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Indiana Chapter 6



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Letter from the President...

Hello Everyone,

Well Thanksgiving is upon us and Christmas is just right around the corner. I just want to remind everyone about our meeting on December 1st at 6:00 pm. On the 8th, we will have our Christmas Party and then on the 10th, we will feed the homeless Vets at the VFW.

There is a lot going on in the next couple of weeks, so hopefully for those people that are having problems getting events in, this is your chance to get caught up. Looking into January, depending on the weather, we will also be doing a New Year's Day ride, we will get back later on where we will be going to eat.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all you have done this year and hopefully with your help we will have a better year in 2019.

As usual, if any of you have anything you would like to talk about or any questions, feel free to call me at 812-453-0799. My phone is on 24 hrs a day except when I am sleeping.

Thanks,
Jerry Blake

Rolling Thunder, Inc.'s major function is to publicize the POW-MIA issue. To educate the public of the fact that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all past wars. To help correct the past and to protect the future veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War/Missing in Action. We are committed to helping American veterans from all wars. Rolling Thunder, Inc. is a non-profit organization and everyone donates his or her time because they believe in the POW/MIA issue.

Membership Meeting

**Saturday,
Dec 1st
6:00 pm**

Chaplain's Corner

FEAR AND TRUST

This is partly from "Our Daily Bread" this month. It's about fear, how fear can affect everything in our lives. Sometimes we're stuck, afraid to go forward for fear of repeating the past.

We think we're not smart enough, strong enough or brave enough and we don't want to get hurt again. God says, "Here is the world, terrible and beautiful things will happen. Don't be afraid because God is with us always.

There is so many unsettling thing's happening in our Country and World today. If you listen to some of the TV News Channel's they can make you afraid to step out your front door.

PSALM 56:3 KJV

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

JOSHUA 1:9 KJV

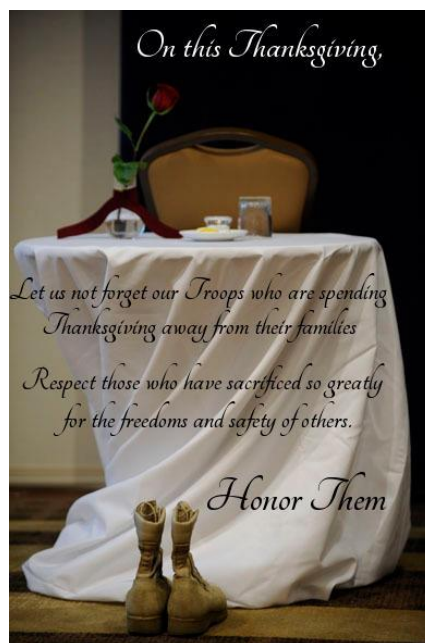
Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

PSALM 27:1 KJV

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Step out our door's and look at the beauty all around that God has given us.
Trust the God who loves you and enjoy the life he has given you.

If you have a spiritual need or someone to talk to, call Chapter 6 Chaplain Steve Suter at [812-573-8924](tel:812-573-8924) or e-mail him at kspl69@wowway.com.



From the Editor

Hello Members,

There are still a few events coming up before we close out the year. We have the Boonville Christmas Parade on Dec 2nd. The Chapter 6 Christmas Party on the 8th, and the Homeless Vet Christmas Dinner on the 10th.

At the last meeting, we were informed that due to the Pentagon continually raising the cost of using their parking lot to host the "Ride for Freedom" in DC, the 2019 ride will be the last one. Rolling Thunder has lost money due to the rising fees. Hopefully something can change before it gets that point. Hopefully President Trump will step in, or congress will get involved, I (my opinion only) am not beyond having to pay a fee per individual to participate in the demonstration ride to cover the Pentagon fees. This is an important event and has gone on for over 30 years.

As we begin to celebrate the Holiday Season, please keep our troops abroad in your thoughts and prayers.

From Tammy and I



Ride / Drive Safe!!!

Thank you

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Rolling Thunder[®] IN Chapter 6 Calendar of Events 2018

Month	Dates	Event	Notes
November	30	Board Meeting for December (6:00 pm)	VFW 1114
December	1	Membership Meeting (6:00 pm)	VFW 1114
	2	Boonville Christmas Parade	
	8	Chapter 6 Christmas Party	VFW 1114
	10	Homeless Vet Christmas Dinner	
January	1	New Year's Day Ride	Weather Depending
	4	Board Meeting (6:00 pm)	VFW 1114
	5	Membership Meeting (9:00 am)	VFW 1114

For anyone wanting to share pictures or events please send information to
RTnewsletter6@gmail.com.

We will do our best to include all information.

Don't forget to check out the Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 6 Website as well,
www.rollingthunderin6.com and find us on Facebook at [Rolling Thunder Chapter 6](#)



October Patch Recipients
Congratulations!!



