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**POW-MIA WE Remember!**

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### 2011 FAMILY UPDATE LOCATIONS 2011

City selections are based on past update schedules and demographic mapping of family members' home locations

#### 2011 Family Updates and Annual Briefings 2011

May 21, 2011 Green Bay, WI – June 25, 2011 Princeton, NJ – July 21-23, 2011 Arlington, VA\* -  
Sept 1-2, 2011 Vienna, VA \*\* - Oct 1, 2011 Wichita, KS – Nov 19-20, 2011 Savannah GA

\*The Southeast Asia Annual Government Briefing

\*\* The Korean and Cold War Annual Government Briefings

#### ATTENTION

**Korea Cold War Families of the Missing  
Will have their annual dinner at  
Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner Hotel  
8661 Leesburg Pike Vienna, VA  
The same hotel where the family update is  
taking place**

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PO Box 454  
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**Please mark your check for dinner, chicken or  
fish**

**This year we are honoring two exceptional men  
from the U.S. Russian**

**Commission, Mr. Danz Blasser and Mr. Jim  
Connell**

Contact your Congressional Representatives through  
the U.S. Capitol Switchboard- 1-202-224-3121 or  
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## IN MY OPINION by IRENE MANDRA



Dear Members:

I would like to remind all of you that we have a prisoner of war in Afghanistan.

Perhaps, we can't march any more but we surely can hold a pen. Let's use it. The pen is stronger than the sword. Do not fear the pen like it is a sword. Pick up your most important weapon you have and use it to free POW Bergdahl.

Some of you have called your two Senators and your representative's office in Washington, DC and some have said (rarely) that they will send a written response only if they receive a letter from you..

Write and tell them you want Afghanistan POW Bowe Bergdahl negotiated for and whatever it takes to bring him home alive even if it means trading Taliban prisoners. You want him home alive and they can make that happen. We want him treated like he was the president's child or a senator or congressman's child.

To a Senator:

The Honorable (YOUR SENATOR's NAME)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 50510

Dear Senator (YOUR Senator's Last Name)

To a Congressman:

The Honorable (Your Representative's Last Name)  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

Dear Representative (Your Representative's Last Name)

Thank You Task Force Omega, Danny Belcher for spear heading this noble project.

From HR Mayor

### Meaning of Flag Draped Coffin

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation. Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the USA Flag 13 times?

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the USA and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

From: Billy Parker

Thanks to Barry Burke - SC State Director for the following information. Sent to all Chapters Presidents and State Directors.

Edited to fit Newsletter

**FUTURE OF US-RUSSIA JOINT COMMISSION (USRJC) ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS IN DOUBT:**

After sending letters to the President and senior Obama Administration officials, the League, VFW, DAV, JWV and American Legion were invited, along with other family group representatives to a January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, hosted by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs (DPMO) Bob Newberry, with National Security Council staff Director for Russian Affairs Leslie Hayden participating. Proposals raised by Hayden and Newberry were unanimously opposed by all veteran and family representatives, as they would dramatically alter the USRJC's structure and undercut or destroy its effectiveness by putting DPMO in a position to control, rather than support, the USRJC's work. Even maintaining the "status quo" is untenable as DPMO has consistently taken personnel and funding designated for USRJC support.

The January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was a disaster on all fronts and, most likely as a direct result, the NSC staff member working this issue has been reassigned. Although no further decisions have yet been announced, it is good to know that all of the major national veteran organizations, the League and all other family representatives from past wars are in full agreement on the need to sustain and reinforce the USRJC's independence.

An immediate, public outcry from POW/MIA families and our nation's veterans can help, but you must act now. DPMO leadership seems intent on becoming operational, instead of the policy control and oversight organization intended when formed. Speak out NOW to the highest levels, or don't complain when the USRJC is subsumed into the DoD bureaucracy at the bottom of its priority list.



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First Lieutenant Joseph Patrick Zeigler, served as a pilot assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 49<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Group.

