and an Australian helicopter pilot who died in 2003 in New Guinea. More than 250 family members of missing servicemen from the Vietnam War as well as 100 senior U.S. and foreign government and military officials will also be in attendance. The point of contact for the dinner is Ms. (b)(6) of the National League of Families at: (b)(6) @pow-miafamilies.org or (b)(6).

I recognize it may not be possible for you to make this trip and I may not be able to meet you in person to convey my personal appreciation. Therefore, as the person who oversees the more than 700 men and women dedicated to finding our fallen, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to you and your family. It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of your husband, (b)(6) as we work to bring home our missing from the battlefields around the world. His dedication and sacrifice are remembered and honored.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Linnington
Director

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From: [REDACTED]@aol.com
Sent: 28 Apr 2016 13:56:33 -0400
To:

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Remains of 15 S. Koreans, 2 Americans handed over 6 decades after deaths

Remains of 15 S. Koreans, 2 Americans handed over 6 decades after deaths

Pallbearers carry the remains of South Korean soldiers during a Korean War repatriation ceremony at U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, Thursday, April 28, 2016.
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By Kim Gamel < Caution-http://www.stripes.com/reporters/2.2246?author=Kim_Gamel >

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Remains belonging to 15 South Koreans and two Americans killed in the Korean War are returned home during a ceremony Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan.
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Roy Evans was 16 when his family got the devastating news that his older brother was missing and presumed to have been killed during his military service in the Korean War.

- **Korean War vet finally laid to rest < Caution-
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A half-dozen family members awaited the arrival of the glossy black casket draped in a flag, holding what remains of the 18-year-old who died in a prisoner of war camp in the winter of 1951.

- **Tacoma family keeps up search for downed Korean War pilot < Caution-
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As a boy, Albert Paffenroth Jr. walked to the edge of a fence around the runway at Johnson Air Force Base in Japan to watch his dad and other pilots lift into the sky in their B-26 bombers.

SEOUL, South Korea — The remains of 15 South Koreans and two Americans who were killed more than 60 years ago in North Korea were officially handed over Thursday.

The repatriation of South Korean soldiers killed while fighting in the North is relatively rare, as the bitter enemies remain technically at war after the 1950-53 Korean War ended in an armistice. However some remains were accidentally excavated by U.S. teams searching for their own dead under a now-defunct agreement with North Korea.

Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, U.S. Forces Korea commander, said it is important to not forget the servicemembers killed during the war.

“Because of their sacrifice, the Republic of Korea is a thriving democracy and a prosperous economy,” he said as he presided over the handover ceremony at U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan’s Knight Field that was attended by the South Korean defense minister and the head of the U.S. agency overseeing the search for POW-MIAs. “As we stand in their shadow, we hope that their return brings a sense of peace and closure to their families.”

After a 21-gun salute and the sounding of taps, an honor guard reverently carried a casket, covered with a U.N. flag, containing the American soldiers’ remains to a black hearse.

South Korean soldiers then collected the 15 boxes draped with their nation's flag from a long table and carried them to a white bus decorated with a yellow wreath.

South Korean search teams found the two sets of American remains last year in Yanggu province near the Demilitarized Zone, the site of fighting involving the 9th Infantry Division in the summer and fall of 1951. More than 7,800 Americans who fought in the war are still listed as missing.

The South Korean soldiers' remains were recovered by teams with the U.S. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency operating in North Korea in 2000-04. They were found in several places, including Kujang, Unsan and on the eastern side of the Chosin Reservoir, an area that saw some of the fiercest fighting of the war, the military said.

Forensic investigators in Hawaii determined the remains were not American and later confirmed they were South Korean, officials said, adding they were still working to identify individuals.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael S. Linnington, DPAA director, said the repatriation stems from a memorandum of agreement signed last November confirming cooperation on recovering remains of soldiers from both countries.

The head of the South Korean Defense Ministry's excavation mission said the remains of some 40,000 South Koreans are believed to be buried in North Korea. "We are ready to bring them home if only North Korea would agree to it," he said in an earlier statement.

Joint U.S.-North Korea teams conducted about three dozen recovery operations between 1996 and 2005, but they were stopped after Washington expressed safety concerns. Talks to restart the effort began in 2011 but broke off after North Korea launched a rocket despite a ban on ballistic missile technology.

Tensions also have risen this year with the North staging its fourth nuclear test in early January and a long-range missile launch a month later, leading to a fresh round of harsh U.N. sanctions.

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 2 May 2016 18:01:13 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Edited DRAFT of Invitation to League Dinner & Commemorative Ceremony (U)
Attachments: Com_Invite_DRAFT_4-28-16_AMG.Edits_4-30-16.doc

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann,

I accepted all of your changes and fixed some spacing issues. Please take one final look—I think it is good. Thanks.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2016 7:06 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Edited DRAFT of Invitation to League Dinner & Commemorative Ceremony

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(b)(6) I really would like to see a clean copy of this revision before you give it to the Director as there are so many changes I can't really figure out where to work in that our missing loved ones are also honored each year in such a way, with the concluding Candlelight Ceremony. As you know, we're not abandoning honoring them to focus significant attention to honoring those whose lives were lost.

And, it is NOT appropriate to honor an Australian helicopter pilot on contract related to a WWII recovery at this event. Much as I really like the Aussies, including all their talented pilots, especially (b)(6). But they have all been great, though I didn't even know one of them had been killed in a 2003 accident as no one told the League. I don't mind mentioning that in my preliminary comments, but the League is Vietnam War-focused, and no one ever will have heard of that accident, any more than the doubtless dozens or hundreds killed trying to recover their comrades in WWII and earlier.

In sum, if you'll look this over and "accept all" tracking changes, then send it back to me for a final look, I'm quite sure it will be a better, smoother and more appropriate letter. Thanks for the opportunity to help, Ann

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The ceremony will also honor a US Army officer and South Vietnamese noncommissioned officer killed in Vietnam on December 15, 1973, while on an unarmed mission to recover Americans killed in combat, with remains as yet unrecovered. More than 250 family members of America's Vietnam War missing, as well as 100 senior U.S. and foreign diplomatic and military officials will also be in attendance. The point of contact for the dinner is Ms. (b)(6) of the National League of Families at: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org or (b)(6)

I recognize it may not be possible for you to make this trip, thus I may not be able to meet you to personally convey my appreciation. Therefore, as the person who oversees the 700+ men and women dedicated to accounting as fully as possible for those not yet returned, and on their behalf, please accept our deepest gratitude to you and your family. It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of your husband, (b)(6) as we work to bring home our missing from battlefields around the world. His dedication and sacrifice are remembered and honored.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Linnington
Director

From: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US)
Sent: 9 May 2016 18:55:21 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA LG (US)
Subject: RE: AMG Call (U)

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) she is currently busy. We still have the stamps since there is no one to physically pay they are no longer useful. We will need to readdress this. I am adding (b)(6) to the chain since I heard he worked paying for her parking last time.

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 2:46 PM
To: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA FO (US)
Subject: RE: AMG Call (U)

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I just spoke to her. She is asking if we still validate parking. When she would come to meetings in the past, we always validated her parking with some stickers we had up front -- (b)(6) will remember so I'm cc'ing her. Do we still do that for visitors? Thx. (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 2:19 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: AMG Call (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Can you please call AMG? Reference parking when she comes on Friday...i think. She asked that you specifically call her...not sure if it's the same topic.

(b)(6)
Military Assistant to the Principal Director Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
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(b)(6)

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Sent: 10 May 2016 15:39:34 -0400
To: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US)
Cc: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA FO (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Parking for Friday (U)

Sorry, I neglected to hit "reply all" so here it is, Ann

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To: (b)(6)@mail.mil
Sent: 5/10/2016 3:36:25 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: Parking for Friday (U)

Thanks, (b)(6) and I do know the location, so thanks for the arrangements. I can't think of anything needed unless the Director has specifics to discuss, as I do.

See you on Friday, Ann

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In a message dated 5/10/2016 3:28:28 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ms. Griffiths,

I have a parking pass for you for Friday. If you can give us a call as you are arriving I will bring it down so that you can hang in your car. I believe that this is the same place you have parked in the past but I am attaching a map regardless because I can't confirm it right now (due to folks being out of the office). Please let me know if you need anything else in advance of your visit on Friday.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 11 May 2016 10:39:07 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA VM (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA AP (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heads-up: More form (b)(6)

Now he is getting my attention by targeting DPM/FM Pham Binh Minh with his correspondence. Please ensure counterpart officials are aware of this type of action that is stemming from uninformed Americans, including some active in the veteran community. And be cautious in forwarding my name in association with any heads up, but I've had plenty of attacks and don't really wish to generate more by being perceived as "going soft" on the Vietnamese, much less making excuses, but (b)(6) is way, way off-base and I have no idea where he is coming from, nor why, so if any of you determine answers, I'd appreciate knowing them, Aann

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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Sent: 5/11/2016 9:48:48 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Fwd: Situation Report: U.S. tanks in Putin's backyard; stealth planes to South China Sea; European missile shield up and running; former Marine details Iranian torture; and lots more

USA/Illinois:

5/11/16

(b)(6)

Vietnam Marine Combat Veteran calls on the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs - Vietnam
the honorable Mr. Pham Binh Minh to confirm or deny the existence of U.S. wartime remains that have yet to be discovered/investigated

by the U.S. Dept. of POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). Conflicting reports have come to the surface stating that our U.S. DPAA (JFI) search teams did in fact fail to obtain the special permission to revisit the wartime POW camp locations as outlined in the wartime mapping of then --North Vietnam.

Freedom of Information request (FOIA) has been forwarded to the USA -DPAA offices for verification.

A letter is also on it's way to Hanoi asking the same key questions to help verify these sites and so called field investigations with generated reports on file with the U.S. Dept of Defense - POW/MIA./gs

As a former U.S. based NGO to Vietnam and paid member of the American Legion-- I look forward to their cooperation.

POW Camps in North Vietnam

1. The map shows the locations of 11 known POW camps in North Vietnam, based on the information provided by the U.S. Department of Defense.
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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 11 May 2016 17:39:21 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: National League of POW MIA Families 47th Annual ...

BS!!!!

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

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CAVEAT: None

I do hope you completed the proper DD24463 to ensure they have fuel for the DoD van to drive the band. If you haven't, I help you fill it out.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 5:24 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: National League of POW MIA Families 47th Annual ...

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And his boss, MG Becker is attending, along with Mrs. (b)(6), and I thought you'd want to know, but you're right. It used to work this way, many, many years ago, but this year is extraordinary since the Army CoS is attending and speaking, so the MDW big guy is attending, making it obviously important for their "troops" in MDW and the US Army Band to provide the appropriate music. And yes, I'm obviously please to have this one off my plate, until the week before at least, Ann

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

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CAVEAT: None

That has to be a modern day (last 10 years) record for early notice..... well done!
(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 5:11 PM
To: McLendon, Ronald L II CIV USARMY MDW (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: National League of POW MIA Families 47th Annual Meeting AFCG Army Voi...

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Mr. Mc Lendon,

Please accept my sincere thanks for confirming the Armed Forces Color Guard and Army Voices for our 47th Annual Meeting Dinner on June 23rd. I'm confident all present will enjoy their participation, especially those with US Army ties, including General Milley, MG Becker and now retired LTG Mike Linnington, now serving as the

civilian Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

Special appreciation to you for having approved them in advance so that they can be listed accurately in the commemorative program for appropriate attribution, as well as the separate menu/program at each place setting for the dinner. We do enjoy the highly talented US Army Band and all its variations.

Best wishes, and thank you again,

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From: McLendon, Ronald L II CIV USARMY MDW (US) [Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]

Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 6:25 PM

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

Subject: National League of POW MIA Families 47th Annual Meeting AFCG Army
Voices 6-23-16

Ms. Griffiths,

Attached is a letter confirming an Armed Forces Color Guard and the US Army
Voices are scheduled to participate in your event on June 23.

Best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Ron McLendon II
JFHQ-NCR/MDW Public Affairs
Chief, Community Relations

(b)(6)

Fax: 202-685-1999

(b)(6)@mail.mil

Ask me about Twilight Tattoo! Caution-Caution-Caution-www.twilight.mdw.army.mil

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 13 May 2016 15:23:17 -0400
To: (b)(6)@gmail.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Thanks For The Newsletter and More..

Thanks for the update, and my contacts in Vietnam recognize the sensitivity of the Agent Orange controversy in the US, including within the Vets community, so that is precisely why the USG focuses on addressing UXO and "dioxin contamination" as a more tenable way in which to assist. Makes sense to me.

Congratulations on your nomination for Sr. Vice Commander, American Legion Post 541.

Unless your resolution has been modified to remove the false accusations against the League and DPAA, I hope your resolution doesn't pass, but if it does, I hope it gets modified at the national level before consideration.

Have a good weekend, Ann

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In a message dated 5/13/2016 12:46:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

Hey Ann -

1). Many thanks for the newsletter.
It helped with my floor Comte report

2). Nominated for Sr. Vice Commander
for American Legion Post 541.

3). Heard back from VN contact.
The only time VN will come full circle since the war
will be when the USA makes a settlement on the agent orange poisoning
and the land mine removal DMZ (our goals back then).

4). POW/MIA Resolution headed for the state convention floor.

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 14 May 2016 15:09:05 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner ~~(U)~~

On my desk is the info each of the SCOS provided. We'll look at it on Mon. Perhaps Gen Milley can fund?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 5:53 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner ~~(U)~~

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Sounds good, (b)(6), but please send me the text of the letter sent so that I'll know and can see the final on what was said. I never got the final copy. And yes, she is not well herself, has several illnesses and is a veteran, but it is the youngest daughter, (b)(6) years of age, who is graduating from (b)(6) who her mother feels really needs to be here. She said they left Hawaii so quickly after her husband was killed that their two daughters didn't really get to see any of the honors given to their father and this would be very meaningful. Thanks, we'll have to figure out something, even if it is passing the hat to pay for her room at the Hilton for Thursday, June 23rd. Ann

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, thanks for the phone call. I can't confirm her as the wife as that is not the name I

see. For what you've told me, she is a veteran herself and it sounds as if she is still harboring quite a bit of pain from the loss and she also is in dire straits as far as money but is adamant about making the trip to the dinner to honor her loved one. I know we (DPAA) cannot offer any funding for her trip and/or her stay at the hotel. It may be that we could reach out to the Army and see if they can get a non-profit like the Fisher House to see if they could support her. We can check next week with the Army. (b)(6)

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

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

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 5:15 PM

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

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

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (u)

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What about (b)(6) widow of (b)(6)? She has called. Didn't she get a letter?

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, per your request, these are the names of the folks that were invited to the league dinner so you can track them if they call. I'm cc'ing (b)(6) who is in Boston in case I missed anyone. Best, (b)(6)

Mrs. (b)(6)

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Mr. (b)(6)
Mrs

From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: 16 May 2016 15:20:32 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Memorial Plaque Review (U)
Attachments: MillionsofAmericans.docx

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

All,
Not sure I concur with all changes but wanted to get your input.

Todd

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 8:14 AM
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Cc: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Memorial Plaque Review (U)

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Todd, I worked the written language with (b)(6) until last night and came up with what I think is MUCH better language and. (b)(6) I just added "unaccounted-for" to that final email I sent, knowing you'd probably left for Boston by then.

I also recommend that the April 7, 2001 incident be listed first, then the December 15, 1973, and corrected JCRC with ARVN. Also strongly recommend the Vietnamese military personnel on that fatal flight be listed by their service, NOT the purported contractor Northern Flight Services, a owned and operated MND company. Put yourself in their places, and you'd want your rank/rate and service listed next to your names if YOU had lost your life helping account for missing former enemies. Otherwise, it would be almost insulting, and the SRV knows that we KNOW that company was a front. No secret there.

Also, the 2003 PNG entry should not be listed on this plaque. He lost his life by heart attack, a civilian flying for an actual private company that very nearly cost the lives of US personnel on that mission.

Obviously, the final decision rests with you all, but those are my recommendations in the best interest of the intended purpose of the memorial, as well as the best interest of the mission and SRV perceptions.

I hope no one is offended or insulted by my revisions or recommendations. I have NO idea who drafted this, but clearly, the historical knowledge was lacking, as well as in-depth knowledge of the circumstances. Newly engaged people are not expected to know a lot, in fact little. I spoke at the Ft. Myer Memorial Service held in 2001, along with the Deputy Secretary of Defense at the time, Paul Wolfowitz, with whom

I'd been on delegations and known for years. If anyone is offended, I apologize in advance, as it is not my intention.

Perhaps I'll see you in a bit when I come over for the meeting with the Director and whomever else he decides to include. If not, have a good weekend, travel safely, and I hope the FMU is productive for all, and informative, of course. Best to all, Ann

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In a message dated 5/13/2016 7:55:04 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Thanks (b)(6)

Ann,
Checking to see if you were able to download this one and review.

Todd

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 5:50 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: FW: Memorial Plaque Review (U)
Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann,

See if you can open this attachment.