Ian Wilson

Boot / Rocker/ Eagle Patch

We're giving thanks this year to our
Military and Veterans who keep us
safe every Thanksgiving.

Happy
Thanksgiving



Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

October 2018 Accounted for MIA's

Rank	Name	Branch	Unit	Lost	Location	Identified
CPL	Frederick E. Coons	U.S. Army	Company A, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division	7/29/1950	South Korea	10/31/2018
PVT	Fred E. Freet	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa	10/29/2018
Seaman 2nd Class	Ira N. Slaton	U.S. Navy Reserve	USS Colorado	7/24/1944	Tinian Island	10/26/2018
PVT	Robert J. Sipes, Jr.	U.S. Army	Company L, 3rd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division	11/30/1950	North Korea	10/25/2018
Fireman 1st Class	Angelo M. Gabriele	U.S. Navy	USS West Virginia	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	10/24/2018
PFC	William E. Brandenburg	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company A, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/22/1943	Tarawa	10/24/2018
Wiper	Elvis N. Spotts	U.S. Merchant Marines	SS Cape Isabel	2/22/1944	Tarawa Atoll	10/23/2018
Fireman 1st Class	Grant C. Cook, Jr.	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	10/17/2018
Seaman 1st Class	John A. Karli	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	10/16/2018
Buglemaster 2nd Class	Lionel W. Lescault	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	10/16/2018
SGT	Dwight W. Randall	U.S. Marine Corps	Company C, 2nd Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa	10/12/2018
Seaman 2nd Class	Charles C. Gomez, Jr.	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	10/9/2018
LT	Richard C. Lannom	U.S. Naval Reserve	Attack Squadron Three Five [ATKRON 35], USS Enterprise ([CVA-65])	3/1/1968	Vietnam	10/9/2018
PFC	Michael L. Salerno	U.S. Marine Corps	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force	11/20/1943	Tarawa	10/8/2018
Fireman 1st Class	Creighton H. Workman	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	10/5/2018
Chief Warrant Officer	John A. Austin	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	10/5/2018
Mr.	George L Ritter	Civilian	Air America Incorporated	12/27/1971	Laos	10/4/2018
SFC	James L. Boyce	U.S. Army	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division	7/11/1950	South Korea	10/2/2018
2LT	James R. Lord	U.S. Army Air Forces	66th Fighter Squadron, 57th Fighter Group, 12th Tactical Air Command, 12th Air Force	8/10/1944	France	10/2/2018
1LT	Allen R. Turner	U.S. Army Air Forces	1330 Army Air Force Base Unit, Air Transport Command	7/17/1945	India	10/2/2018
Seaman 1st Class	Herbert J. Poindexter	U.S. Navy	USS Oklahoma	12/7/1941	Pearl Harbor	10/1/2018

Progress on Korean War Personnel Accounting

Aug. 1, 2018

Korean War Statistics: Total Personnel unaccounted-for	7691 ¹
Completed Republic of Korea (ROK) Joint Field Activities (JFAs): 1996 - present	57
Completed Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) JFAs: 1996 - 2005	33

Category	Total Each Category	Accounted-For
DPRK: Remains recovered and repatriated through unilateral turnover, 1990-1994 in 208 caskets ² (K-208) or JFA in 229 caskets, 1996-2005	K-208 (208 Caskets) JFA (229 Caskets)	(K-208 - 182, JFA - 153) 335
DPRK: Remains repatriated through unilateral turnover 2007	7 Individuals	6
DPRK: Remains repatriated through unilateral turnover 2018 ³	55 boxes	0
National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP) in Hawaii:	197 Caskets	105
Unknown remains disinterred 1999-present ⁴ People's Republic of China (PRC):	1 Individual	1
Remains repatriated through JFAs		
Japan: Remains repatriated through JFAs	1 Individual	1
ROK: Remains repatriated through JFAs since 1982 – present	25 Individuals	17
Total remains identified and accounted-for, 1982 – present		465

Korean War Accounting Efforts on the Peninsula

Korean War Personnel Accounting main lines of effort:

- **Repatriation of U.S. remains recovered by, and under DPRK control.** On July 27, 2018, the Korean People's Army of the DPRK turned over 55 boxes of remains to UN officials in accordance with a commitment for repatriation as agreed upon in a Joint Statement signed by President Trump and Chairman Kim during the June 2018 Singapore Summit. On several occasions in the past, the DPRK officials have indicated they possess as many as 200 sets of remains they had recovered over the years. A definitive number has never been confirmed.
- **Identification of remains already recovered and under U.S. control.** Remains recovered during and/or shortly after the Korean War that could not be identified were buried as unknowns in 866 graves at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP). There is one set of unknown remains from the Korean War buried at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. To date, 197 unknowns buried in the NMCP have been disinterred by DPAA, or its predecessor organizations; 105 have been identified and others are undergoing analysis at DPAA's Laboratory in Hawaii using forensic anthropology, odontology, sampling for DNA, and other scientific methods.
- **Investigative and remains recovery operations in the ROK and the PRC.** Approximately 950 personnel are missing in the ROK and fewer than 20 are known to be missing in the PRC. DPAA continues to work with both partner nations on these efforts.
- **Joint Field Activities (JFAs) in the DPRK. JFAs consist of investigative and recovery operations.** The DoD conducted 33 JFAs in the DPRK from 1996 through 2005. The Secretary of Defense is authorized to reimburse costs associated with efforts to recover remains, but does not pay for remains or information. Also included in the Singapore Joint Statement was the commitment to recover remains. Although yet to be scheduled, if DoD-Korean People's Army negotiations to consider the resumption of field operations were to be successful, included would be planning and logistical discussions.
- **Korean War-era archives.** DoD continues to conduct archival research in the United States, the ROK, Russia, Eastern Europe, and the PRC. DoD has also conducted research in North Korean archives, and currently there is an arrangement with the PRC for the People's Liberation Army to search its military records for information on U.S. personnel, in particular since Chinese Communist Forces administered and operated the POW camps in North Korea for most of the war.

- **Oral history programs in the U.S., ROK, Russia, and the PRC.** DoD periodically interviews Korean War veterans in the United States, the ROK, Russia and the PRC. These efforts are designed to obtain information that will help determine the circumstances of loss for missing servicemen; build DoD's knowledge base of Korean War loss incidents; and gain eyewitness accounts of prison camp life and prisoner movements.
- **Live Prisoner Issue.** Finding live U.S. personnel is a high priority of our accounting effort, when and if information is reported claiming a sighting of a live U.S. person still held from the Korean War. The Department of Defense (DoD), with the full support of the U.S. Intelligence Community, has investigated all credible reports and sightings of alleged U.S. survivors of the Korean War in North Korea. Since 1995, more than 25,000 defectors from the DPRK have been screened for information concerning U.S. personnel possibly in the North. To date, this effort has produced no useful information. Most reports pertain to six known U.S. military defectors. Of the six defectors, five are reported to have died in the North, and one, Sergeant Jenkins, now deceased, was returned to U.S. control in 2004.

Major Remains Concentrations in the DPRK

Estimated numbers of remains are in parenthesis



¹ This is a working number from the Personnel Missing Korea (PMKOR) list; approximately 5,300 lost in the DPRK.

² 208 boxes of remains received from DPRK, many of which were commingled; possibly 400 remains in the 208 boxes.

³ 55 boxes of remains received from the DPRK on July 27, 2018, it is likely there may be more than 55 separate individuals represented.

⁴ Original estimates of 866 sets of Unknown remains located in NMCP when exhumations began in 1999. The Total displayed represents disinterred caskets to date.

Progress on Vietnam War Personnel Accounting

June 1, 2018

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

	Vietnam	Laos	Cambodia	China	Total
Original Missing	1,973	573	90	10	2,646
Repatriated and Identified	722	282	42	3	1049 ^[1]
Remaining Missing	1,251	291	48	7	1,597

Of the remaining 1,251 Americans still unaccounted for in Vietnam, 470 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 an active status.

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 per JFA.
- Recovered remains believed to be those of Americans are transferred to DPAA’s Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for further analysis and identification by forensic anthropologists.
- The 130th JFA began February 28 and continued through April 15, 2018. Recovery and investigation teams worked sites in Da Nang, Soc Trang, Binh Phuoc, Gia Nghia, Quang Ngai, Quang Nam, Quang Binh, Khanh Hoa, Thua Thien-Hue, and Kon Tum Provinces.
- The 131st JFA began May 24 and continues through July 8, 2018. Recovery and investigation teams are working sites in Thua Thien-Hue, Nghe An, Quang Binh, Quang Nam, and Ha Tinh 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 176, with 20 still unresolved.
- Of the 176 whose deaths have been confirmed, the remains of 51 have been located and identified; efforts continue to recover the remaining 125.
- U.S. and Vietnamese specialists met in Hanoi earlier this year to discuss Last Known Alive cases in Vietnam, as well as in Cambodia and Laos.