#### Circumstances of Loss:

On 23 of April 1953, 1Lt.Zeigler departed Kunsan Airbase, Korea as pilot in command of an F-84G (Thunder jet). He was flying the number two aircraft in a four-ship flight. The briefed mission was a road reconnaissance mission in search of targets of opportunity. Their route was the high road from the western side of the battle zone up through Suan to Pyongyang. This was a principal enemy supply route, and it had been attacked repeatedly since the first days of the war. The flight reached the start of the reconnaissance route at about (0830) and proceeded along the road in search of targets. At about 0850 the flight leader spotted what he believed to be a truck on the side of the road. The flight leader notified the flight that he was going to make a strafing pass; 1Lt Zeigler acknowledged and said he would follow. As the flight leader began his dive, passing through 2,500 feet (mean sea level) he noticed anti-aircraft artillery coming from his seven o'clock position and called for 1Lt.Zeigler to break away. Unfortunately, the warning was too late. As the flight leader began gaining altitude, 1Lt Zeigler reported that he was hit and was bailing out. The flight leader visually acquired Zeigler's aircraft, saw it was on fire, and ordered him to bail out. Just before his F-84G crashed, flight members observed 1Lt.Zeigler's parachute open.

His chute was open and he was seen to landing. One radio transmission on emergency channel was heard, "Do you read me?" After that he disappeared into the trees. **SUBSEQUENT REPORT:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Marcel A. Cayer, Zeigler's flight leader, stated he saw subject (Zeigler) land and gather in his chute. It appeared that the downed pilot was heading for the trees on higher ground. He tried to make radio contact with subject and received a weak "Do you read me?" from him. No other transmissions were received and they orbited the area for about 30 minutes. The F-86s continued to search the ridgeline and crash site but they were never able to visually spot him or make radio contact. Finally low on fuel the F86s were forced to return to base. There is no further direct knowledge of what happened to 1 Lt. Zeigler.

While there is no confirmation, it is DPMO assessment that 1Lt. Zeigler probably perished soon after parachuting to the ground, likely while evading capture or perhaps at the hands of local villagers of militia. This is just another case as last seen alive. **WHAT HAPPENED TO 1 LT ZEIGLER?**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The F-84 Thunder jet was the U.S. Air Force's first jet fighter. Produced in several variants, the F-84E/G were the models most widely used in Korea. The "E" and "G" models were almost identical except for a slightly different engine and canopy. Both variants were capable of being refueled in air and had almost identical performance with a maximum speed of 620 miles per hour and a normal cruise speed of 485 miles per hour. The armaments include six.50 cal machine guns mounted in the nose, and eight 5" aerial rockets or up to 2,000 pound of bombs or napalm tanks on under-wing pylons.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Zeigler was never on the Johnnie Johnson List.

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

**Sponsor:** Rep King, Peter T. [NY-3] (introduced 2/28/2011)

**Committees:** House Rules

**Latest Major Action:** 2/28/2011 Referred to House committee on Rules.

#### **H. Res. 111 CO SPONSORS**

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House Resolution 111 was established in the US House on Feb. 28, 2011. If your Congressman/woman is not on this list, . Please call them this week and ask them to cosponsor this Resolution.

Remember it is H. Res. 111, not H.R. 111; they are two different pieces of legislation.



The Women Marines Association  
CO Columbine-WM History Chapter  
Chapter President  
Immediate Past National President  
3066 So. Granby St.  
Aurora, CO 80014

April 4, 2011

Congressman Peter King (NY)  
339 Cannon House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515

Our organization, CO Columbine-WM History Chapter (women who are or were Marines) supports House Resolution 111 (H.Res.111), for the formation of a Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. According to the legislation; "The select committee shall conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War Missions, Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation Enduring Freedom, including MIA's and POW's missing and captured."

We are aware of past investigations and hearings conducted in both the House and Senate. Those investigations left many unresolved matters. Additionally, much new information has surfaced since the Senate published its findings in January 1993. Here are several examples;

In 1996, a Background Paper prepared by I.O. Lee, an analyst with the Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO) stated: "There are too many live sighting reports, specifically observations of several Caucasians in a collective farm by Romanians and the North Korean defectors' eyewitness of Americans in DPRK to dismiss that there are no American POW's in North Korea."

Another former analyst with the Defense POW/MIA Office provided this information along with many other disturbing details requiring Congressional attention. Specifically, he detailed a report referred to, in house, as the "185Report." This report discussed the possibility that as many as 185 American POWs were alive as late as 1976. During the same time frame the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) concluded its own study. They found the possibility existed that as many as 57 American servicemen might be alive.

In February of 2005, the Joint Commission Support Directorate, the investigative arm of the U.S./Russian Joint POW/MIA Commission concluded; Americans,

Women Marines continued :

including American servicemen, were imprisoned in the Soviet Union."