(b)(6)

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
Outreach & Communications
590 Moffet Street, Bldg 4077
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96853
Phone: (b)(6)

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

From: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 10:00 AM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Memorial Plaque Review (U)
Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Good Afternoon Ann,

I'm just checking in to see if you have had a chance to review the DPAA Memorial plaque we have designed to commemorate those accounting personnel who have died doing this mission.
It will take about 3-4 weeks for the glass and mounting materials to come in and for installation to occur.
My goal is to get it installed in the Pentagon corridor before your annual meeting.

Thanks!

-Holly

HOLLY N. SLAUGHTER, Lt. Col., USAF
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Millions of Americans and citizens from
allied and partnering countries have voluntarily placed
themselves in harm's way to defend our nation's
interests, values and national security objectives.

Sadly, thousands never returned.

Our national commitment to those who serve is to
achieve the fullest possible accounting by returning our POWs,
recovering and identifying the remains of those
who died and seeking answers on those still missing and unaccounted-for.
Some dedicated servicemen have made the ultimate sacrifice
pursuing our noble quest. This memorial salutes the lives
and memory of these special heroes.

Their service will forever be honored
by a grateful nation.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 16 May 2016 12:20:37 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

Thanks, much appreciated, and can you please check the Service affiliation to fill in the couple of blanks and double check the others that I THINK are correct. Ann

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ann,

These are the people invited and their relationship to those lost.

Mrs. (b)(6)

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Mr. (b)(6)

Mrs. (b)(6)

Invitation text:

Dear Mrs. (b)(6)

At the request of the National League of POW/MIA Families, I would like to forward you an invitation to attend a special dinner they are hosting that will include a ceremony honoring the eight American and ten Vietnamese personnel whose lives were lost while trying to account for U.S. personnel missing from the Vietnam War. The dinner will be held on June 23 from 7-9 pm at

the Hilton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

The National League of POW/MIA Families is a non-profit organization composed of families of servicemen and civilians missing from the Vietnam War. Each year they hold a three-day meeting to update the families on our government's efforts to account for their loved ones--this year's meeting is the 47th since the League was established in 1970. The League chose this year to especially recognize and honor those who have died serving this mission because it marks the 15th anniversary of the April 7, 2001, tragic loss of your husband, Sergeant First Class (b)(6) and his six fellow Americans and their nine Vietnamese team members while on a mission in Vietnam.

The ceremony will also honor a U.S. Army officer and a Republic of Vietnam noncommissioned officer killed in Vietnam on December 15, 1973, while on an unarmed mission to recover a missing American. More than 250 family members of America's Vietnam War missing, as well as 100 senior U.S. and foreign diplomatic and military officials will also be in attendance. Please contact Ms. (b)(6) of the National League of Families at 703-465-7432 or (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org for more information and to R.S.V.P.

I recognize it may not be possible for you to make this trip, thus I may not be able to meet you to personally convey my appreciation. Therefore, as the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, whose 700 men and women are dedicated to accounting as fully as possible for those not yet returned, and on their behalf, please accept our deepest gratitude to you and your family. It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of your husband as we work to bring home our missing from battlefields around the world. His dedication and sacrifice are remembered and honored.

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 5:12 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann, per your request, these are the names of the folks that were invited to the league dinner so you can track them if they call. I'm cc'ing (b)(6) who is in Boston in case I missed anyone. Best,
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 16 May 2016 17:40:04 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: For Your Consideration (U)
Attachments: facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg

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CAVEAT: None

Funny how some responses are missing...

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

From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 12:12 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: For Your Consideration (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

All,
Looping you in for awareness as this one will continue to swirl.

Todd

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

From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 11:53 AM
To: Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Gann, Michael J Col USMC DPAA AP (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Forbes, Christopher S COL USARMY DPAA RA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: FW: For Your Consideration

Mark --

AMG is clamoring for us to publish our criteria for putting a case on the MEL, and putting into writing how we decide which cases get investigated/recovered. Wouldn't doing so cause us MORE work (and lots more cards/letters)? Let's discuss sometime this week.

Vr, Mike

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

Fulfilling our Nation's Promise!

Mike Linnington
Director, DPAA, USD(P)

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 11:34 AM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Cc: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] For Your Consideration

I do understand, Mike, and am NOT advocating release of any specific, war-by-war, \$\$\$, but the criteria for selection and scheduling on the MEL. I absolutely agree you should not, nor will we, publish the numbers. The war-by-war policy/procedure for scheduling excavations/recoveries is my intent, NOT the numbers, but it will help reduce the impatient inclination to go to a Member of Congress to get political intervention, except by the small percent of Vietnam War families focused solely on their own case.

I know what a drain those congressional inquiries can be, and it isn't fair to DPAA as a whole, much less to you. Publication of criteria on which to base scheduling decisions can help alleviate such pressures, that was the purpose of the suggestion. At least think on it a while. Later, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 10:38 AM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] For Your Consideration

Good morning, Mike,

As we all anticipated, impatience is growing and will continue to grow in the Vietnam War community as additional assets and resources are required for WWII remains recovery and an "ID-counting" mentality that still seems to motivate some, especially in the Lab. This is somewhat understandable since successful IDs are their sole measurement of success. Cases that have been on the Master Excavation List (MEL) for many, many years are still waiting. In our view, the priority for scheduling should NOT be influenced by political factors, including Members of Congress, but such pressures will increasingly be inevitable.

Families must have total confidence in the integrity of the process, as well as the people implementing it; therefore, I encourage you to determine the priorities for scheduling excavations based on DPAA's reality and in terms that all can and will understand and accept as logical, at least eventually, in the best interest of the overall mission. I cannot express that same hope for the WWII and Korean War families as they all appear more focused on their own individual cases.

I haven't sent this note or the article below to the families, or even the board as yet, but perhaps you might consider a solution, clearly spelled out, to separate accounting processes and priorities for each war. As related to the Vietnam War, the initial assurance on which confidence was built was directed from the top, and more recently by former Secretary Hagel's direction to "build on the existing strengths" and implement the "complete reorganization" using that direction as a guideline.

I very much appreciate the budget figures and usage of operational funds you showed me in confidence, but to knowledgeable family members and veterans long involved, it is looking increasingly like what was working for Vietnam War accounting, that admittedly would NOT be applicable to WWII remains recovery, is being abandoned in favor of boosting the ID count. That rings much too closely to the Vietnam War media use of "body count" as applied to KIAs, often on both sides.

As in all instances, the decision is yours to make and, if you wish, I'll be more than happy to contribute to the process, quietly of course, either in person or by editing from afar, and welcome back, Ann

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Family of Monett's Cpt. Wolfe wants remains returned Tuesday, April 12, 2016, THE MONETT TIMES By Melonie Roberts reporter@monett-times.com

(Photo)<Caution-Caution-Caution-http://www.monett-times.com/photos/25/76/44/2576445-L.jpg>
Valerie Wolfe, daughter of Thomas Wolfe, the Air Force pilot from Monett who was shot down and killed in Laos in 1966, is pictured with Wolfe's former Air Force roommate and friend, Zack Pryse.
Melonie Roberts reporter@monett-times.com Daughter believes review will not occur until 2020

Valerie Wolfe was just nine months old when her father, Air Force Cpt. Thomas Wolfe, a pilot, was shot down and killed in Laos in 1966.

She is on a campaign to compel the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to keep its promise to bring her father Caution-Caution-Caution-home.

"My father volunteered for duty in southeast Asia," Wolfe said. "He was there a matter of months before he was killed. Originally listed as MIA, missing in action, that status was soon changed to MIA/BNR, missing in action, body not recovered, due to the official determination that no one could have survived the loss incident."

Zack Pryse, Wolfe's friend and former roommate, described the incident from letters he received from pilots in another aircraft that had observed the crash.

"Tom wanted to see where he thought he had spotted an anti-aircraft gun a few days before," Pryse said. "Chuck Dudley [the pilot] was wounded, but he fought it all the way in. The navigator bailed out on the left side, but he got out too low. He deployed his 'chute, but landed in a bamboo thicket.

"I think Tom tried to grab the yoke. The plane bucked up but then went in. I think Tom fell out. The left engine hit the ground and the plane caught fire."

There was no rescue mission deployed as it was determined no one could have survived the crash.

The Wolfe family has, for years, kept in contact with military officials in an effort to have the crash

site, identified in 1999, excavated and the remains of all three pilots returned to their families.

While the site was approved for excavation in 2006, no effort has been made by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, the military branch tasked with those efforts, to begin.

At each subsequent family update, those same officials would give, for various reasons, an extended five-year timeline before excavation could begin. The first delay on was cited for the possibility of unexploded ordinance making the site unsafe for excavation. Additional attempts to determine the status of her father's case were met with the response that the site had been recommended for excavation, but no other specific information as to why no action was being taken.

"We have attended family updates, written to our casualty officer, requested review information and provided DNA information," Wolfe said. "We have done whatever was asked of the family in a cooperative effort to enhance further progress toward remains recovery."

But one thing they didn't know, until 2012, was a part of the criteria in determining which sites to excavate was based on family involvement.

"Neither my sister nor I wanted to believe that our level of caring was being assessed as a criteria of who they should go looking for overseas. We found out in 2015 that it was, and that the box as a family had not been checked, even though we had kept in regular, consistent contact for decades."

And while her father's case remains near the top of the list, new cases are being added all the time.

"In actuality, my father's case is falling further away from selection, not moving closer, due to a new cluster policy, in which sites geographically located close to one another are prioritized to speed up the process," Wolfe said. "The likelihood of a serious review of my father's case will not occur until 2020."

For Wolfe, that is too long.

"Time is not on our side," Wolfe said. "The longer they wait, the less likely there will be recoverable remains. I was nine months old when my father was killed, I am 50 now. We have been waiting a very long time."

The motto of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is "Fulfilling Our Nation's Promise."

Wolfe now thinks it time -- past time -- for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to keep its promise to bring her father Caution-Caution-Caution-home.

Those interested in joining the campaign to bring Cpt. Thomas Wolfe home may to write to Sen. Roy Blunt, 260 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C., 20510, Caution-Caution-Caution-www.blunt.senate.gov < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.blunt.senate.gov> > , or call 202-224-5721; Sen. Claire McCaskill, 730 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510, Caution-Caution-Caution-www.mccaskill.senate.gov < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.mccaskill.senate.gov> > or call 202-224-6154; Rep. Billy Long, 1541 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C., 20515 or call 202-225-6536.





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Sent: 16 May 2016 14:45:22 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

Yes, I know, about (b)(6) and I'm doing that NEXT! Thankfully, a conference call with Linnington and Spindler was postponed. Ann

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In a message dated 5/16/2016 2:44:06 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann,
According to the 2001 memorial service program they were Vietnamese Air Force.

(b)(6)

Reminder to send the invitation letter to AFDIL. Dr. (b)(6) has not seen it yet.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Name of Those Invited to League Dinner (U)

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Forgot to say that the plaque language as Northern Flight Services Company for all the Vietnamese and that's not correct either, all a front company for the NVA. I sent a note to (b)(6) on that, as none of you all would want a front company listed after your name if you died in your Service-connected capacity, or I'd think NOT. Ann.

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In a message dated 5/16/2016 1:43:45 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Ann,

I thought you had the plaque to refer to, sorry. Lewis and Moser are both USAF.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 19 May 2016 12:26:40 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: USRJC info on web (U)

Thanks, (b)(6) and I looked quickly, but the latst I found is 1994. I'll try again later when not so heavily under the gun.

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In a message dated 5/19/2016 11:30:48 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ann,
This may be helpful as it has links to the Library of Congress info on the USRJC.
Caution-
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._%E2%80%93Russia_Joint_Commission_on_POW/M](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._%E2%80%93Russia_Joint_Commission_on_POW_MIA)
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(b)(6)

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To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: USRJC info on web (U)

(b)(6) this was all that our state-of-the-art intern (b)(6) could find in the LoC library, but thanks for trying, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@sbc.edu
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 5/19/2016 2:13:35 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: USRJC info on web (U)

In case the last link did not work:

TFR 717-1

Date: August 2001

Page: 5

Subject: Report by Rear Admiral (ret) Boris Gavrilovich Novyy, expert advisor to the Cold War Working Group of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs

Name(s): Posa

Keywords: 6 November 1951; 13 June 1952; 7 October 1952; 29 July 1953; April 1955; 10 September 1956; Far East; Baltic Sea; Barents Sea; Cape Vasilyev; Cape Kronotskiy; Ratmanov Island

Comments: Report contains research work conducted at the Archives of the Federal Border Guards Service of the Russian Federation at Pushkino. It also lists staff personnel and GAZ-51 truck drivers of interest to possibly contact for information.

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<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/tfrussia/tfr700/SealedTFR717.tif> >

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Sent: 20 May 2016 07:20:55 -0400
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: What Can We Expect - Wheels Down In Hanoi and More...

Just FYI, Ann

In a message dated 5/20/2016 6:52:56 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@gmail.com writes:

Ann - Where's the poof ?
Failure is not an option anymore.
Going out and into those former wartime
POW camp sites and turning over every rock....
checking the immediate area cemeteries is a must.
Yet.....no results.
And now this approach for weapons for the VN
so they can flex their muscle towards the Chinese and NK?
Unacceptable! Explain this new approach at your dinner next month!
Sit down with a group of VN veterans and further explain this new
strategy.
(b)(6)

Ann- Can you find MIA's in this narrative?

Obama mulls weapons sales to Vietnam

At least a partial lift of ban on the table as U.S. looks to counter China's influence

By CHRISTY PARRON,
MICHAEL A. MORGAN
AND W.J. HENNIGAN
Chicago Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is considering broadly expanding weapons sales to Vietnam in a move aimed at strengthening ties with Hanoi and boosting regional defenses against China's growing clout.

An Obama campaign to ease Vietnam's longstanding U.S. arms sales ban is in its final stages, U.S. officials say, but has not ruled out a full suspension — of a ban on arms sales begun during the U.S. war in Vietnam and eased slightly in 2004.

At the same time, the Vietnamese government is reportedly a step closer to granting the U.S. Navy greater access to Cam Ranh Bay, a major supply point for the U.S. military during the Vietnam War, and a port with direct access to the increasingly contested South China Sea.

Obama has not made a final decision, administration officials say, but the change would mark a dramatic upgrade in U.S. relations with an authoritarian Communist government that the State Department considers a major ally of human rights.

While Hanoi concerns about Vietnam's lack of progress on civil liberties and political freedoms have built up opposition to easing the ban on arms sales — first imposed on South Vietnam in 1964 and later extended to cover the entire country after the U.S. pulled back Vietnamese government forces in 1975.

In the 1990s, President Bill Clinton lifted the trade embargo with an executive decree to his agencies but left in place restrictions imposed by Congress to prohibit sales of weapons and certain high-technology matériel. The measure revived diplomatic rela-



The president will decide whether to lift a ban first imposed on Hanoi's armistice in 1964.

tions in 1995. In 2004, Obama eased restrictions on sales of maritime surveillance and security systems to Vietnam. That change has allowed the sale of U.S. patrol boats with mounted machine guns, search and rescue equipment and medical communications gear.

Last June, the U.S. pledged \$200 million to help Vietnam buy American-made Mistral ships, patrol boats, a deal that came through after a three-year delay caused by a Vietnamese patrol boat in the South China Sea.

U.S. officials say Vietnam is expected to use about \$2

million to U.S. foreign military financing this year to buy small patrol boats, communications equipment and English-language training. Obama now is looking at wiping out other parts of the ban, according to senior defense officials and others briefed on the deliberations.

China's military has long been the fiercest opponent of arms sales to Vietnam, which Obama's study panel since 2011 for a potential U.S. "rebalance" toward Asia and the Pacific.

The administration also has urged China to settle territorial disputes with Vietnam and other nations in the increasingly hot South China Sea.

National security experts say China is unlikely to block any move to expand U.S. weapons sales to neighboring Vietnam, or worsen ties between Hanoi and Washington.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter told the Senate Armed Services Committee last month that he would support lifting restrictions on the sale of weapons.

The committee's staff of the annual defense authorization bill includes language that encourages lifting the ban. It would also provide to review Vietnam's progress on human rights and its stance on

regional security and against terrorism.

Vietnam has been one of the military's strongest allies in Asia. Lifting the embargo could be a boost to U.S. arms sales as Hanoi looks to modernize its fleet, it is expected.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a Vietnam veteran and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he supports Obama to lift the embargo and that Hanoi will grant the U.S. Navy greater access to Cam Ranh Bay. McCain said it's time for Washington to fully lift its ban on arms sales.

China, administration officials have pushed Vietnam to improve its treatment of political foes and stop other abuses before Obama departs Saturday on a working trip to Vietnam and Japan.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who has expressed concern about lifting the embargo, said doing so would "send a not-so-subtle message to China at a time when it is threatening regional stability in the South China Sea."

"But it should not open the floodgates for sales of lethal equipment," Leahy said. "Those decisions are made on a case-by-case basis... (and) should reflect an assessment of the relevant factors including progress by the Vietnamese government in protecting human rights."

I guess The U.S. Missing H.B. Kicked To The Curb.

(b)(6)

On Thu, May 19, 2016 at 10:21 PM, (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > wrote:

Not so, (b)(6) Ambassador Osius is doing a great job and is very supportive. I'm sorry you don't recognize it. Ann

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In a message dated 5/19/2016 10:29:19 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com > writes:

Ann - This ambassador needs to go.
Just my professional opinion.
If special permission is needed for our US DPAA JFI teams

to interview those former VN guards.....then why have we not had that special permission by now ?

(b)(6)

On Thu, May 19, 2016 at 4:31 PM, <(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > > wrote:

Apparently you think this is helpful? If so, how? Why?

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

Sent: 5/17/2016 1:13:43 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time

Subj: What Can We Expect - Wheels Down In Hanoi and More...

(b)(6)

May 16, 2016

It's Time To Upgrade

With this years annual National League of Families gathering we want to extend to them all the best. Yet, the year is 2016' and it appears that with the current levels of resistance by the SRV we can only expect the same for next year's progress report.

Next we are facing the same kind of response while we wait for proof by the Joint Field Investigative - DPAA teams that they performed their JFI duties within the former Vietnam Wartime POW prison - camps. When you expect success while you keep doing the same thing - the same way...then how can we expect any type of success in locating those Americans that died in captivity and more.

When you keep playing chess and yet only show four pieces at a time in stead of the whole board....then you are fooling just yourself.

In this case (FOIA) pending filed/served on the U.S. Dept. of Defense we can only expect at this point that the SRV will remain steadfast in demanding full reimbursement for the negative wartime spraying of then Agent Orange and it's side effects on the people and it's water table. This is the blocking force that will never weaken until the USG comes about and writes the check. U.S. remains have been known in the past as to have been stored with being chemically treated for storage. Yet again the arrival of Air Force One on the Hanoi tarmac shortly this month will only help ring up the anti for our MIA's and JFI efforts.

One cannot roam Vietnam and knock on doors asking for help as explained to us most recently. Yet again when will the current U.S. Ambassador grow a pair and demand that they (SRV) needs to open it's communities/boarders to our U.S. JFI teams. Let's take our feet off the desks and pick up the phones in order to clear the proper permission to go out and revisit these former hell holes for our POW's. When you cannot get your men around the bases.. then it's time to send in a new pitcher. When Naval Adm. Bill Halsey replaced his best friend from the Naval Academy at Guadalcanal the Naval Admiral Gormley asked why he was being replaced and what did I do wrong ? Adm. Halsey stated, you did nothing wrong, you just got her first. Let's hope that POTUS visit will be productive. What we don't need is side show or POTUS can already classify this trip as " operation dinner out ".

(b)(6)

Marine Vietnam Combat Veteran
Past U.S. Based NGO to Vietnam
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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 23 May 2016 11:13:50 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] 47th Annual Meeting DPAA Registration Sign up list (tt)

(b)(6) thanks for getting back to me, and that will work as long as we have their names for dinner so they can go on our dinner list... (b)(6)

In a message dated 5/23/2016 10:47:45 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) got it. I'm not going to be counting heads for the dinner though for the reason that it confuses the heck out of folks -- they think the meeting and dinner are one in the same. No matter how many times I tell them it is not. Let's focus on getting an accurate registration for the meeting and leave the dinner out of it. Otherwise, I am going to end up providing you information that is not accurate for either event. I have sent out the dinner instructions and told folks what they need to do. Best! (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2016 6:10 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] 47th Annual Meeting DPAA Registration Sign up list

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(b)(6) .. attached is the format we would like for you to use for your list of those attending the 47th Annual Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions, and thanks in advance... (b)(6)

Thank You,

(b)(6)
National League of POW/MIA Families
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(b)(6) (cell)
703-465-7432 (League Office)
Caution-www.pow-miafamilies.org

From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: 23 May 2016 16:59:29 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Dinner June 23rd (U)
Attachments: facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg, facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg

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CAVEAT: None

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)

(b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Dinner June 23rd

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Thought you'd want to see/read this reply from Mrs. (b)(6) I know you all wish that DoD could have offered to pay their airfare, if not airfare and accommodations, but regardless, I'm sure all appreciated the intent, and several will be attending. Best, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
To: (b)(6)@guardianinsgroup.com
Sent: 5/23/2016 11:31:20 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time

Subj: Dinner June 23rd

Dear Mrs. (b)(6)

Your note is deeply appreciated by those of us who will always remember the service and sacrifice of those who perished in that tragic incident on April 7, 2001. Having flown on those old Russian-built helicopters, as I have so many times over the years, I'd always dreaded the possibility that anyone might lose his life trying to fulfill our nation's promise to account as fully as possible for our missing loved one. That horrific prospect hit us hard, obviously not in the same way it did you and your children and the other families.

It was my honor to speak at the Memorial Service held here in DC at the Fort Myer Chaple, along with Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, and it was one of the most difficult tasks I've been asked to do in nearly 40 years of leading the National League of POW/MIA families.

We are sorry that you can't be with us, but please know we'll be thinking of you and your family, as we will all of those so sadly impacted that day 15 year ago last April 7th.

With condolences and gratitude,

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Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2016 3:02 PM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Dinner June 23rd

Ms. (b)(6)

I received the invite for the ceremony and dinner that is honoring the 8 American personal that lost their lives on April 7, 2001. It was very heartwarming that organizations are still remembering and honoring all those we have lost. I wish I was able to attend this function in honor of my husbands service and sacrifice. The mission was very important to him.

I am unable to attend due to travel logistics at this time since I am living in Arizona.

Please give my sincere appreciation to those who are hosting this event. My children and myself are grateful of the support throughout the years in keeping our hero (b)(6) memory alive.

Sincerely-

(b)(6)

I am an Independent Agent searching the market place for the best interest of my clients, not insurance companies. My goal is to maximize your protection and minimize your cost!

"we've got you covered" - auto, home, life, health and commercial insurance -

(b)(6)



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Sent: 31 May 2016 20:04:00 -0400
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: [EEMSG-SPAM: Suspect] [Non-DoD Source] Resolve Cold War POWs

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When most Americans think of those missing in action this Memorial Day, they will think of Vietnam. But while there was hope in some quarters in the 1980s and perhaps even 1990s that some POWs might still be alive — the Vietnamese willingness to cooperate on the issue was the major hurdle to re-establishment of relations during the Clinton administration — there is widespread acknowledgment today both that Vietnam holds no POWs and that Vietnamese authorities are generally cooperative on the issue.

But, Vietnam was not the only country to seize, mistreat, and often hold illegally POW/MIAs. During the Cold War, both the Soviet Union and China did as well. On May 28, the National Alliance of Families < Caution-<http://www.nationalalliance.org/> > held an event in Washington unveiling information < Caution-

<http://www.kpows.com/coldwarpowmiakindemandanswers.html> > on a new Cold War POW/MIA case as well as updated revelations about what the Soviets knew and their Russian successor state knows. While Soviet shoot-downs of American planes like Francis Gary Powers' 1960 U-2 incident garnered press attention largely because the Soviet Union sought to publicize it, that was the exception rather than the rule. The Soviets kept their acquisition of most American POWs/MIAs a secret.

On this Memorial Day, this website < Caution-

<http://www.kpows.com/coldwarpowmiakindemandanswers.html> > outlining many of the unresolved and outstanding cases dating back to the Korean War should be essential reading. And, while both the White House and Defense Department seem more desirous to sweep the issue under the rug, Americans from across the political spectrum should ask why Putin shut down an inquiry into Americans who disappeared into the Gulag just as it was gaining traction and why a personal sighting by an imprisoned Lithuanian aviator of an American in a Soviet camp was not followed up. In 1954, the U.S. Embassy in Moscow formally requested < Caution-

<http://www.kpows.com/howweknowourpowswerekept.html> > the return of American Korean War POWs who had been transferred into Soviet custody, but the Soviet Union never acceded to the request.

The issue is not only historical or academic. In some cases, the wives of missing remain alive. They deserve answers. Diplomats may believe that such matters are tangential to their jobs and missions, but it is never sophisticated to leave Americans behind or to sweep the maltreatment of Americans under the carpet. It is time to precondition further cooperation with both Moscow and Beijing on the resolution of these cases, and it is time that American school children know the names of those like Jim Deane and Lloyd Smith Jr. Memorial Day isn't about the barbecues; it is about the men and women who served and sacrificed. Many families received closure upon learning of the deaths of their loved ones. Families of MIAs and POWs deserve the same closure.

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — When Jim Johnson's quest to find out more about his namesake uncle killed in World War II led him to Mark Noah, the two men discovered they lived on the same island in the Florida Keys and even frequented the same bar.

On Tuesday, eight years after they first met, Johnson and Noah will attend the burial ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

for Pfc. James B. Johnson, whose remains were among those of 34 other Marines that Noah's nonprofit organization recovered last year from a remote Pacific battlefield.

"The fact that I told him eight years ago that I'd help him out and we were actually able to recover his uncle is unbelievable for me," Noah, founder of History Flight, said recently.

Last week, the Pentagon's Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that Pfc. Johnson's remains had been identified after being recovered on the Tarawa atoll in June 2015 by volunteer members of Noah's Marathon, Florida-based group. Pfc. Johnson, who grew up in Poughkeepsie, New York, was among the first waves of Marines to hit the beaches of the heavily defended island Nov. 20, 1943.

When the battle ended three days later, Johnson and more than 1,000 other Marines and sailors were dead, along with nearly all of the island's 5,000 Japanese defenders. Many of the American dead were temporarily buried in marked cemeteries on Tarawa, but some burial places were obscured by Navy construction crews hastily building roads and repairing the island's airfield. Johnson was among the Marines whose buried bodies were left behind and later deemed non-recoverable by the military.

Noah, a self-described "WWII nerd," founded History Flight in 2003 to preserve and promote WWII aviation history. Four years later, the group started searching for the remains of Americans still listed as missing in action in the Pacific. So far, on Tarawa alone, the group has recovered the remains of more than 100 servicemen, including a group of 35 found last summer buried under an asphalt parking lot. Among them was First Lt. Alexander "Sandy" Bonnyman, who was awarded a posthumous Medal of Honor for his heroics on Tarawa.

But none of the recoveries have touched Noah as much as Pfc. Johnson's.

In 2007, Hyde Park, New York, native James B. Johnson started searching the Internet for information on his uncle, who was 19 when he died at Tarawa while serving in the 2nd Marine Division.

The teenager, called Jimmie by his family, left behind two older siblings, Eleanor and Bill, who have since died.

Jim Johnson said his father, Bill, and his aunt didn't talk much about the younger brother they lost in the war.

The nephew's search eventually led him to Noah, then a fellow resident of Big Pine Key. It turned out the two men lived about a mile apart and frequented the same pub but had never met.

"We've been great friends ever since," said Noah, 51, a Miami-based pilot for UPS.

The Pentagon said scientists used DNA samples submitted by Jim Johnson and another nephew, John McManus, of Hyde Park, to identify the Marine's remains. The family requested he be buried at Arlington, where Jim Johnson's mother, a WWII Army nurse, is also interred.

"We're very happy," said Jim Johnson, a Vietnam combat veteran. "It's nice to see him have a proper ceremony."

The retired IBM systems designer now living in Melbourne, Florida, will attend Tuesday's burial at Arlington along with about 20 relatives and friends, including Noah.

"I wouldn't miss it for the world," Noah said.

This story has been corrected to show the name of group is History Flight, not Honor Flight.

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(b)(6) for purposes of easing the last-minute crunch to input for badges, we much prefer getting an initial list, then you adding on additional people who wish to attend. In fact, why don't you ask Todd, to send an "All DPAA" message, telling them they must have a badge if not in uniform, and asking if they plan to attend any/all of the annual meeting, including the Opening Session when DepSecDef is speaking. Then a separate paragraph indicating all are welcome for the dinner, and they should contact the League, those on this email, to indicate and, if they prefer, they can bring a check to the Registration Table on June 22nd, or simply drop it in the mail, which is better for us so the checks can be deposited.

That would facilitate things on our end and, I would think, your challenge of herding cats, something with which we're all familiar. Thanks in advance.

Also, you didn't answer the other questions, namely setting a cut-off date, preferably June 15th, and that seems also a logical date for printing purposes in terms of number to be printed. And please, this time, do them all? I think it is very important that DPAA-East, AFDIL, Stony Beach, Lab personnel from Wright-Patt and Offutt, as well as DPAA-West, all know what each other's organization is presenting and may be it will help all elements get on the same page? Hopefully! Ann

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don't appreciate that they need to register to attend the meeting. As to the dinner, I've passed out all the info to everyone and folks should be signing up individually. Best! (b)(6)

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(b)(6).... wanted to check in with you and see what is going on with the registrations (and those attending the dinner) from DPAA? Our deadline is Wed. June 1, 2016 ! By the way, your new boss, Todd Livick asked Ann in front of Mike Linngton last week if DPAA staff could attend our meeting!

We should have a count for you for those registered for the meeting by new week, and I will let you know so you can get the materials DPAA wants in our packet of materials.

Also, what will the cut-off-date be for numbers?....hopefully around June 15th ??? please let us know when you decide.

Thank You.

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other times I begged them for a single air strike and they never did it," he said. "I don't think they trust Iraq's government or military." In Fallujah, ISIS fighters "are dug in," he said recently < Caution-
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Trump and vets. Yesterday was quite a day in the annals of the U.S. 2016 presidential election. FP's Molly O'Toole writes < Caution-
<http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6841693.50195/aHR0cDovL2ZvcmlpZ25wb2xpY3kuY29tLzlwMTYvMDUvMzEvdMvOZXXJhbnMtZ3JvdXBzLXNwbGl0LW92ZXItZmJ1bXBzLWZlbnRyYWlzaW5nLw/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17Bdabef207> > that in Donald Trump's first public accounting of his fundraising for veterans groups, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee "said he did not want credit for trying to help American troops. Then he blasted the media for not giving it to him." As the result of a January fundraising event, Trump raised \$5.6 million for vets, but for months refused to say which groups he gave the money to. Now we know, and O'Toole does some digging into who the groups are.

Court of opinion. The International Criminal Court wants to know why Djibouti didn't arrest Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir when he visited the tiny African nation earlier this month, and is giving the government there until next month to explain itself. FP's Paul McLeary has the ICC document, and asked < Caution-
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See you soon. The USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier strike group leaves < Caution-
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China

The U.S. military isn't the only country seeing its recruiting pool expanding < Caution-
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But that good news is tempered by increasing tensions < Caution-

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<http://link.foreignpolicy.com/click/6841693.50195/aHR0cDovL3d3dy5ueXRpbWVzLmNvbS8yMDE2LzA2LzAxL3dvcmxkL2V1cm9wZS9uYXRvLXJ1c3NpYS5odG1sP19yPTA/53761e2df6e3a59752511a17C0a50cf31> > . "Many remain reluctant to increase military spending, despite past pledges. Some, like Italy, are cutting back. France is reverting to its traditional skepticism toward the alliance, which it sees as an instrument of American policy and an infringement on its sovereignty.

Syria

With pressure mounting on the international community to airdrop aid supplies over cities being starved by Assad regime, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy's Michael Eisenstadt takes a look at what a humanitarian airlift campaign < Caution-

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Niger

France is using a drone base in Niger < Caution-

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Business of defense

The Air Force announced on Tuesday that it's spending \$3.2 billion on a contract with Boeing for more smart bombs < Caution-

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Did you guys notify the Crosby family of the ID last week? We haven't heard anything if so. Thanks.

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Good evening to all, and sorry to bother again, but this is the final, pre-printing check. Any changes will be necessary by COB tomorrow, 3 June, and thanks in advance.

Also, for Army and Navy, it would be VERY helpful to have your Service lists, whether or not complete, so that we will have them for working over the weekend. In future years, we'd very much appreciate all submitting the lists as things move along, starting in late April/early May, as soon as a significant number have responded to your mailings.

It is also important that all relevant information be included in your mailings, especially the Twilight Tattoo at Fort Myer, on the Wednesday BEFORE Opening Session, this year on 22 June, so that the families who wish to attend can plan their travel accordingly. This also applies to the performance at the USMC Barracks, 8th and I Streets, in DC, as it does to the workshops on 24 June, before and after the Service-hosted Luncheons. The mailings used to be coordinated with DoD and the League, but such coordination seems no longer to apply, though I'm unaware of any rationale, so please reconsider. I've tried to keep you all informed about the program which has

been in DRAFT form since December last year, and we already have dates for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Finally, I'd really appreciate the names of the SCO representatives from the MC, NA and AR who wish to participate (6) in the Missing Man Honors Ceremony at the dinner (placing the Service Covers at the Missing Man Table), and the additional SCO representatives to help with the candle-lighting, preferably 4 in addition. The families loved having you all participate and we were so pleased that you all felt the same. This year is very special with the Army Chief of Staff speaking and participating, along with the Vietnamese Ambassador, in reading the names of those killed April 7, 2001 and December 15, 1973 while conducting accounting missions.