In March 2006, memos written by a former Defense Intelligence analyst while serving as an investigator with the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs were discovered. These memos detailed the Vietnamese admission that some 19 servicemen listed as died while missing were in fact captured. These servicemen survived for varying lengths of time. The committee never addressed this matter. In an interesting side note, 10 of the nineteen servicemen Vietnamese official acknowledged "survived into captivity" are among the 57 our own (JCRC) concluded might still be alive.

Then in September of 2008, a memorandum, again written by the same investigator for the Senate committee, based on a consensus of the investigators, stated; "Today, Defense Department files contain evidence that at least 59 Americans were -- or may have been -- taken prisoner and their precise fate is still unclear. This includes the 20-30 not officially acknowledged by Vietnam in 1973. This represents the minimum number of possible live POWs today.... U.S. field teams in Vietnam since 1989 have uncovered evidence that more Americans were in fact taken captive than officially recorded."

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

Semper Fidelis!  
Paula Sarlls

Submitted by R. Hall

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Recently Accounted for from the Korean War

Pfc. Samuel K. Watkins, U.S. Army, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Company, L Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Infantry Division, was lost on Feb. 14, 1951, when his unit was attacked near Chuam-ni, South Korea. His remains were identified on Jan. 18, 2011.

Sgt. Wyatt H. Belton, U.S. Army, C Company, 1st Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was lost on Nov. 28, 1950, while engaged in combat operations near Unsan, North Korea. His remains were identified on Jan. 13, 2011.

Pfc. Peter Kubic, U.S. Army, K Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, was lost on Feb. 12, 1951, after enemy forces overran American positions near Chowon-ni, Republic of Korea. His remains were identified on Feb. 1, 2011.

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## Thank You For Supporting Albert Snyder ...

Dear Friend,

Despite the impassioned efforts of patriots around the country, the United States Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the Westboro Baptist Church's right to protest at military funerals, deciding its demonstrations are protected by the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment.

In response, VFW National Commander Richard L. Eubank had this to say:

*"The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. thanks the Supreme Court for considering the case, but is greatly disappointed with the result. The Westboro Baptist Church may think they have won, but the VFW will continue to support community efforts to ensure no one hears their voice, because the right to free speech does not trump a family's right to mourn in private."*

The VFW would like to thank you for your help spreading the word about the landmark case and your caring support of Mr. Snyder at such a difficult time.

***Note: March 3, 2011 was the fifth anniversary of the death of Albert Snyder's son, Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Snyder. Please remember the Snyder family in your thoughts and prayers.***

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## HANDLER AND DOG TO BE FLOWN HOME TOGETHER



**Theo had been praised for his record number of bomb and weapons finds**

David Connolly, Sky News Online

A dog handler and his springer spaniel, who died within hours of each other in Afghanistan, are to be flown home to Britain together.

Lance Corporal Liam Tasker was shot dead on Tuesday while the pair were on patrol in southern Helmand province. His spaniel Theo died of a seizure shortly afterwards.

The Ministry of Defense said on Friday the 22-month-old dog's ashes would be brought back to Britain on the same flight as L/Cpl Tasker. "A dog can not be repatriated, but they will be returned to the UK on the same day, in the same plane," a defense department spokesman said. They will be flown into RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire next week.

Three weeks ago, Theo had been praised by the Ministry of Defense for finding 14 hidden bombs and weapons caches in just five months - a record for a dog and handler. The spaniel, on his first tour of duty in Afghanistan, had uncovered so many improvised explosive devices (IEDs) that his time in the country was extended by a month. Major Caroline Emmett, the officer commanding 104 Military Working Dog Squadron, paid tribute to a handler and dog that were "made for each other".

"Lance Corporal Tasker was an Arms Explosive Search dog handler and trainer of the highest calibre," she said. "He and his dog had more operational finds than any individual team has had in Afghanistan to date and he saved many lives as a result of this. He was so proud of his achievements and I was so proud of him."

L/Cpl Tasker, 26, from Kirkcaldy, Fife, was the 358th member of the British armed forces to be killed since operations in Afghanistan began in 2001.

He died from injuries sustained in a fire fight with the Taliban, while Theo died after returning to the main British military base Camp Bastion. Theo is the sixth British military dog killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001.

Submitted by Billy Parker

### WHEN RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Members who are renewing their membership yearly do not have to fill out an application; we have you in our files. Your check is sufficient provided it has your name and address on it. Applications are needed when joining our organization for the first time.