Special thanks to SF Casualty for the responsiveness in providing timely lists, as well as highlighted changes to follow-ups, all very helpful. You'll find the "semi-final" program attached as well, just FYI, and see you all soon, plus travel safely, Ann

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DoD OFFICES: DPAA and DIA investigators, intelligence and material evidence analysts will again be available in the Service Casualty Offices throughout the League's meeting to support individual Case File Reviews with families. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to share information with these specialists, preferably NOT in conflict with critical government briefings, the legal justification for DoD-provided transportation. US officials will be present by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd. All Service Casualty Offices are located on the 1st floor:

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Skyline Room

Luray Room

Individual Case File Reviews will be held in these locations from noon to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please try to schedule reviews at times outside of sessions during which critical information is presented. Instead, ask for early morning, lunch or dinner breaks.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Newcomer Orientation: There will be an important informational session in the Patrick Henry Board Room, First Floor, on Wednesday, June 22nd, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. First-time attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Twilight Tattoo: Thanks to support from the Vietnam War Commemoration, Army-provided bus transportation to the Ft. Myer Twilight Tattoo will begin boarding at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22nd, for those credentialed. The program is from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at which time buses return to the Hilton.

The **47th Annual Meeting Dinner** will be preceded by a no-host reception in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer on Thursday, June 23rd, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom and conclude at 9:00 p.m.

Workshops: Two specialized workshops will be held in the Richmond and Roanoke Rooms, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Service Hosted Luncheons will be held Friday, June 24th, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level:

USA
USN/USMC/Civilian
USAF

Washington Room
Adams Room
Madison Room

Workshop: You are urged to attend a special workshop, **Maximizing Benefit from DPAA's Website**. Specialists will give registered attendees guidance on how to get the most in terms of useful information, helpful in preparation for the future family-member-accessible Case Management System. This forum will be in the Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

United States Marine Corps Evening Parade: Participation is limited to the first one hundred attendees with authorized badges. The performance at the historic USMC Barracks at 8th and I Streets is Friday, June 24th; buses will begin boarding at 6:30 p.m.

League-Hosted Farewell Reception will be held Saturday, June 25th, in the Crystal Room, Plaza Level, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

BOUTIQUE: The League Boutique will open in the Old Dominion Board Room, Plaza Level, on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. and during posted hours throughout the meeting. There will be a Silent Auction prior to the 47th Annual Dinner.

DISPLAYS: Vietnam War Commemoration, Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) and Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) displays are located in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level, available for public review by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd.

POLICY RESOLUTIONS: To ensure availability at the start of the Business Session, Saturday, June 25th, 2:00 p.m., resolutions must be submitted in writing to Resolutions Chairman Mark Stephensen by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24th. Resolutions not prepared in advance may still be introduced on the floor.

BUSINESS SESSION: The League Business Session, to be held June 25th, 2:00 p.m., in the Virginia Ballroom, is open to all credentialed attendees. Only dues-current Family Members (white badges) are eligible to vote.

DNA TESTING: Family members who have not provided a sample for DNA comparison are encouraged to do so; check with your Service Casualty Office on the First Floor to determine eligibility.

EMERGENCIES/CELL PHONES: In case of emergency, call the Hilton Crystal City Hotel operator. All phones must be silenced during all sessions, including the 47th Annual Dinner.

SMOKING & VAPOR CIGARETTES: These are strictly prohibited in meeting rooms. There are posted smoking areas outside the Hilton Crystal City Hotel.

DRESS CODE: The dress for the meeting sessions is business casual, or Military Class B, and for the 47th Annual Meeting Dinner, the dress for ladies is cocktail attire and, for men, suit and tie or Military Class A.

ACCESS: With appropriate credentials, all are eligible to participate. *Must purchase dinner ticket(s) to attend. **League Family Members ONLY are eligible to vote; all are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

3:00 PM 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS DISTRIBUTION	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES	Patrick Henry Board Room First Floor
5:30 PM	Board Buses to Fort Myer	Hilton Hotel Rear Entrance Lobby Level
6:00 PM 8:30 PM	TWILIGHT TATTOO Fort Myer Ceremonial Field	
8:45 PM	Board Buses for Hilton	

Thursday, June 23, 2016

7:15 AM 8:45 AM	REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS DISTRIBUTION	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
9:00 AM 11:30 AM	OPENING GENERAL SESSION	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level
	<u>Call to Order</u> <i>Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister Chairman of the Board of Directors, Presiding</i>	(2 min)
	<u>Presentation of Colors</u> <i>POW*MIA Elko (NV), Boise Valley, Magic Valley & Pocatello (ID) Awareness Associations</i>	(5 min)
	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> <i>Mrs. (b)(6) MIA/RR Sister & Board Member</i>	(2 min)

Invocation (3 min)
Ms. (b)(6) *MIA Daughter & Board Member*

"America the Beautiful" (5 min)
Ms. (b)(6) *Underwater Archeologist*
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

In Memory & Honor (5 min)
Ms. (b)(6) *MIA Daughter & Board Secretary*

Keynote Remarks: **The Honorable Robert O. Work** (20 min)
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Unveiling of National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster (5 min)
Deputy Secretary Work & Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Presentation of League Awards (20 min)

From the White House (20 min)
Mr. (b)(6)
Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for Asian Affairs
National Security Council Staff, White House

The Long Road to Today (20 min)
Mr. (b)(6) *Deputy Director*
Outreach & Communications Directorate
DPAA, Hawaii

A Glimpse into the Future (20 min)
Mr. (b)(6) *Senior League Policy Advisor*
Director of Asian Affairs, National Security Council, 1981 – 1989

Assessing Today's Reorganization (20 min)
Ms. Mills-Griffiths

11:30 AM
1:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM
3:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION – NATIONAL POLICY

Virginia Ballroom

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Today's Mission, Priority & Objectives

(30 min)

Mr. Michael Linnington, Director

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs

(20 min)

General Robert "Doc" Foglesong, USAF, (Ret)

Operational Perspective Worldwide

(20 min)

BG Mark Spindler, USA, Deputy Director

DPAA, Hawaii

Facilitating Family & Veteran Engagement

(20 min)

Ms. Fern Sumpter Winbush, Principal Staff Director

DPAA, Washington, DC

Strategic Partnerships – Update

(20 min)

Dr. Thomas Holland, Director, Strategic Initiatives

DPAA, Washington, DC

3:00 PM
3:40 PM

FROM THE VETERANS' PERSPECTIVE

Virginia Ballroom

Mr. (b)(6)

(20 min)

Washington Liaison, Special Operations Association,

Mr. (b)(6)

(20 min)

Executive Director & Assistant Adjutant General, VFW

3:40 PM

DIA'S ROLE IN THE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING MISSION

Ms. Melissa Drisko, Deputy Director-Designate

(20 min)

Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)

4:00 PM
6:00 PM

DINNER BREAK PREPARATION

Boutique 4:00 – 4:30 PM

Old Dominion Ex. Board Room, Plaza Level

6:00 PM

NO-HOST RECEPTION

Virginia Ballroom Foyer

Special Boutique items will be on display for Silent Auction

6:45 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Virginia Ballroom

U.S. Army Band's "Army Voices"

7:00 PM

***47th ANNUAL DINNER & COMMEMORATIVE
CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY**

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Welcome (2 min)

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister, Chairman of the Board

Presentation of Colors, National Anthem & Service Medley (10 min)

*Armed Forces Color Guard, Military District of Washington
United States Army Band's Army Voices*

Missing Man Honors Table (5 min)

MSG (b)(6) USA

"Name of Song" (5 min)

U.S. Army Voices

Invocation (5 min)

*Father Paul K. Hurley, MG, CHC, USA
Chief of Chaplains, USA*

Dinner

Introduction of Special Guests (15 min)

Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Remarks: **General Mark A. Milley, USA** (20 min)

Chief of Staff, United States Army

Presentation of League Distinguished Service Award (5 min)

Special Music

*Ms. Lacy Rourke & SSgt (b)(6) USMC
Vietnam War Commemoration*

Candlelight Ceremony Honoring Vietnam War POW/MIAs (20 min)

& Eight American & Ten Vietnamese Personnel Whose

Lives Were Lost Trying to Account for Them

*USA, USMC, USN, USAF Service Casualty Candle Lighters
Roll Call of Personnel Honored – SRV Ambassador Pham Quang Vinh,
General Milley & Mr. (b)(6)*

9:00 PM

Benediction (5 min)

Father Hurley

Friday, June 24, 2016

8:30 AM
11:30 AM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Options for Applying Advanced Underwater Technology

Commodore (b)(6) USN

(30 min)

*Commander, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two
Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Ft. Story, Virginia*

*Ms. (b)(6) Historian/Underwater Archeologist
DPAA, Hawaii*

(15 min)

Where We Stand Today

*Major General James T. Jackson, USAF (Ret)
Director, Vietnam War Commemoration*

Augmenting DPAA's Investigation Process

DIA Stony Beach Panel

(60 min)

Mr. (b)(6) Stony Beach Program Manager, DIA Headquarters

Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Vientiane, Laos

Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Hanoi, Vietnam

Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Mr. (b)(6) DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Bangkok, Thailand

Moderated by Mr. (b)(6) League Intelligence & Research Advisor

Private Sector Presentation

(60 min)

Mr. (b)(6) League Intelligence & Research Advisor

Mr. (b)(6) Researcher, Vietnam Intelligence Analyst

Mr. (b)(6) Imagery Analyst

Mr. (b)(6) Researcher, Aircraft Analysis

11:45 AM
12:45 PM

WORKSHOPS

Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level

Pursuing an MIA Case – Your Role

Richmond Room

Ms. (b)(6) Chairman

Dealing with Ambiguous Loss

Roanoke Room

Ms. (b)(6) Chairman

Mr. (b)(6) Workshop Leader

1:00 PM	SERVICE HOSTED LUNCHEONS	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level
2:30 PM	USA USN/USMC/Civilian USAF	Washington Room Adams Room Madison Room
2:45 PM	DPAA WORKSHOP	Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level
3:45 PM	<u>Maximizing Your Benefit from DPAA's Website</u> Major (b)(6) USAF DPAA, Washington, DC	
4:00 PM	GENERAL SESSION	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level
6:00 PM	Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding <u>Asia & Pacific Regional Approach</u> (20 min) Col Michael Gann, USMC, Director, Asia Pacific Directorate DPAA, Hawaii <u>Today's Vietnam War Accounting Process</u> (20 min) Mr. (b)(6) Asia Pacific Directorate DPAA, Hawaii <u>Analyses in Support of Policy & Operations</u> (20 min) Mr. (b)(6) Asia Pacific Directorate DPAA, Washington, DC <u>Non-biological Evidence Analysis Support of Operations</u> (20 min) Mr. (b)(6) DPAA Laboratory Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH <u>Technological Advances as Part of the ID Process</u> (20 min) Lt Col (b)(6) MD, USAF Chief Deputy Medical Examiner & Director, DoD DNA Registry <u>Applying Scientific Applications to Operations & Identifications</u> (20 min) Dr. (b)(6) Forensic Archeologist (tentative, awaiting approval) DPAA, Hawaii	
6:30 PM	Board Buses to 8 th & I Space is limited to the first arrivals; all must have badges.	Lobby Level
8:30 PM	UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS EVENING PARADE USMC Barracks, 8 th & I Streets, SE, Washington, DC	
10:00 PM	Buses return to Hilton Crystal City Hotel	

Saturday, June 25, 2016

9:00 AM
12:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Department of Defense Q&A Panel

Department of Defense presenters will respond to questions from family members and, time permitting, veterans and others, covering any and all subjects raised in prior sessions.

12:00 PM
2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM
5:00 PM

****LEAGUE BUSINESS SESSION**

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

From the League Office

(15 min)

Ms. (b)(6) *League Administrator*

Treasurer's Report/Annual Audit

(15 min)

Mr. (b)(6) *MIA Brother, League Treasurer*

Resolutions for Consideration

(60 min)

Mr. (b)(6) *MIA/RR Son, Resolutions Chairman*

Open Discussion

(30 min)

Presentation, by Alvin Townley, Author

(30 min)

DEFIANT: The POWs Who Endured Vietnam's Most Infamous Prison, the Women Who Fought for Them, and the One Who Never Returned

6:30 PM
8:00 PM

LEAGUE-HOSTED FAREWELL RECEPTION

All registered 47th Annual Meeting Attendees are invited

Crystal Room
Plaza Level

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From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: 3 Jun 2016 15:03:31 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Timeliness on Posting IDs-Vietnam War (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)
Thanks.
Is there a written SOP that guides this?

Thanks.

Todd

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:00 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Timeliness on Posting IDs-Vietnam War (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

I just talked to (b)(6) and she will ensure stats get changed today.
(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Timeliness on Posting IDs-Vietnam War (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Todd, another part of this issue is that the person in AP that used to track and update all the stats, (b)(6) retired last year. Ann would call (b)(6) daily to get updates on the stats. (b)(6) did not enjoy those calls but always did her best. Her replacement is not as receptive to taking such calls as are many folks in this office because some of them have been punished for things they shared with Ann that she reported indirectly back to leadership which made it easy for them to track down the source. v/r (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 10:12 AM
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@yahoo.com; (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com; (b)(6)@aol.com; Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Timeliness on Posting IDs-Vietnam War (U)

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Sure, but give me your phone number as I'm having to work from home due to a plumbing issue. Our question: Why would this be so hard to locate, why dont the statistics match with this listing? Please call me on (b)(6) And thanks, Ann

PS: The link you sent came up "can't be found."

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In a message dated 6/3/2016 10:06:21 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Ann,
Good morning.
Can you give me a call to discuss as this is posted at Caution-
<http://www.dpaa.mil/OurMissing/RecentlyAccountedFor.aspx>.

Todd

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:43 AM
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 EC (US)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Timeliness on Posting IDs-Vietnam War

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It has now been at least 48 hours since LCDR Frederick Peter Crosby's ID was in the news, and there is yet to be any update posted on the DPAA web site. While you may not wish to release a "blue top" notice, though I don't understand why, that is not the primary concern. The lack of any DPAA update reflects very poorly on our new agency. Can you PLEASE get this process streamlined into an SOP that will reliably be implemented? Thanks in advance and, please understand, this is for the good of DPAA, not for me! Have a good weekend, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 3 Jun 2016 18:18:31 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA Registration for League Meeting (U)

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In a message dated 6/3/2016 5:29:48 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

I have no idea of which you speak, Ann? Will do on the rest! (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tue, 7 Jun 2016 01:22:32 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Subject: RE: Acronym Update for League (U)
Attachments: smime.p7s

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

We should probably add ESR, Excavation Summary Report and ISR, Investigation Summary Report. Also need to correct SAR which she list as Search and Recovery, but the definition she has is for Search and Rescue.

(b)(6)

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
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590 Moffet Street, Bldg 4077
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96853
Phone: (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:59 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Subject: Acronym Update for League (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I made some updates to this. I think the folks in the field have replaced some terms and perhaps we need to include them? (I this list is too extensive but will defer to Ann as to what she thinks important.) v/r

(b)(6)

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

From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 12:48 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Acronyms Update

(b)(6)

Who has the lead on this one?

• Thanks
Todd

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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

Sent: Sunday, June 5, 2016 6:19 AM

To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);

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

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

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Acronyms Update

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Please? Of course we'll re-date it, but you can use the tracking tool.
Didn't know which of you should be asked, so sending to all, and thanks in advance, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 7 Jun 2016 14:06:47 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Acronyms-Abbreviations_6-6-16 (U)

OK, got it (b)(6) and thanks, Ann

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In a message dated 6/7/2016 10:41:44 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) and Todd saw this and (b)(6) is the one that added ISR and ESR.)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 10:41 AM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: Acronyms-Abbreviations_6-6-16 (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann, I made some edits to the attached in yellow. I might recommend the ones in green be deleted as I don't hear them used too often such as the Navy History Center and/or they had little long-term significance in the issue, ie. PACT. Best, (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 7 Jun 2016 14:25:12 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA Registration for League Meeting (U)

Thanks, we'll work on title abbreviations, Ann

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In a message dated 6/7/2016 2:04:08 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) we've had our first addition. Dr. (b)(6) Europe Mediterranean Directorate. I've added and highlighted her name in the attached. Sorry! (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 4:47 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com
Subject: DPAA Registration for League Meeting (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) attached is the list. Sorry for the delay. First, I know it's not last name/first name but I can switch the columns if you want. It makes it much easier for me to read and verify if I read it as "rank, first name, last name, service (if appropriate). Also, as always, I don't have the home states. It is pulling teeth to get folks to give me personal information even to include home state. Besides, the only state that matters to me are those folks from New Jersey. The rest are just jealous wannabees. I have no doubt that someone may pop up and change their mind and decide they want to

come and/or find that they can't attend due to some issue at work or in their family. But I've scrubbed this listing at least six times and I think it is going to be 98% accurate. Best, (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 8:46 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] 47th Ann Mtg Registrations?

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(b)(6) wanted to check in with you and see what is going on with the registrations (and those attending the dinner) from DPAA? Our deadline is Wed. June 1, 2016 ! By the way, your new boss, Todd Livick asked Ann in front of Mike Linington last week if DPAA staff could attend our meeting!

We should have a count for you for those registered for the meeting by new week, and I will let you know so you can get the materials DPAA wants in our packet of materials.

Also, what will the cut-off-date be for numbers?....hopefully around June 15th ??? please let us know when you decide.

Thank You,

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National League of POW/MIA Families
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703-465-7432 (League Office)
* Caution-Caution-www.pow-miafamilies.org

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 11 Jun 2016 15:13:17 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Message to NOK of US and SRV Personnel Attending 47th AnMtg Dinner
Attachments: 47thAnMtgProgram_FINAL_6-11-16.pdf

Dear _____:

We were delighted to hear that you are able to be with us for the League's 47th Annual Meeting and Commemorative Dinner and the special dedication at the Pentagon of the plaque honoring your loved ones who lost their lives while undertaking operations to account for our men missing from the Vietnam War.

In that vein, please also accept attendance as our guest(s) at the invitation-only VIP Reception, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, in the Crystal Room, Plaza Level. Both events are at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Attached is our final program that you'll likely find of significant interest since it covers all aspects of the mission focus for Vietnam War accounting. We will have special credential badges prepared and awaiting pick-up from the DPAA Office in the Luray Room, First Floor.

I very much look forward to meeting each of you and thanking you in person for the tremendous service and sacrifice that you and your family suffered on behalf of our nation's commitment to accounting for those who are captured or become missing while serving our country.

Sincerely,

Ann Mills-Griffiths
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47th Annual Meeting

June 22-25, 2016

*Hilton Crystal City Hotel
Arlington, Virginia*

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Assistant Chairman

(b)(6)

Committee Chairmen

Annual Dinner & Registration

Boutique

Commemorative Program

Communications

Credentials Distribution

Credentials Verification

Orientation

Resolutions

Sergeants-at-Arms

Special Events

(b)(6)

Lacy Rourke

(b)(6)

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

BADGES: All attendees, except uniformed military officials, must wear a visible, color-coded badge on the lanyard provided at registration for entrance into all League-hosted and Service-hosted events, including off-site events. ANY alteration to a badge will result in revocation and denial of admittance.

White – League (voting) family members

Blue – non-League family members

Green – US officials

Yellow – family members attending only DoD briefings

Tan – League associate members

Grey – concerned citizens

Red – media

INFORMATION AND PRESS: Located in the **Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level**. Direct inquiries to Communications Chairman Lacy Rourke **(b)(6)** [@gmail.com](mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com) or call Hilton Crystal City (703) 418-6800 and ask for the League Office.

DoD OFFICES: DPAA and DIA investigators, intelligence and material evidence analysts will again be available in the Service Casualty Offices throughout the League's meeting to support individual Case File Reviews with families. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to share information with these specialists, preferably NOT in conflict with critical government briefings, the legal justification for DoD-provided transportation. US officials will be present by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd. All Service Casualty Offices are located on the 1st floor:

USA

USN/USMC/Civilian

USAF

DPAA

Blue Ridge Room

Shenandoah Room

Skyline Room

Luray Room

Individual Case File Reviews will be held in these locations from noon to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please try to schedule reviews at times outside of sessions during which critical information is presented. Instead, ask for early morning, lunch or dinner breaks.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Newcomer Orientation: There will be an important informational session in the Patrick Henry Board Room, First Floor, on Wednesday, June 22nd, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. First-time attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Twilight Tattoo: Thanks to support from the Vietnam War Commemoration, Army-provided bus transportation to the Ft. Myer Twilight Tattoo will begin boarding at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22nd, for those credentialed. The program is from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at which time buses return to the Hilton.

The **47th Annual Meeting Dinner** will be preceded by a no-host reception in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer on Thursday, June 23rd, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom and conclude at 9:00 p.m.

Workshops: Two specialized workshops will be held in the Richmond and Roanoke Rooms, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Service Hosted Luncheons will be held Friday, June 24th, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level:

USA
USN/USMC/Civilian
USAF

Washington Room
Adams Room
Madison Room

Workshop: You are urged to attend a special workshop, **Maximizing Benefit from DPAA's Website**. Specialists will give registered attendees guidance on how to get the most in terms of useful information, helpful in preparation for the future family-member-accessible Case Management System. This forum will be in the Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

United States Marine Corps Evening Parade: Participation is limited to the first one hundred attendees with authorized badges. The performance at the historic USMC Barracks at 8th and I Streets is Friday, June 24th; buses will begin boarding at 6:30 p.m.

League-Hosted Farewell Reception will be held Saturday, June 25th, in the Crystal Room, Plaza Level, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

BOUTIQUE: The League Boutique will open in the Old Dominion Board Room, Plaza Level, on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and during posted hours throughout the meeting. There will be a Silent Auction during the 47th Annual Dinner; bidding closes ten minutes after the dinner concludes.

DISPLAYS: Vietnam War Commemoration, Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) and Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) displays are located in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level, available for public review by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd.

POLICY RESOLUTIONS: To ensure availability at the start of the Business Session, Saturday, June 25th, 2:00 p.m., resolutions must be submitted in writing to Resolutions Chairman (b)(6) by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24th. Resolutions not prepared in advance may still be introduced on the floor.

BUSINESS SESSION: The League Business Session, to be held June 25th, 2:00 p.m., in the Virginia Ballroom, is open to all credentialed attendees. Only dues-current Family Members (white badges) are eligible to vote.

DNA TESTING: Family members who have not provided a sample for DNA comparison are encouraged to do so; check with your Service Casualty Office on the First Floor to determine eligibility.

EMERGENCIES/CELL PHONES: In case of emergency, call the Hilton Crystal City Hotel operator. All phones must be silenced during all sessions, including the 47th Annual Dinner.

SMOKING & VAPOR CIGARETTES: These are strictly prohibited in meeting rooms. There are posted smoking areas outside the Hilton Crystal City Hotel.

DRESS CODE: The dress for the meeting sessions is business casual, or Military Class B, and for the 47th Annual Meeting Dinner, the dress for ladies is cocktail attire and, for men, suit and tie or Military Class A.

ACCESS: With appropriate credentials, all are eligible to participate. *Must purchase dinner ticket(s) to attend. **League Family Members ONLY are eligible to vote; all are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

3:00 PM 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS DISTRIBUTION <i>(Boutique: 3:00 – 5:00 PM)</i>	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES	Patrick Henry Board Room First Floor
5:30 PM	Board Buses to Fort Myer	Hilton Hotel Rear Entrance Lobby Level
6:00 PM 8:30 PM	TWILIGHT TATTOO Fort Myer Ceremonial Field	
8:45 PM	Board Buses for Hilton	

Thursday, June 23, 2016

7:15 AM 8:45 AM	REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS DISTRIBUTION	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
9:00 AM 11:30 AM	OPENING GENERAL SESSION	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level

Call to Order

*Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Presiding*

Presentation of Colors

*POW*MIA Elko (NV), Boise Valley, Magic Valley
& Pocatello (ID) Awareness Associations*

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. (b)(6) MIA/RR Sister & Board Member

Invocation

Ms. (b)(6) MIA Daughter & Board Member

"America the Beautiful"

Ms. (b)(6) Underwater Archeologist
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

In Memory & Honor

Ms. (b)(6) MIA Daughter & Board Secretary

Keynote Remarks: **The Honorable Robert O. Work**
 Deputy Secretary of Defense

Unveiling of National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster
Deputy Secretary Work & Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Presentation of League Awards

From the White House

Mr. (b)(6)
Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for Asian Affairs
National Security Council Staff, White House

The Long Road to Today

Mr. (b)(6) Deputy Director
Outreach & Communications Directorate
DPAA, Hawaii

A Glimpse into the Future

Mr. (b)(6) Senior League Policy Advisor
Director of Asian Affairs, National Security Council, 1981 – 1989

Assessing Today's Reorganization

Ms. Mills-Griffiths

11:30 AM
1:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK
(Boutique: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

1:00 PM
3:40 PM

GENERAL SESSION – NATIONAL POLICY

Virginia Ballroom

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Today's Mission, Priority & Objectives

Mr. Michael Linnington, Director

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs

General Robert "Doc" Foglesong, USAF, (Ret)

Operational Perspective Worldwide

BG Mark Spindler, USA, Deputy Director DPAA, Hawaii

Analyses in Support of Policy & Operations

Mr. (b)(6) Asia Pacific Directorate

DPAA, Washington, DC

Strategic Partnerships – Update

Dr. (b)(6) Director, Strategic Initiatives

DPAA, Washington, DC

Facilitating Family & Veteran Engagement

Ms. Fern Sumpter Winbush, Principal Staff Director

DPAA, Washington, DC

3:40 PM
4:00 PM

FROM THE VETERANS' PERSPECTIVE

Virginia Ballroom

Mr. (b)(6)

Washington Liaison, Special Operations Association,

Mr. (b)(6)

Executive Director & Assistant Adjutant General, VFW

4:00 PM
6:00 PM

DINNER BREAK PREPARATION

Boutique 4:00 – 4:30 PM

Old Dominion Ex. Board Room, Plaza Level

6:00 PM

NO-HOST RECEPTION

Virginia Ballroom Foyer

Special Boutique items will be on display for Silent Auction

6:45 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Virginia Ballroom

U.S. Army Band's "Army Voices"

7:00 PM

***47th ANNUAL DINNER & COMMEMORATIVE
CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY**

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Welcome

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister, Chairman of the Board

Presentation of Colors, National Anthem & Service Medley

*Armed Forces Color Guard, Military District of Washington
United States Army Band's Army Voices*

"Grace"

U.S. Army Voices

Missing Man Honors Table

MSG (b)(6) USA

Invocation

*Father Paul K. Hurley, MG, CHC, USA
Chief of Chaplains, USA*

Dinner

Introduction of Special Guests

Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Remarks:

**General Mark A. Milley, USA
Chief of Staff, United States Army**

Presentation of League Distinguished Service Award

"The Vacant Chair"

*Ms. Lacy Rourke
Vietnam War Commemoration*

Candlelight Ceremony Honoring Vietnam War POW/MIAs
& Eight American & Ten Vietnamese Personnel Whose
Lives Were Lost Trying to Account for Them

*USA, USMC, USN, USAF Service Casualty Candle Lighters
Roll Call of Personnel Honored – SRV Ambassador Pham Quang Vinh,
General Milley & Mr. (b)(6)*

9:00 PM

Benediction

Father Hurley

Friday, June 24, 2016

8:30 AM
11:30 AM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Where We Stand Today

Mr. (b)(6)

*Assistant Director of Plans & Operations
Vietnam War Commemoration Commission*

Options for Applying Advanced Underwater Technology

Commodore (b)(6) USN

*Commander, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two
Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Ft. Story, Virginia*

Ms. (b)(6) *Historian/Underwater Archeologist
DPAA, Hawaii*

Augmenting DPAA's Investigation Process

DIA Stony Beach Panel

Mr. (b)(6) *Stony Beach Program Manager, DIA Headquarters*

Mr. (b)(6) *DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Vientiane, Laos*

Mr. (b)(6) *DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Hanoi, Vietnam*

Mr. (b)(6) *DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

Mr. (b)(6) *DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Bangkok, Thailand*

Moderated by Mr. (b)(6) League Intelligence & Research Advisor

Private Sector Presentation

Mr. (b)(6) *League Intelligence & Research Advisor*

Mr. (b)(6) *Researcher, Vietnam Intelligence Analyst*

Mr. (b)(6) *Imagery Analyst*

Mr. (b)(6) *Researcher, Aircraft Analysis*

11:45 AM
12:45 PM

WORKSHOPS

Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level

Pursuing an MIA Case – Your Role

Richmond Room

Ms. (b)(6) *Chairman*

Dealing with Ambiguous Loss

Roanoke Room

Ms. (b)(6) *Chairman*

Mr. (b)(6) *Workshop Leader*

1:00 PM	SERVICE HOSTED LUNCHEONS	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level
2:30 PM	USA USN/USMC/Civilian USAF	Washington Room Adams Room Madison Room
2:45 PM	DPAA WORKSHOP	Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level
3:45 PM	<u>Maximizing Your Benefit from DPAA's Website</u> Major (b)(6) USAF DPAA, Washington, DC	
4:00 PM	GENERAL SESSION	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level
6:00 PM	Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding <u>DIA's Role in the Accounting Mission</u> Ms. Melissa Drisko, Deputy Director-Designate Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) <u>Asia & Pacific Regional Approach</u> Col Michael Gann, USMC, Director, Asia Pacific Directorate DPAA, Hawaii <u>Today's Vietnam War Accounting Process</u> Mr. (b)(6) Asia Pacific Directorate DPAA, Hawaii <u>Non-biological Evidence Analysis Support of Operations</u> Mr. (b)(6) DPAA Laboratory Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH <u>Technological Advances as Part of the ID Process</u> Lt Col (b)(6) MD, USAF Chief Deputy Medical Examiner & Director, DoD DNA Registry <u>Applying Scientific Applications to Operations & Identifications</u> Dr. (b)(6) Forensic Archeologist DPAA, Hawaii	
6:30 PM	Board Buses to 8 th & I <i>Space is limited to the first arrivals; all must have badges.</i>	Lobby Level
8:30 PM	UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS EVENING PARADE USMC Barracks, 8 th & I Streets, SE, Washington, DC	
10:00 PM	Buses return to Hilton Crystal City Hotel	

Saturday, June 25, 2016

9:00 AM
12:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Department of Defense Q&A Panel

Department of Defense presenters will respond to questions from family members and, time permitting, veterans and others, covering any and all subjects raised in prior sessions.

12:00 PM
2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

(Boutique: 12:00 – 1:45 PM)

2:00 PM
5:00 PM

****LEAGUE BUSINESS SESSION**

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

From the League Office

Ms. (b)(6) League Administrator

Treasurer's Report/Annual Audit

Mr. (b)(6) MIA Brother, League Treasurer

Resolutions for Consideration

Mr. (b)(6) MIA/RR Son, Resolutions Chairman

Open Discussion

Presentation, by Alvin Townley, Author

DEFIANT: The POWs Who Endured Vietnam's Most Infamous Prison, the Women Who Fought for Them, and the One Who Never Returned
(Final Boutique Wrap-Up: 5:00 – 5:30 PM)

6:30 PM
8:00 PM

LEAGUE-HOSTED FAREWELL RECEPTION

All registered 47th Annual Meeting Attendees are invited

Crystal Room
Plaza Level

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With appropriate credentials, all are eligible to participate.

***Must purchase dinner ticket(s) to attend.**

****League Family Members ONLY are eligible to vote; all are welcome to attend.**

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 13 Jun 2016 09:42:51 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Question for you... (U)

Thanks (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/13/2016 9:26:54 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I'm going to say no one but it may be one of the new folks. I will ask this morning! (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:12 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Question for you...

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(b)(6) do you know anyone in DPAA that is either active Coast Guard, or Coast Guard Reserve? ... willing to do the Coast Guard Hat for the Missing Man Ceremony at the dinner ... (b)(6)

Thank You,
(b)(6)
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(b)(6) (cell)
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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 13 Jun 2016 11:11:33 -0400
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: 50 years ago today - Marine Cpl. Gregory J, Harris was last seen cap...

Please get (b)(6) directly, accurate statement to the case analyst and, remember, she is so disreputable she was ousted from the completely discredited National Alliance. That speaks volumes about her. Best to all, Ann

*Ann Mills-Griffiths
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organization (23-7071242), eligible for donations
through the Combined Federal Campaign, #10218*

From: (b)(6)@cox.net
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 6/12/2016 5:58:46 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: 50 years ago today - Marine Cpl. Gregory J, Harris was last seen cap...

Good grief! What can one say other than Ms. (b)(6) is not a very credible analyst or reporter of fact. While she plays the role of aggrieved family member, she never met Corporal Harris or his beloved mother. (b)(6) alleges to be a distant cousin of Corporal Harris, but I was never able to get a straight answer as to how she was actually related. I was closely associated with Corporal Harris' mother until her death in 1975. Although other analysts worked this case, I followed it for a number of years and was later asked to represent it in meetings with (b)(6). One of his aunts had previously represented him at the original status review hearing in the 1970s. Even though he was presumed dead, this loss was closely investigated and there is no doubt in my mind that Corporal Harris died and was subsequently buried on a sandbar in the river. Locals even referred to the sandbar as the burial site of an American. The only outstanding question is the possibly of recovering his remains, but with the seasonal shifting of the sandbar a precise gravesite could not be determined.

(b)(6) did supply me reams of her analysis and so called "proof," which I added to his case file, but not to his official case summary. It is a free world and (b)(6) can

rant and rave in her efforts to get personal attention, but she is not a reputable reporter of fact.

(b)(6)

On Jun 12, 2016, at 4:53 PM, (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > wrote:

I don't know if you all in Outreach & Communications received this forward from (b)(6) Honor Release Return, but am copying (b)(6) (b)(6) the foremost expert on epistles written by (b)(6) (b)(6) Best to all, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@usocentralfloida.org < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@usocentralfloida.org >
To: (b)(6)@verizon.net < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@verizon.net >
Sent: 6/12/2016 12:37:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: FW: 50 years ago today - Marine Cpl. Gregory J, Harris was last seen captured alive

I hope you will take about five minutes and read the story (link below) about the Harris Family effort to bring Cpl. Harris Caution-home.

For those of you who are not directly connected to a MIA – give some thought to Ms (b)(6) statement -

"The Harris Family's story is the norm ... not an exception."

What length would you go to if that was your Daddy, Husband, Son, Brother.....?

Until they all come home.....

(b)(6)

Subject: 50 years ago today - Marine Cpl. Gregory J, Harris was last seen captured alive

Please take the time to read his family's plight and feel free to forward and share. Many families have dealt with this exact kind of abuse, dysfunction and ineptitude. The Harris Family's story is the norm ... not an exception.