As of 2012 your cancelled check will be your receipt, we will no longer send thank you cards for your renewal. Stamps are going up in price so we decided to stop sending cards out. If anyone requests written acknowledgement we will honor your wishes.

### Memorial Day 2011 By Bob Beskar, Vietnam War Veteran

Rain or shine we come this day...  
And gather here and there...  
To honor those who gave so much...  
As we show them that we care!

These brave souls all around us...  
That we honor here today...  
Sacrificed their lives...  
To defend the U. S. A.!

They loved their country dearly...  
And fought to keep it free...  
Whether during its young birth...  
Or now across the sea!

These warriors that we honor...  
And put our faith and trust...  
Weren't just names on stones...  
Or crosses full of rust...

They were flesh and blood like us...  
And had families full of love...  
And when they went to war...  
They trusted God above!

So as we see their names...  
Let's try to keep in mind...  
The life we now enjoy...  
That so many left behind!

### Kansas Group seeking Medal of Honor for Father Kapaun Greybeards 2011

According to a 26 January 2011 article in the Kansas City Star, a group of Kansas senators and representatives is seeking a Medal of Honor for Father Emil Kapaun. The Secretary of the Army recommended in 2009 that the medal be authorized. It would literally take an Act of Congress to get authorization, but it can be done. In recent years belated Medals of Honor have been awarded to Tibor Rubin and Woody Keeble (Korean War), Richard Etchberger (Vietnam), and Theodore Roosevelt (Spanish-American War). In fact, the only Medal of Honor awarded to a living recipient since the Vietnam War was presented to Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, U.S. Army, on 16 November 2010 for heroism in Afghanistan. So, it would not be unusual for Congress to authorize a Medal of Honor for Father Kapaun.

April 5, 2011

Congressman Peter King  
339 Cannon House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman King:

My organization and I are so pleased that you continue to introduce H. Res. 111. For so many years this legislation has not gotten the attention it deserves. We have members who are working very hard to see that this legislation becomes a reality.

It is a known fact that men were left after the Korean and Vietnam wars. Planes were shot down by the Russians, (Cold War) pilots were captured and still no answer what has become of them. The U.S. Russian commission concluded Americans were imprisoned in the Soviet Union.

To this day families cannot get closure, we pray that H.Res. 111 would finally investigate the many live sightings in N. Korea of Americans being held against their will. Our organization is located in your sector, together with many large veterans groups.

Please note that WWII family group and the National Alliance of Families, together with our group Korea/Cold War families of the Missing are looking forward to the day when the truth can be heard and hearing will take place.

Respectfully,  
Irene L. Mandra

## **KOREA - PEACE CAMPS FOR YOUTH**

Korean War Commemoration Foundation Inc.

Remembering those who served in the forgotten Victory  
13198 Centerpointe Way #202  
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### **KOREA - PEACE CAMPS FOR YOUTH**

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2nd Camp -- (July 23 - July 30, 2011) 15 seats available

For the 60th Anniversaries of the Korean War, the ROK Government started this special program for the Grandchildren of Korean War Veterans. The primary purpose of the "Peace Camps" is to:

Strengthen - cooperation with young generations.

Deepen - the understanding of the Korean War, and it's effect on the world.

Provide - an opportunity for younger generations to experience Korea and its people.

Eligibility is simple:

Participants must be Grandchildren of Korean War Veterans and attending college/university

Participants cannot have visited Korea before on a funded program.

Financial support

All expenses paid in Korea. (Six (6) nights - Seven (7) days) this includes hotel, meals, and ground transportation.

50% roundtrip group airfare, economy - both domestic and international.

Special Note: The 2011 quotas and dates just arrived from Korea. Based on experience, this is a very special program for our grandchildren and the slots will go fast since only (15) quotas are open per date. If you're interested you **MUST** call or Email us ASAP for a brochure and application.

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## **~ NEWS RELEASE ~**

March 7, 2011  
Release # 11-7

### **U.S. RECOVERY TEAM SEARCHES FOR MISSING AMERICANS**

Specialized teams search for MIA Americans in Guangdong Province

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (March 7, 2011) – The longstanding cooperative efforts between the United States and the People's Republic of China (PRC) for accounting of Americans missing from the Korean War broadened last month with the arrival of a specially trained archeological team in Guangdong province.