There is still so much work to be done in this issue ...

Caution-

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/awdb9ts0n7odj2y/Greg%2050%20years%20-%20Google%20Docs.pdf?dl=0> < Caution-

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/awdb9ts0n7odj2y/Greg%2050%20years%20-%20Google%20Docs.pdf?dl=0> >

Thank you ...

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(b)(6)

POW/MIA Researcher - DoD and Congressional Liaison =

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 13 Jun 2016 16:53:05 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: League Bios (U)
Attachments: BoardBios_6-27-15.pdf, AMG.Bio_September.4.2015.pdf

Nothing has changed (b)(6) but I did add the longer one for me, just in case the request is for Milley's office.

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In a message dated 6/13/2016 3:25:27 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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Ann, do you have updated bios for the League board that I can use/share? Thank you! (b)(6)

League Board Members-2015-2017: Brief POW/MIA Bios, June 27, 2015

Ann Mills-Griffiths; Virginia, sister of CDR James B. Mills, USNR, MIA 9/21/66, North Vietnam. sister of Commander James B. Mills, USNR, MIA 9/21/66, North Vietnam. **Background:** Executive Director 1978-2011; Board member 1974-1978, while also serving as California and Western Regional Coordinator, 2000-present. Led or participated in many League and official USG delegations to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia 1982-2009; countless testimonies before House and Senate, speeches to major national veteran organizations, domestic and international TV appearances, full time volunteer for the League handling policy issues and maintaining relationships with government officials, both foreign and domestic.

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Ann Mills-Griffiths currently serves as Chairman of the bi-annually elected Board of Directors of the National League of POW/MIA Families and retains CEO responsibilities. She served over 30 years as Executive Director and CEO of the nonprofit, 501(c)3 humanitarian organization in Washington, DC. Having stepped aside from administering the League's national office on August 1, 2011, she now focuses solely on policy, operations and sustaining the League's financial ability to achieve accounting objectives. At the request of the Secretary of Defense, she also serves on the Defense Department's Vietnam War Commemoration Advisory Committee.

Since 1970, the League has fought for the return of all POWs, the fullest possible accounting for the MIAs, and the recovery and identification of the remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War. From 1980 through 1992, Ms. Mills-Griffiths represented the families' views on the POW/MIA Interagency Group, the US Government's central policy development committee, and was instrumental in setting up high level negotiations between Vietnam and the United States in 1982-83. Since then, she has continued to represent the POW/MIA families and America's missing personnel through direct contacts with US and foreign leaders.

Ms. Mills-Griffiths has met frequently with senior officials in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, as well as with Thai, Russian, Chinese and other diplomats in an effort to expedite answers. As a recognized leader on POW/MIA issues and recipient of numerous honors, she also has appeared frequently before congressional committees and sub-committees, national and international broadcast media, participated for decades in policy forums dealing with Southeast Asia, and been called upon for advice by foreign nations facing their own personnel accounting issues.

Commander James B. Mills, USNR, Ms. Mills-Griffiths' brother, was listed as Missing-in-Action on September 21, 1966, when the Navy F4B on which he served as Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) disappeared on a night, low-flying bombing mission over North Vietnam.

September 4, 2015

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Sent: 13 Jun 2016 17:33:54 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Message to NOK of US and SRV Personnel Attending 47th An...

Welcome, but PLEASE make the spelling correction as highlighted below, and thanks, Ann

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Thank you!

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 3:13 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Message to NOK of US and SRV Personnel Attending 47th AnMtg Dinner

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Dear _____:

We were delighted to hear that you are able to be with us for the League's 47th Annual Meeting and Commemorative Dinner and the special dedication at the Pentagon of the plaque honoring your loved ones who lost their lives while undertaking operations to account for our men missing **from** the Vietnam War.

In that vein, please also accept attendance as our guest(s) at the invitation-only VIP Reception, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, in the Crystal Room, Plaza Level. Both events are at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Attached is our final program that you'll likely find of significant interest since it covers all aspects of the mission focus for Vietnam War accounting. We will have special credential badges prepared and awaiting pick-up from the DPAA Office in the Luray Room, First Floor.

I very much look forward to meeting each of you and thanking you in person for the tremendous service and sacrifice that you and your family suffered on behalf of our nation's commitment to accounting for those who are captured or become missing while serving our country.

Sincerely,

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 13 Jun 2016 19:36:38 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Vietnam War numbers (U)

OK, got it, we're good, with that assurance, and thanks for his current rank on the Statistics.
Later, Ann

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

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Ann,
Col Wood was the only Vietnam War ID that we had not announced.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 2:22 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Vietnam War numbers (U)

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I appreciate your being willing to go back, but we'll re-print. I would note that Major Wood was actually ID'd February 29th of this year, in fact Leap Year Day, and the ID was posted June 9th!

My question is whether there are other Vietnam War IDs that are being held up for no valid/legal reason that could be posted now and make DPAA's Vietnam War effort look more productive? Now THAT would be good for all involved.

You might want to at least look at those already ID'd, and not yet posted, as the total count until Maj Wood, since last year's annual meeting was only eight! With him, there are still only nine ID's to announce at Opening Session where the DepSecDef is speaking.

I'd say it worthwhile to look at that and, (b)(6) since you're likely still in Hawaii, you could probably check fairly quickly. Or, perhaps it's easier from DC with the SCOs?

Let us know ASAP, please, since we do have to move on some things fairly quickly, and thanks in advance, Ann

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

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Sorry, Ann. The number will remain at 1,619. Alternatively, you could simply explain that there was an additional service member accounted for after the printing--good news.

(b)(6)

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

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 1:11 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org

Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US);

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

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Vietnam War numbers (U)

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Really??? I was told last week, BEFORE WE COPIED 400 EACH, that the number was frozen at 1,619!. OK, wasted time, effort and cost, but are you now CONFIRMING that the number will remain 1,618 until AFTER the annual meeting? We checked the DPAA web site, just prior to printing last Wednesday and it was still 1,619, but thanks for also updating the Accounted-For Vietnam War list. We'll update again and reprint, Ann

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In a message dated 6/13/2016 11:51:40 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ann,

Per your request we have frozen the Vietnam War unaccounted for numbers (1,618 unaccounted for). Attached is the link for the latest statistical report (June 9) Caution-Caution-Caution-
http://www.dpaa.mil/portals/85/Documents/VietnamAccounting/2016_stats/Stats20160609.pdf This report reflects the accounting of U.S. Air Force Colonel Patrick Hardy Wood.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 14 Jun 2016 11:23:08 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Request from Ann (U)

Thanks, (b)(6) and we really appreciate it, plus I think I like your Coast Guard buddy, and am sorry he can't be here to represent them. We stopped inviting the Coast Guard leadership when we accounting for their one, single Coast Guard missing guy. It was QUITE a deal for the entire Coast Guard.

The only thing I can think of is to ask the Honor Guard Coastie from MDW, but I'm really worried about Navy Casualty. I just learned that NONE of the active duty, i.e. uniformed Navy, guys who routinely come to DC for the League Annual Meetings are planning to attend the dinner. Undoubtedly, they are actively pursuing their own social agenda using maximum TFY funding throughout, but don't care enough to represent the Navy, even before the Army CoS or the many other senior official, current and former, who will be present, not to mention the Navy POW/MIA families, of which I am one, who will not see their missing loved one's service represented in the Missing Man Honors ("hat") ceremony. (b)(6) has agreed to do it, thankful, but I'm appalled and when doing my Navy brother's case review, I'll be interested in how many Naval officers are around. I'm sure the CNO will be interested in my follow-up note. Ann

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

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Ann, I'd be honored too. Thank you for the consideration! As to the Coast Guard, I sent out a note to everyone asking if they had any Coast Guard background. So far nothing. Do you invite any senior folks from the Coast Guard? I'm curious. I had a great friend from hockey that was an O-5 helicopter pilot but he just moved to Alaska two years ago to take over a command. The command that is in that reality show, but they never feature my buddy. He's too nice of a guy for a reality show and he's not

good at faking drama (b)(6)

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

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 10:13 AM

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

Cc: (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Request from Ann

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Also, any luck on a Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve person to handle this for the Coast Guard? (b)(6) reminded me that last year, the Coast Guard Armed Forces Color Guard representative stepped up and offered to participate.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 15 Jun 2016 07:26:30 -0400
To: Gann, Michael J Col USMC DPAA AP (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: RSVP for the League Dinner (U)

Mike.... you are now confirmed for dinner... (b)(6)

Thank You,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

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

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Hello,

Can you please confirm my RSVP for the candle light dinner on 23 June 16.

s/f and thanks

Mike

Colonel Michael J. Gann II

United States Marine Corps

Director, Asia/Pacific Region

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 15 Jun 2016 08:50:51 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Request from Ann (U)

Great, some Navy personnel will be in uniform and which one should we ask to do the Missing Man Honors Ceremony?

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Ann, we have navy officers and I think some are coming. Its not the league in paritcular, its formal dinners in general that young officers and enlisted avoid like the plague. In my last two commands, I subsidized the costs of all O3s and below to attend an annual dinner (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com]
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(b)(6) they get treated very well by the families they presumably serve in their role, even if TDY, to assist the Navy Casualty Office. Frankly, I'm pretty disgusted with (b)(6) at this point, for the materials he distributed to at least SOME of the Navy families. I didn't even receive the material and God only knows how many others didn't, since the number of Navy attendees this year is much lower than even the Marine Corps, usually the lowest other than the civilians. The lack of cohesion among

the Service Casualty Offices is apparent and very unbecoming, even unworthy, sadly. Have a great evening and, again, thanks for wanting to be part of the Missing Man Honors Ceremony. I know the families will be pleased to see you doing it, as will I, and all will appreciate it very much. Later, Ann

PS: Don't you have any Navy officers in DPAA? Or should I ask (b)(6) (b)(6)? He is coming in from HI and he'll undoubtedly be in uniform, so what do you think?

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Ann, I do think formal dinners are less appealing to the junior officers. They don't get treated very well when the flags are running around. It may have something to do with that. (b)(6)

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Sent: 15 Jun 2016 10:03:29 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)@mail.mil.inwriting
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PP (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Question Relayed to You from (b)(6)
(b)(6)

I certainly understand and agree. I think (b)(6) is likely off his meds, but (b)(6) question was in an effort to support DPAA, we need to know something you have earlier responded to in by letter or email, and thanks. If you have nothing, perhaps (b)(6) can get one from State since (b)(6) claims to have received a letter from Ted Osius. Later, Ann

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Ann, did you mean to say "why" are we responding vice "what" are we responding? I'm not responding to him. He sends me four rambling letters and emails a week most about his ongoing dialogue with the DRPK. As much as some like to talk down our country and our government, something is way off kilter when an American citizen is actively promoting a personal dialogue with a brutal dictatorship while talking down the US Government. There is nothing I can think of that such a person would listen to. Best, (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 06:46 PM


To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)
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Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PP (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Question Relayed to You from (b)(6)


See attached letter from the prolific (b)(6) to (b)(6) who had to first "tame" (b)(6) in 1982, something he did with evidence proven by actions of President Reagan's seriousness about placing priority on the accounting mission. I've told (b)(6) that (b)(6) writes to someone almost daily, whether the North Koreans, Vietnamese, Chinese or US officials.

Now he is asking, as am I, the same question: What is DPAA's position and what are you responding to (b)(6)? How can any of us be helpful when we don't know what DPAA and others might be saying, i.e. the US Ambassador to Vietnam, for example? Samples would be appreciated and most helpful, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 15 Jun 2016 10:24:06 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HRC
(US) (b)(6)@gmail.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC
(US) (b)(6) CIV USARMY HRC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] William Darrell Johnson MIA Case 0997
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks, (b)(6) and (b)(6) let me know if there is any problem the necessary time. Best to all, Ann

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

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Mrs. (b)(6)

Thanks for your note. DPAA will have to answer your request to have Dr. (b)(6) attend the case review. No issues with Mr. (b)(6) attending.

Mr. (b)(6) will work with DPAA to see if we can get the case review schedule changed. Army can support a lunchtime review.

We'll get back to you shortly.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Chief, Past Conflict Repatriations Branch (PCRB)
Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC)

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Team Line: (800)892-2490
(b)(6)@mail.mil

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FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5405

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

From: (b)(6) [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 10:00 PM
To: (b)(6) USARMY HRC (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil>
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>;
(b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] William Darrell Johnson MIA Case 0997

Dear (b)(6)

(b)(6) William Darrell Johnson is a Vietnam MIA January 19, 1968. I will be attending the National League of Families Annual Meeting next week. I submitted my registration packet and received a call from (b)(6) in your office that he has received all the necessary documents. I have requested my case review during lunch on Thursday. My analyst is Mr. (b)(6) I would also like to request Dr. (b)(6) (b)(6) attend my case review. I would like Dr. (b)(6) to take a strong look at my (b)(6) case and advise me of the high processes that can be used to locate Darrell's reported grave site.

Mr. (b)(6) will also attend the case review. He has attended the review with me since 2009. He is the retired National Executive Director of the American Legion. (b)(6) also has a special interest in Darrell's case. He and (b)(6) served in Company B together in Vietnam and (b)(6) was in the battle on Jan. 19, 1968, the day (b)(6) was reported MIA. (b)(6) will only attend the meeting on Thursday, he will be leaving in the afternoon, that is the reason we need the case review during lunch.

I appreciate your help with this. I can be reached at (b)(6)

Thank You,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wed, 15 Jun 2016 20:24:54 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Display Tables for League Meeting (U)
Attachments: smime.p7s

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

We will only need one table for DPAA. Thanks for taking care of us.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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Phone: (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 10:09 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Display Tables for League Meeting (U)

(b)(6) ...We are taking care of AFDIL and 50th Anniversary Commission, so we only need the info. for DPAA... (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/15/2016 12:13:07 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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(b)(6) since we are stumbling down this dark path together with sunglasses on, let me propose the below as the three DoD tables to include the one for the 50th Anniversary Commission. I'm cc'ing (b)(6) who may know better if we are setting up the display tables as we've done in the past. It may be we only need one table for DPAA. Best! (b)(6)

AFDIL Collection
DPAA Display (Operations Table)
DPAA Display (Life Science Table)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 11:47 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Display Tables (U)

(b)(6). I have no clue what you had in the past... this is my first year involved in this part...but I can tell you that we already have one for AFDIL....so you don't need to worry about them....right now the Hilton has us using 10 tables, but we are thinking that is way too many for the 3 that are displaying this year (DPAA, AFDIL, & 50th Anniversary Comm.)... let me know what you think you might need... (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/15/2016 11:17:04 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) may I ask how many we reserved in the past - one for JPAC, one for AFDIL, and one for LSEL? (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 9:22 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Display Tables

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(b)(6). We need to know how many display tables DPAA is going to need for the Foyer by the meeting room...would you please find out as soon as possible, we need to complete the BEO's today.... thanks... (b)(6)

Thank You,

(b)(6)
National League of POW/MIA Families

(b)(6)
(b)(6) (cell)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 15 Jun 2016 17:19:15 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: League Bios (U)

You're welcome, and attached is the one, with photo, that we put together and (b)(6) just sent to Holly for the Chief of Staff's Ceremony at the Pentagon in the midst of our 47th Annual Meeting. I don't know if you've seen the invitation Holly just sent out, apparently to all on the DPAA conference call list to attend the Pentagon Ceremony? How insulting can they be? And, sadly, they likely don't even know it. Later, Ann

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In a message dated 6/15/2016 4:27:12 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Forgot to thank you! (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 4:53 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: League Bios (U)

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Nothing has changed, (b)(6), but I did add the longer one for me, just in case the request is for Milley's office.

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In a message dated 6/13/2016 3:25:27 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, do you have updated bios for the League board that I can use/share? Thank you! (b)(6)

From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: 20 Jun 2016 11:27:24 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) DPAA (US); (b)(6) DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] DPAA MATERIALS FOR 47TH ANNUAL MEETING (U)
Attachments: facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg, facebook.jpg, twitter.jpg

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Gentlemen,
Have not received any feedback from the Director on any of the slide decks, but per the below we need to get this wrapped up quickly today.

Todd

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2016 1:46 PM
To: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>; Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com; (b)(6)@gmail.com
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] DPAA MATERIALS FOR 47TH ANNUAL MEETING

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Thanks, Fern, I'm sure your push for the 400 per presentation will make it real! Gratefully, Ann

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In a message dated 6/18/2016 1:26:45 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Absolutely will try!! We rec'd most presentations on Fri and are prep'g them for delivery. Will push harder Mon morning.

Thanks.

F/

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

FSW/

Fern O. Sumpter Winbush

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(b)(6)

@mail.mil

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

Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2016 11:27 AM

To: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)

Cc: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org; (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@columbus.rr.com;

(b)(6)@gmail.com

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Good morning, Fern,

You asked what more was needed from DPAA in preparation for the 47th Annual Meeting, during which DPAA and other briefings will be given. At the time, none of our volunteers or (b)(6) had mentioned that as yet, we have NO firm commitment for delivery of the briefing materials to be distributed. The importance is to ensure that when picked up, along with their credentials, those attending have the opportunity to read in advance those they choose to read, as well as have them available for any questions that may arise for raising to DPAA and other officials during the Saturday morning Q & A Session.

Since in some years past (too many, actually) the materials have arrived too late to be included in the prepared materials and, too often, in less than the number needed for all attendees, all thought you'd want to know so that you can ensure timely arrival in the quantify needed, namely 400 each, preferably backed up and stapled, by COB on Monday, June 20th.

Until that time, and all day on Monday, June 20th, our volunteers will be correlating League materials and announcements/special flyers (such as the DPAA Workshop on Maximizing the Benefit of DPAA's Web site), etc. Arrival by COB on Monday or, at latest, Tuesday morning, June 21st, 7:30 AM, will ensure all is prepared for opening of Registration/Credentials Pick-up, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, on Wednesday, June 22nd, and final pick-up on Thursday morning, June 23rd, just before Opening Session.

Your assistance would be great appreciated, and thanks in advance, Ann

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From: Knowles, Catherine S (Cathy) CIV DPAA GC (US)
Sent: 20 Jun 2016 14:49:40 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: Final 47th Annual Meeting Program (U)

(b)(7)

Any other changes to this agenda for this week? Trying to allocate time for the pertinent briefings. Also, who is my best POC to listen in to family 1:1?

w/r,
Cathy

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:37 AM
To: Knowles, Catherine S (Cathy) CIV DPAA GC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: Final 47th Annual Meeting Program (U)

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CAVEAT: None

As requested, so delivered. Vr (b)(7)

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message
From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Sent: Sunday, June 5, 2016 5:59 AM
To: Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US)
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Decision Needed on Final 47th Annual Meeting Program

Mark, please get with John Byrd, and pick someone to present at the league meeting, and CC Ann directly on who it is. Thanks brother --

Vr, Mike

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

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

Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 10:27 PM

To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US) <(b)(6)>@mail.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Decision Needed on Final 47th Annual Meeting Program

Mike, I hope you are having a good weekend. We're working to finalize the program and we still have a major question on what you, as Director, want in terms of someone from the Lab to speak. We had pretty much agreed that Dr. (b)(6) with much experience in the field and a Lab Manager, would be perfect. I later learned that she is scheduled to conduct her first joint Forensic Review in Vietnam. She is quite excited about this prospect, and it is vital to the accounting process.

I would not want, under any circumstance, to intervene and prevent her this experience, nor undercut the best option for such an important role in the accounting process. For that reason I called (b)(6) and she recommended Dr. (b)(6) and I later had another good suggestion, Dr. (b)(6) Forensic Anthropologist. The decision is yours, so it would be most helpful if you could please make a decision ASAP, and thanks in advance. Ann

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 20 Jun 2016 13:09:49 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

Smart Axx, are you finally back at work? And how about our questions on the DPAA list of attendees? I mean for the credential badges?

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

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Thx (b)(6) For that I will do my best to get you ALL the briefings this year not just the ones I personally like. (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 5:56 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

(b)(6) YOU owe me big time !!! I have a room for you for Thurs June 23, at OUR rate
!!!!.... will send you the confirmation # tomorrow... (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/14/2016 7:22:33 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

(b)(6) can a guy change his mind a third time? My oldest son will be home so no reason for me to stress. Can I still get a room? Thx and sorry. (b)(6)

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

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

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 03:32 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com <(b)(6)@aol.com>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

You are the queen among queens; however, Ann is the empress!

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 3:26 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

LOL.... sure would not want that to happen.....so I will not get you a room at the Hilton..(b)(6)

In a message dated 6/13/2016 3:24:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) belay my last! I just remembered I have to be home by midnight on Thursday or my youngest will not be home at all!! (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:26 AM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) many thanks. Any room will work for me. I prefer twin queens but anything that is available. King or peasant, in my name. Thx! (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 8:53 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hilton Hotel Room (U)

(b)(6) do NOT call over to the Hilton....we will arrange for the one night if possible... I am assuming you want a King room and under your name???.... (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/13/2016 8:43:21 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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(b)(6) is it too late to book a room at the Hilton for Thursday night? I spaced

and forgot. I'm about to call over. Thx, [REDACTED]

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 20 Jun 2016 16:37:07 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Q&A for the Family Portal Workshop (U)

(b)(6) in an attempt to be responsive, IS THERE A BRIEFING ON THE "FAMILY PORTAL" CONCEPT? If so, where is it on the program? And no, there won't be any questions during the presentations, but if your contractors can't work when you need them to work, why are they DoD contractors? I don't see any mention of a "Family Portal" briefing.

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ann, a quick question I've been asked to make but I know the answer.... would it possible to take Q&As during the briefing on the "Family Portal" workshop? We have three contractors that are the designers of the system that will be there for the briefing but may not be available on Saturday. I know the room and microphones are not set up to take questions until Saturday, but I promised them I would ask you. Thx, (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 12:12 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: DPAA Registration for League Meeting --- one more name of Tom Holland's Intern (U)

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I just received an additional name of a person that wishes to attend --- Mr. (b)(6) of Strategic Partnerships.

Mr. (b)(6) is an intern that works for Dr. Tom Holland. He just reported two weeks ago. He is very young befitting his status as an intern and Tom thought it good that he gets over to see the briefings at the League. Tom also promised to make a hefty donation from his personal bank account if that helped grease the skids. Let me know what you think. Thx! (b)(6)

Original Message-----

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

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 4:40 PM

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

Subject: DPAA Registration for League Meeting -- two additions and one deletion (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) we have two late additions, (b)(6) and (b)(6). I highlighted them in Yellow. We also had one deletion: (b)(6). I highlighted him in Red. Let me know if any issue. Thx! (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 20 Jun 2016 21:13:44 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA Registration for League Meeting --- four more names (U)

got i (b)(6)

In a message dated 6/20/2016 3:45:38 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I just had four more folks request to attend. The first is a long time DPAA employee, (b)(6). The other three are IT Contractors for DPAA and are responsible for building the "family portal" and will be key to the briefing on that subject. Sorry! (b)(6)

(b)(6) DPAA Policy and Plans Directorate

(b)(6) DPAA Computer Contractor
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Subject: DPAA Registration for League Meeting --- one more name of Tom Holland's Intern (U)

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CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I just received an additional name of a person that wishes to attend --- Mr. (b)(6) of Strategic Partnerships.

Mr. (b)(6) is an intern that works for Dr. Tom Holland. He just reported two weeks ago. He is very young befitting his status as an intern and Tom thought it good that he gets over to see the briefings at the League. Tom also promised to make a hefty donation from his personal bank account if that helped grease the skids. Let me know what you think. Thx! (b)(6)

Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 4:40 PM
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
Subject: DPAA Registration for League Meeting -- two additions and one deletion (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(7) we have two late additions. (b)(6) and (b)(6) h. I highlighted them in Yellow. We also had one deletion: (b)(6) I highlighted him in Red. Let me know if any issue. Thx! (b)(7)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 21 Jun 2016 10:20:32 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Copies of Briefings (U)

That would be great, then none of us would have to suffer through them and I'd be applauding, but it would then required that all pay attention and not try to do their own thing, Ann

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In a message dated 6/21/2016 9:45:07 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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 [Caution-mailto(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 8:46 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Copies of Briefings (U)

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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

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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 Todd!

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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
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 6:43 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Copies of Briefings (U)

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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:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

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? (b)(6)

From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)
Sent: 21 Jun 2016 21:53:46 +0000
To: (b)(6)@aol.com'
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: RSVP: National League of POW/MIA Families 47th Annual Meeting

Ann -- unbeknownst to us, he RSVP'd REGRET on 14 June (not sure to whom)..... I'm working with his office now to get their plan for presenting the government perspective/commitment.

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

Fulfilling our Nation's Promise!

Mike Linnington
Director, DPAA, USD(P)

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 5:43 PM
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US); Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: RSVP: National League of POW/MIA Families 47th Annual Meeting

Surely he means the dinner, right? And he is not canceling for the Opening Session? Isn't it bad enough that he is hosting a dinner inviting all ASEAN Ambassadors during the very time of the League's 47th Annual Meeting Dinner? I sure hope his office is just declining the dinner, but believe you might want to check, or would appreciate it. Thanks in advance, Ann

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From: (b)(6)@sd.mil
To: (b)(6)@aol.com
CC: (b)(6)@mail.mil, (b)(6)@sd.mil
Sent: 6/21/2016 2:57:43 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: RSVP: National League of POW/MIA Families 47th Annual Meeting

Thank you for inviting Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work to speak at the subject event 23 June 2016. Unfortunately, he has to regret.

V/r,

(b)(6)



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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 21 Jun 2016 18:12:23 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Thursday Briefings (U)

I'm not trying to find fault, (b)(6) or place blame, but if anyone tries to pretend this administration, or DoD, is committed to the accounting mission, it sure will fall on my DEAF EARS! It is really disappointing since it had supposedly been locked in long ago. Safe home, the weather sucks! Ann

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In a message dated 6/21/2016 5:51:39 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

OK, and we are confirmed 95 short for Thursday? I know my eyes are terrible and I could have counted wrong no matter. My fault. I will personally fix in the am and get them over by noon. I'm sorry again.

On other issues, I spoke yto some key folks this evening and they think you have every reason to be upset with the person competing with your dinner and the way you found out about it. There is no excuse. I also am pretty confident the Marine Corps is going to find a two star to attend the dinner. I'm on the train. (b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.


From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 5:40 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Thursday Briefings (U)

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No wonder nobody was there to meet Todd, he said 9:00 am. And they HAVE AND HAD FOUR (4) BOXES, not three.

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In a message dated 6/21/2016 2:32:35 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

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CAVEAT: None

Ok. Yes, no one was there at 7:30 so the staff opened the room for us to drop off the four boxes. If there were only three boxes when your folks arrived, that would explain the missing 95 briefings and I can send a person down to find the missing box which would be vastly quicker and easier than printing for two hours.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 2:19 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Thursday Briefings (U)

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No clue, I'm in the League office, not collating materials for the packets or in the boutique - all staffed by volunteers. They were not present when Todd delivered four boxes, marked 1 of 2 for Thursday, 2 of 2 for Thursday, and 1 of 2 for Friday and 2 of 2 for Friday. Does that help?

Sorry no one was there to meet Todd on delivery, but I'm surprised the door was left open, assuming that is how Todd got in to delivery them to the Patrick Henry Board Room. Or, perhaps they were delivered by the Hilton staff? All I know is that (b)(6) was later than intended for whatever reason and didn't get to the Patrick Henry until 9:30 a.m. As a result, Ill send a note of apology to Todd.

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In a message dated 6/21/2016 2:02:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann, got it. One question, how many boxes did you get? You should have four boxes. Two for Friday and two for Thursday. Is it possible someone misplaced one box before I shut down all the printers/copiers here. Thx! (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 12:15 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6)@aol.com; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Thursday Briefings (U)

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(b)(6) the counts follow:

NOK, League NOK fully registered	117
Non-League NOK fully registered	17
GBO NOK	84

Associate League Members, fully registered 50

Concerned Citizens fully registered 24

Total: 292

Plus Honored Guests (JTF_FA) 13 (5 of whom are fully registered) ; all get the total packets++

That is a total, total of 305, without any of the 115 USG officials.

From what I was told, DPAA sent only 216 copies of the Thursday briefings; 300 for the Friday briefings.

Setting aside for now the decision NOT to provide the briefings to USG officials, we still need 89 copies of the Thursday briefings and 5 of the Friday briefings, that is IF I can any longer count.

WHAT TIME CAN THESE BE DELIVERED TO (b)(6) IN THE PATRICK HENRY EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM, PLAZA LEVEL? ASAP, please.

I find it hard to believe after all these years we still are unable to get the requested number and, no, I don't give a fig over anyone's "discomfort" at having all the copiers engaged and unavailable for one day! Later, Ann

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In a message dated 6/21/2016 10:27:13 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann, we counted 295 for both days! That's a simple counting error. We had to use all three printers to run it so we must have miscounted. No conspiracy.

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-

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

Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 10:24 AM

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

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Thursday Briefings (U)

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I've just learned that DPAA delivered ONLY 216 copies of the Thursday briefings, and only 300 for the Friday briefings. That means, once again, that DPAA, just as DPMO before it, can't bring itself to supply the necessary number required for all to have hard-copy available for the briefings. UNSAT! Especially when the League, with ONE full time employee and our dedicated volunteers, can manage 400 copies of many materials. I'm sorely disappointed, Ann

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In a message dated 6/21/2016 10:02:11 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

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

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Here are the briefings for Thursday. Half the size of the other file.
Best! [(b)(6)]

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 9:58 AM

To: [(b)(6)]@aol.com'

Subject: Friday Briefings (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

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)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 22 Jun 2016 22:49:24 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Marine Corps General at Dinner

BG Kurt W. Stein, Asst. Deputy Commandant (Aviation (Mob), will represent the Commandant.

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In a message dated 6/22/2016 6:25:31 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Ann, did you get any word back from the Marine Corps on a General Officer? (b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 23 Jun 2016 06:37:28 -0400
To: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV USAF AFPC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) USARMY OSD OUSD POLICY (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Transportation to Pentagon (U)

Got it, thanks so much, and I'm going off line NOW. I have to focus on the morning's agenda and, by the way, Mike, you and (b)(6) will be seated at the head table. Please apologize, as I will, to General Milley that we simply couldn't get his staff the list of VIPs in advance. We tried, and they were scrambling simply to get people registered and supplied with materials and credentials. Somehow our volunteers pull this off with great skill, no sleep for any of us, but we'll get there, and hopefully well. Let's make this a wonderful, meaningful day, and we are honored to be hosting the special commemoration for our honored guests. Later, and hurriedly, Ann

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In a message dated 6/23/2016 6:31:36 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Ann, we will do just that. As soon as the program is over we'll jet you back. y! need to get back to listen to (b)(6) as well.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 6:12 AM
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV USAF AFPC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) OSD OUSD POLICY (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Transportation to Pentagon (U)

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Mike, if the time prior is to meet all the families, then I'll leave at 1:45 and tell them as well that I MUST depart immediately after, so please have someone ready to run just me, if necessary, back to the Hilton and return for the others?

I really DO want to do this, and meeting them all. I've talked with (b)(6) and emailed back/forth with her, talked only once, briefly with (b)(6) widow (which name does she use? (b)(6)? Or (b)(6)?) It is the "chatting afterward that I can't do, as I want to be back to listen and support the other speakers, already feeling badly that I'll miss General Foglesong and most if not all of Mark Spindler's remarks.

I plan to stay only long enough to tell all that I'll be turning over the chair to Vice Chairman (b)(6) then run out with you, Mike. If the motor can be running at the timely conclusion of the short program, I could run out the shortest route, possibly with Todd or Holly, then the van could retrieve the others?

Thanks for trying to accommodate this unprecedented situation and, knowing the military, it will be very well done and meaningful. Best to all, and see you soon, after a VERY short night, Ann

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In a message dated 6/23/2016 4:56:01 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Sir,
Will do.

Todd

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US)

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 11:04 PM

To: (b)(6)@aol.com; Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)
CIV USAF AFPC (US)

Cc: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US);
(b)(6) OSD OUSD POLICY (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA (US);
(b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Transportation to Pentagon (U)

Ann - we can move it right - not Holly's idea...mine. Since the Pentagon instituted their enhanced screening all kinds of OFFICIAL delegations have been held up, and missed important meetings for sitting at ECPS and the like.....as it happened with the Russians a few weeks back. We'll leave at 2 and hope all goes well. Todd will fill in for me if we are held up, and flex if you're not there to meet the families.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: (b)(6) @aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 10:57 PM
To: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); Linnington, Michael S SES DPAA FO (US); (b)(6) CIV USAF AFPC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US);
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Holly, I just got this message and can't believe you're suggesting I leave the 47th Annual Meeting at 1:45 PM for a program at 2:30 PM when it is ONLY 15 minutes, if that, to go from the Hilton Crystal City to the Pentagon Mall Entrance, especially with an expedited walk through security. Mike had indicated I would be absent about one hour from the session, and I agreed, but 1:45 until whenever the 2:30 PM program concludes and returns to the Hilton, it is sounding more like 2 hours. That is a bit much, so can you please reconfigure the timing? Thanks in advance, Ann

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In a message dated 6/22/2016 5:13:25 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
(b)(6) @mail.mil writes:

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CAVEAT: None

Mr. Linnington, Ann, and (b)(6).

A Government van will pick you up at the Hilton Crystal City at 1:45 to take you to the Pentagon for the Memorial Panel Dedication Ceremony.

(b)(6) will be the driver.

She will drop you off at the Mall entrance, where Army Protocol will meet you to get you in.

The ceremony begins at 1430.

When the ceremony is over, a bus will depart the Pentagon Mall entrance to take you back to the Hilton Crystal City.

The families of some of the military members killed in the helicopter crash in 2001, as well as other DPAA members, will also be on the return bus with you.

See you all tomorrow.

V/R,
-Holly

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 28 Jun 2016 14:36:43 +0000
To: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Pentagon Ceremony Info (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Todd,
I am not sure who attended in the end, so I would have to reach out to the SCOs for this. We have not provided those addresses to non-gov't folks before as they are PII.

(b)(6)

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

From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 2:25 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Pentagon Ceremony Info (U)

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CAVEAT: None

Sorry...meant addresses for these families.