The specially-trained group from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) arrived in the People's Republic of China in mid February to search for Americans unaccounted-for from the Korean War. Approximately 19 JPAC recovery team members will search for 12 missing Americans lost as the result of an alleged U.S. aircraft crash, circa November 1950.

Recovery teams will search for human remains, life support items, and other material evidence (personal and military issued items) that may further the identification of Americans missing from past U.S. conflicts.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command, JPAC is a jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists that has investigated and recovered missing Americans since the 1970's.

The U.S. and the PRC have cooperated during POW/MIA accounting missions in the past, with both countries recognizing the significance of these humanitarian operations. Humanitarian missions receive strong support from both governments; these missions solidify the bilateral relationship that has proven to be instrumental to JPAC's ability to accomplish its mission: to achieve the fullest possible accounting of missing Americans who were lost during past conflicts.

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command  
Public Affairs Office  
(808) 448-1934  
www.jpac.pacom.mil  
Pao\_mail@jpac.pacom.mil  
Contact: Elizabeth Feeney

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## Soldier Missing from Korean War Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Army Cpl. John W. Lutz, 21, of Kearny, N.J., was to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. From May 16-20, 1951, Task Force Zebra, a multinational force made up of Dutch, French, and U.S. forces, was attacked and isolated into smaller units. Lutz, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ranger Infantry Company, part of Task Force Zebra, went missing while his unit was attempting to infiltrate enemy lines near Chaun-ni, South Korea, along the Hongcheon River Valley.

After the 1953 armistice, surviving POWs said Lutz was captured by enemy forces on May 19, marched north to a POW camp in Suan County, North Korea, and died of malnutrition in July 1951.

Between 1991-94, North Korea gave the United States 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 servicemen. North Korean documents turned over with one of the boxes indicated the remains inside were exhumed near Suan County. This location correlates with the corporal's last known location.

Analysts from DPMO developed case leads with information spanning more than 58 years. Through interviews with surviving POW eyewitnesses, experts validated circumstances surrounding the soldier's captivity and death, confirming wartime documentation of his loss.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used dental comparisons and mitochondrial DNA – which matched that of his niece—in the identification of the remains

*More than 2,000 servicemen died as prisoners of war during the Korean War. With this accounting, 8,001 service members still remain missing from the conflict. For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call 703- 699-1169.*

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## Team searching for Americans missing from Korean War

Stars and Stripes - Published: March 8, 2011

TOKYO — A specially trained team of U.S. and Chinese archeologists from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting

Commands are working in Guangdong province, China, to continue the search for Americans unaccounted for from the Korean War, according to a Navy release.

The 19-member team, which arrived in China last month, is searching for 12 missing Americans lost after a U.S. aircraft allegedly crashed there in November of 1950, the release said

Recovery teams are searching for human remains, life support items and other evidence that could further identify Americans missing from U.S. conflicts.

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## CHIT CHAT NEWS By IRENE L. MANDRA

Dear Members,

### ANOTHER HERO GOES HOME TO GOD

Arnold Bockse, a World War Two Prisoner of War, a survivor from the Bataan death march has passed on. His demise reminds us that the Bataan death march was 60 miles forced movement of about 75,000 U.S. and Filipino prisoners of war to a camp in the Philippines, that killed as many as one in four of them. Many of those who could not keep pace or were considered insubordinate were beheaded. He was captured when Corregidor fell in May 1942.

Arnold was an activist and made many appearances to enlighten people of our missing and prisoners from other wars. His speeches were marvelous and I often shared a podium with him. His presence will be sorely missed but we know he has gone on to a greater command, so we say goodbye to a hero.

We wish to thank Andi Wolos for her devotion and hard work, as our editor for the past seven years. She did a wonderful job. We now have a new editor, and this is her first newsletter. We welcome Arlene Cohen, and we wish to thank her for stepping up to the plate.

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***“The brave have always defined  
what the rest of us wish to be,  
but bravery is misunderstood.  
It is not the absence of fear,  
but the will to overcome it.”  
USMC***

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## Afghan rules of engagement force U.S. soldiers to free insurgents caught red-handed

By: Sara A. Carter 04/11/11

Then-Commander of the International Security Assistance Force and Commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan Gen. Stanley McChrystal testifies during a hearing before the House Armed Services Committee December 8, 2009 on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Last year, McChrystal, promised that ISAF would have control of at least 40 Afghan districts by the end of 2010. That promise was not met.

Several Taliban detainees who had been captured in February after being observed placing bombs in the culverts of roads used by civilians and military convoys near Kandahar were fed, given medical treatment, then released by American troops frustrated by a policy they say is forcing them to kick loose enemies who are trying to kill them.

Despite what American soldiers say was a mountain of evidence, which included a video of the men planting the bomb and chemical traces found on their hands, there was nothing the soldiers who had captured them could do but feed and care for them for 96 hours and then set them free.

In another incident, members of a unit attached to 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment survived an attack by a suicide bomber on their convoy when his device failed to detonate. Soldiers managed to capture the would-be martyr, but he too was released after being held for four days.

"We put our lives on the line to capture the enemy," a soldier with the Stryker regiment told The Washington Examiner. "Since my deployment, every insurgent we've captured has been released."

International Security Assistance Forces officials contacted by The Examiner admitted that releases like these were common. The officials said ISAF forces can hold detainees for up to 96 hours, during which time detainees are "screened and a decision is made whether to release the individual, transfer them to appropriate Afghan authorities, or to the detention facility in Parwan [at Bagram Air Base]."

ISAF spokesman Lt. Col. John Dorrian said things are expected to change. He said Afghanistan's Ministry of Interior, supported by Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435, is implementing a system for fingerprinting captured insurgents.

"This program is going to make a huge difference, dramatically reducing insurgents' ability to hide among the general population," he said. "It will also improve the ability of Afghan and coalition forces to gather evidence of insurgent activity that will hold up in court."

However, the program is not yet operational. Like many plans associated with the Afghan war, there are many potential setbacks ahead.

Troops say top commander Gen. David Petraeus has not fulfilled promises he made to Congress last year to review and, where appropriate, change rules of engagement that have restricted troops' ability to stop the enemy.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, former commander of coalition forces in Afghanistan, promised that ISAF would have control of at least 40 Afghan districts by the end of 2010. That promise also was not met. Troops say it's impossible to hold the terrain when insurgents know that, if captured, they cannot be held.

The policy of releasing insurgents is expected to continue for now, officials said.

The Afghan legal system has no Western-style standards of prosecution that would allow suspected Taliban to be held in civil detention, ISAF officials said.

"While there may be ample evidence to detain an individual, the same evidence may be insufficient to obtain an indictment or bring the detainee to an evidence-based trial," Dorrian said. "In other instances, individuals may be detained based on legitimate intelligence, but the intelligence may be classified and thus not able to be presented in open court. In some instances, this results in the individual being released."

James Carafano, senior defense analyst for the Heritage Foundation, said releasing suspected insurgents is not only a problem for U.S. troops but civilians who have been tormented under Taliban rule.

"The real issue is what is the right thing to do?" Carafano said. "Putting Taliban fighters back in the field who may kill or terrorize Afghan civilians as easily as U.S. soldiers is never the right thing to do. The U.S. troops will not be there forever and local officials need to start thinking about the long-term interests of their own people."

American troops say the policy is a morale killer. They say the inability to hold suspected insurgents is one of the reasons why the U.S. has been unable to suppress the Taliban.

Detainees can be held at various field detention facilities throughout Afghanistan. "Capacity is not an issue as to whether an individual remains detained," an ISAF official stated.

"How much more evidence do you need when they are captured on video and tested positive for ... chemicals on their hand?" a military official in Afghanistan said. "That's not enough evidence for our forces to transfer the detainees to a permanent facility before they try to kill U.S. troops again? It's unacceptable."

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The time honored tradition of serving one's country started with the first troops who fought in the revolutionary war, continued with brave men like Cpl. Buckles, and now rests in the hands of our troops who are serving over in Afghanistan and Iraq now.

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**CILHI** - Central Identification Laboratory  
**DMZ** - Demilitarized Zone  
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**DOD** - Department of Defense  
**DPMO** - Defense Prisoner of War / Missing Personnel Office  
**DPRK** - Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (North Korea)  
**FOIA** - Freedom of Information Act  
**JPAC** - Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. The Department of Defense agency responsible for world wide investigations, recoveries, and identifications of Americans from past wars.  
**KIA** - Killed in Actions  
**KIA-BNR** - Killed in Action -Body Not recovered  
**MIA** - Missing in Action  
**NARA** - National Archives and Record Administration  
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