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From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 2:24 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Pentagon Ceremony Info (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6)

Do you have these emails?

Thanks.
Todd

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

From: (b)(6)@aol.com [mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 11:14 AM
To: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil>;
(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Cc: 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 EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Pentagon Ceremony Info (U)

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browser.

Holly and All,

First, it was an honor, confusing as it was, to participate in the ceremony at the Pentagon, as well as have the families with us for the dinner. Those I talked with at both locations were most appreciative of both events and the framed Certificates of Appreciation the League presented, confusing as that also was. Since some attended and others didn't attend the dinner, we have six framed Certificates of Appreciation and, as (b)(6) indicated, we're more than happy to re-do the one for Mrs. (b)(6)

(b)(6) tried to leave the framed Certificates with the respective Service Casualty Office, but was asked if the League couldn't send them. Obviously, we don't have addresses for the individuals and, in addition, it is or would be an expensive proposition. Can you please ask (b)(6) or someone else to run over to the League office and pick them up then you all send them out to these families? If unable or unwilling, perhaps General Milley's staff would be able and willing to assist on this?

Thanks in advance and, if you were offended by my request for slight adjustments the transportation to/from the Hilton to the Pentagon, I apologize as that certainly was NOT my intention. I learned later during the meeting that the Director considered my email abusive and inappropriate. I regret his interpretation and failure to understand that the timing was the worse possible, other than the morning of Opening Session, rather than the beginning of the afternoon session and even more, having to miss Fern's remarks and those of BG Spindler and (b)(6)

Best to all of you and thanks especially to you, Todd, and all in the Outreach and Communications Directorate for understanding far more than most the realities we all are dealing with. Ann

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In a message dated 6/27/2016 9:53:10 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, (b)(6)@mail.mil writes:

Let's go with Mrs.
Thanks so much!!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 9:23 AM
To: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US); 'Anne Mills-Griffiths'
Cc: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Pentagon Ceremony Info (U)

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Good morning,

Of course we can - does she want Mrs. (b)(6) or just (b)(6) ?

(b)(6)

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From: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US) [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 8:54 AM

To: Anne Mills-Griffiths (b)(6)@aol.com>; (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>

Cc: 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 EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil>

Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Pentagon Ceremony Info (U)

Good morning Ann and (b)(6)

The wife of SFC (b)(6) who died in the helicopter crash in Vietnam in 2001, is grateful for the events this past week honoring her husband. She plans to get the certificate you gave her mounted and framed.

However, she would like to request a reprint with the following name, instead:

(b)(6)

Is this something you would be willing to do?

Thank you for your consideration!

- Holly Slaughter

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US) <(b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-
Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > >

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 3:50 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HRC (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY HRC (US)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Pentagon Ceremony Info (U)

H (b)(6)

It was so nice to meet you and your daughter!

I would love to help you get the certificate fixed.

Pardon my ignorance, but I'm unaware of who gave you the certificate and what it looks like.

If you could give me those details, I'll track down a corrected version for you.

I hope your trip home today was pleasant.

Best Regards,

- Holly

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 3:43 PM

To: Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Pentagon Ceremony Info (U)

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Good Afternoon Ma'am,

First I wanted to say thank you for everything it was wonderful and we were treated so graciously and with respect I don't have enough words to say how truly grateful I am for everyone's kindness towards my daughter and I. I will remember this for the rest of my life and (b)(6) would have been VERY proud. I only wanted to ask if the certificate I received could be corrected to read (b)(6)? It has my maiden name on it and my new name. I would love to mount the certificate. Thank you again.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

PDRAFT

On Jun 22, 2016 5:22 PM, "Slaughter, Holly N Lt Col USAF DPAA EC (US)" <(b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil < Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil %3c Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil > > > wrote:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ladies,

An update to the transportation to the Pentagon Ceremony.

A bus will actually pick you up at 12:40 at the Hilton Crystal City.

The bus will take you (and me) to a special entrance at the Pentagon where Army Protocol will meet us and facilitate our expedient entry into the building.

It is important that all family members ride the bus to the Pentagon.

The bus will return you all to the Hilton Crystal City at the conclusion of the ceremony.

I recommend you eat lunch BEFORE 12:40.

When you get to the Pentagon, you will get a tour, then the office visit with General Milley, then the ceremony.

You will likely be back to the hotel between 3:00 and 3:15.

I will be at the League meeting tomorrow morning. I look forward to meeting you there.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

-Holly

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 28 Jun 2016 12:41:57 -0400
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)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: A Call For The House Select Committee on DPAA Missing JFI Team Reports

(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 Comtee on Missing DPAA JFI Reports.

Thank you.

Mr. (b)(6)

Illinois Marine Corps Veteran

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: 29 Jun 2016 11:19:35 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Briefings (U)

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HAHAHAHA! The walk would break them in though :)

Okay - they are ready for the picking up. I am going to try to get out of here early today (maybe 3:00) but I'll be here at 8:00 tomorrow so whatever works.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:13 AM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Briefings (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

She sent an email to Mr. Linnington telling him about that and suggesting me or (b)(6) drive down and pick them up. I'm deferring to (b)(6) as he has a car. I just had new soles sewn on my shoes.

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

From: (b)(6) Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:46 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Briefings (U)

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What a bargain! :) Thank you.

Hey - did Ann talk to you about picking up the Certificates for the family members who weren't at the dinner?

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
[Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:30 AM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org
Subject: Briefings (U)

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)

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From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: 3 Jul 2016 22:18:58 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6)@gmail.com
Cc: (b)(6) CIV DPAA PPS (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: NOK Registrants for League An Mtg. Who Did NOT Pick Up Credentials
Attachments: GBObadges-NOT.PickedUp_47thAnMtg_6-2016.docx

Just thought you'd like to know that we are trying our best to protect you all from the BS factor!
Ann

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CC: (b)(6)@mail.mil, (b)(6)@mail.mil, (b)(6)@mail.mil
Sent: 7/3/2016 10:17:14 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: NOK Registrants for League An Mtg. Who Did NOT Pick Up Credentials

For years now, the League has listed those who signed up to attend the League's annual meetings, at which USG briefings are given, by law, and I'm not at all sure that each of you in the DoD's Casualty Offices have accurately made note that such individuals are violated the strictures of Congressionally authorized COIN Assist transportation for the purpose of listening to USG briefings. The law is clear, yet some NOK continue to take advantage of this benefit and do NOT feel at all obliged to listen to the official briefings. As a result we are again providing a list of such individuals and would hope that at long last a comparison would be done to exclude, in the future, such people as are purposely defying the intent and structures of the law designed as a privilege for MIA families to have such access. The list is attached. If anyone of this

list actually was given the privilege of traveling at taxpayer expense to have such information and failed to fulfill his/her obligations in this regard, I would request that the Service Casualty Offices so inform NOK and make clear that each/all are prohibited from such travel in the future. To do otherwise jeopardizes the COIN Assist program. I look forward to your responses, and thanks in advance, Ann

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April 26, 1966 North Vietnam
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(b)(6)

Colonel Joseph C. Austin, USAF
March 18, 1967 North Vietnam
New York

(b)(6)

E4 Douglas R. Blodgett, USA
April 19, 1968 South Vietnam
Virginia

(b)(6)

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April 19, 1968 South Vietnam
Virginia

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Colonel Herbert O. Brennan, USAF
November 26, 1967 North Vietnam
Virginia

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Colonel Herbert O. Brennan, USAF
November 26, 1967 North Vietnam
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LCpl Albert Brigham, USMC
December 14, 1966 South Vietnam
Texas

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SGM Raymond L. Echevarria, USA
October 3, 1966 South Vietnam
North Carolina

(b)(6)

Major Robert H. Mirrer, USAF
January 17, 1971 South Vietnam
New Jersey

(b)(6)

LTJG Terence M. Murphy, USN
April 9, 1965 China
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Lt Col Henry M. Serex, USAF
April 2, 1972 South Vietnam
California

(b)(6)

Lt Col Charles R. Connor, USMC
October 28, 1968 South Vietnam
Pennsylvania

(b)(6)

Major Eugene P. Beresik, USAF
May 31, 1968 North Vietnam
California

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Colonel Herbert O. Brennan, USAF
November 26, 1967 North Vietnam
Florida

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Lt Col William F. Mullen, USMC
April 29, 1968 Laos
Virginia

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April 29, 1968 Laos
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Captain Victor A. Smith, USAF
January 17, 1969 Laos
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(b)(6)

Colonel Howard H. Smith, USAF
September 30, 1968 North Vietnam
Texas

(b)(6)

Lt Col John F. Stuart, USAF
December 20, 1972 North Vietnam
Indiana

(b)(6)

E4 Douglas R. Blodgett, USA
April 19, 1968 South Vietnam
Virginia

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CW3 William P. Milliner, USA
March 6, 1971 Laos
Kentucky

(b)(6)

CPL Imlay S. Widdison, USA
May 12, 1968 South Vietnam
California

From: Ann Mills-Griffiths
Sent: 7 Jul 2016 10:00:03 -0400
To: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) @pow-miafamilies.org
Cc: Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA-Family, Veterans, and Military Organizations Update--Thursday, July 28 at 2 pm Eastern Time (U)

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Good morning Fern and all. Glad to hear and figured as much, but as to my application, over my dead body, and those of many others, most likely!!!! Just hoping for a renewed , revised "exit strategy," hoping to write THE book that begs to be written so that all have the truth instead of the fiction that continues to surround this mission. Onward.....and have a great weekend upcoming, Ann

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Sent: Thu, Jul 7, 2016 6:54 am
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA-Family, Veterans, and Military Organizations Update--Thursday, July 28 at 2 pm Eastern Time (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Ann,
Yep - Job announcement was just extended to 15 July - also advertised in Washington Post. As slow as the hiring action wheels turn especially for SESs, I likely won't have anything by the 28th. BUT...I certainly will provide details on what I can find out/can share.

Everyone in OSD/P has this action as a number 1 priority understanding that I am flying solo and doing both jobs...

So you still have time to apply... :-) just sayin'...

FSW/

Fern O. Sumpter Winbush

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

Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 9:28 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6) @pow-miafamilies.org

Cc: Sumpter Winbush, Fern O SES DPAA FO (US); Spindler, Mark S BG USARMY DPAA FO (US); Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US); (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US); (b)(6)

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DPAA-Family, Veterans, and Military Organizations Update-- Thursday, July 28 at 2 pm Eastern Time (U)

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(b)(6) I'll be attending the discussion, having just returned from my trip the day prior, and thanks for scheduling it on the 28th, intentional or otherwise. I think it would have been a great idea to lead with the #1 agenda item on everyone's mind, i.e. Mike Limington's resignation and replacement status,. Since you didn't, might I suggest that you, Fern, do so and for the sake of real transparency and credibility, please make it your lead. I know you all recognize that is foremost in the minds' of all. Of course your comments would have to be in general terms, such as number of applicants, timing of selection and criteria for the position. Just say'in.....and best to all, Ann (from beautiful San Diego)

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To: Undisclosed recipients,;

Sent: Thu, Jul 7, 2016 5:52 am

Subject: DPAA-Family, Veterans, and Military Organizations Update--Thursday, July 28 at 2 pm Eastern Time (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CAVEAT: None

Dear Family Organizations, VSOs, and MSOs,

On behalf of DPAA Acting Director, Mrs. Fern Sumpter Winbush, I'm pleased to invite you to participate in our next Family Group/VSO Update to discuss DoD's past conflict personnel accounting mission and the continued progress of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. This month, Mrs. Winbush is hosting the meeting at our DPAA headquarters in Crystal City (241 18th St South, 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22202, the building is Crystal Square 4 and is at the Crystal City stop on the Blue/Yellow Metro lines). Due to space constraints, we ask that you R.S.V.P. for one representative from your organization to attend the meeting. For those unable to travel to our office, we will have the dial in capability detailed below.

Also, per our rules of engagement, please do not forward information about this event to anyone outside your respective organization. As with all of our invitations, this email is addressed to multiple recipients within each organization for maximum awareness of the event.

Thank you for remaining engaged with us on this important issue, and for everything you do to support our families and veterans.

Date: Thursday, July, 28, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Dial-In Number: (b)(6)

Passcode: (b)(6)

The agenda for the July 2016 meeting includes:

1. Update on the Personnel Accounting Mission (Acting Director Mrs. Winbush) 2. Operational Update (Deputy Director BG Spindler), and 3. Q&A - Mrs. Winbush is looking forward to hearing your concerns and suggestions.

Please R.S.V.P. with the name of your organization's participant to:

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From: Livick, Todd S Sr CIV DPAA (US)
Sent: 13 Jul 2016 14:09:31 +0000
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)
Attachments: Together We Can 001.jpg

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

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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

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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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From: (b)(6)@gmail.com>
To: cap-k-dprk-unit-dl <cap-k-dprk-unit-dl@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. (b)(6)

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 Mr. (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.

Mr. (b)(6)

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-----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
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<info@richardsondiplomacy.org>
Sent: Tue, Jul 5, 2016 9:03 am
Subject: Update - Private POW/MIA Effort To Locate, Recover, Identify and Return

July 5, 2016

(b)(6)

To: Mr. Mickey Bergman
Director of the Richardson Center Mickey (b)(6) @gmail.com

From: (b)(6) Mobile (b)(6) @gmail.com
Past U.S. Based NGO to Vietnam
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Cc: Ms. (b)(6) U.S. Dept. of Defense (b)(6)
PA - DOD - DPAA - Hawaii - (b)(6) @mail.mil

Subject: Letter of Interest

Re: Combined Efforts to Lift the Ban on USA DPAA - JFI Teams
In Korea and More

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To widen the scope of our relations with the Democratic Peoples Republic in accepting our sincere thanks and appreciation in allowing our USA DPAA teams back into their country for these purposes on locating US POW/MIA remains within the known wartime POW campsite locations that have never been visited.

I/we look forward towards your letter of interest and in going forward as one team.
To date I have not contacted any national media outlet as to this effort as well.

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Cc: Mr. Joung G. Kwon - (b)(6) @gmail.com
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From: Duus, Kristen L SSG USARMY DPAA EC (US)
Sent: 15 Jul 2016 12:17:01 +0000
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: RE: photograph at league meeting (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

I asked Hawaii about it the other day and never heard back. I have tried searching their drives and have been unsuccessful. I have a few photos of Ann presenting awards and unveiling the poster, but nothing of her receiving an award. Sorry.

SSG Kristen Duus
Chief of External Communications
Public Affairs NCOIC- D.C. Directorate
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
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Arlington, VA 22202

(b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2016 6:22 AM
To: Duus, Kristen L SSG USARMY DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: photograph at league meeting (U)

Kristin, did you get any feedback on this from Hawaii. If someone tells me where the pictures are stored, I will go look. Simple. Thx, (b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 5:29 PM
To: Duus, Kristen L SSG USARMY DPAA EC (US)
Subject: photograph at league meeting (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Kristen, did anyone happen to get a photo of Ann getting an award from the VVA at the League Meeting? It would have been in the main ball room on Thursday right before lunch. Thx, (b)(6)

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

From: (b)(6) [mailto:\(b\)\(6\)@pow-miafamilies.org](mailto:(b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org)
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 4:16 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: photograph? (U)

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Hahaha and no, not looking for pictures of me. (b)(6) is looking for a picture of Ann getting her VVA Award. I thought they might have something...

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@mail.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 3:53 PM
To: (b)(6)@pow-miafamilies.org>
Subject: photograph? (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

(b)(6) I presume you are looking of photographs taken of you? I think the photographers threw away all the ones of Ann after she chased them out of the Saturday Q&A....

From: ,
Sent: 15 Jul 2016 14:07:08 -0400
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?

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil>
To: , (b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jul 15, 2016 10:31 am
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Over at Arlington (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

Are you in Florida or California? Or Virginia?

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From: , [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com? >]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2016 12:00 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Over at Arlington (U)

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Thanks, (b)(6) very thoughtful and much appreciated.

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To: (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com > >
Sent: Fri, Jul 15, 2016 8:12 am
Subject: Over at Arlington (U)

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.

From: ,
Sent: 18 Jul 2016 15:09:30 -0400
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Check (U)

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I've always tried to support (b)(6) quietly to ensure as little attention as possible since I'm such a lightening rod and you'd BETTER be there, or she will be devastated! (b)(6) too! Ann

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From: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US) (US) (b)(6)@mail.mil>
To: , <(b)(6)@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Jul 18, 2016 5:33 am
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Check (U)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
CAVEAT: None

She just told me you were attending and I was quite stunned. Very nice of you to support her.

I'm pretty sure I will be there....

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From: , [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)@aol.com? >]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2016 12:06 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV DPAA EC (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Check

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See you at the dinner honoring you and (b)(7). I wanted also to support (b)(6) despite sometimes being more than a bit displeased at her "equal time/attention, etc.

Will you be attending the July 28th NOK, VSO, NGO meeting at DPAA DC HQ?

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To: (b)(6)@aol.com < Caution-mailto (b)(6)@aol.com > >
Sent: Sat, Jul 16, 2016 9:01 am
Subject: Check

Hi Ann

I received your check, for the dinner. Thank You.
See you August 12.

(b)(6)