Research and Investigations

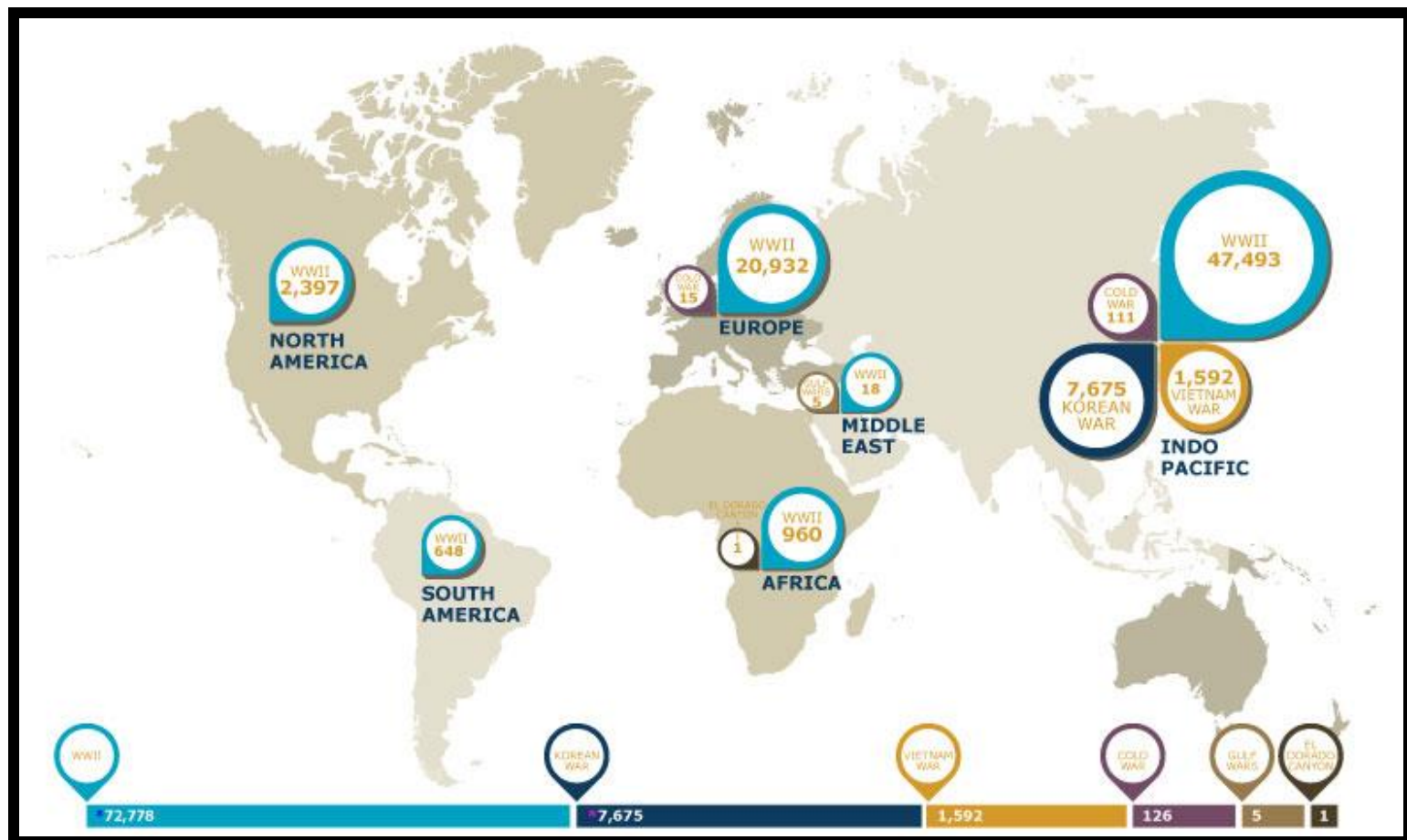
- U.S. POW/MIA investigators rotate into Hanoi on a continuous basis to pursue leads associated with the remaining 1,251 Americans still unaccounted for in Vietnam.
- A research effort continues in the Ministry of National Defense (MND) central archives. Since May 2012, Vietnam has turned over policy, strategic, and tactical level archival documents regarding unaccounted for Americans.
- In addition to the interviews conducted during JFAs, U.S. and Vietnamese investigators have conducted nearly 300 oral history interviews of former and current Vietnamese government and military officials. This program is ongoing.
- Since Vietnamese troops occupied large portions of Cambodia and Laos where Americans went missing during the War, the U.S. asked Vietnamese veterans and civilians to cooperate in our operations in the two countries. Vietnamese veterans have actively supported DPAA investigation and recovery operations in both Cambodia and Laos; many of these veterans have participated more than once.

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

Last Update: November 16, 2018

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel from past conflicts to their families and the nation. Within this mission, we search for missing personnel from World War II (WWII), the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars, and other recent conflicts. Our research and operational missions include coordination with hundreds of countries and municipalities around the world.

As this map shows, at present, more than 82,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the Gulf Wars/other conflicts. Out of the 82,000 missing, 75% of the losses are located in the Indo-Pacific, and over 41,000 of the missing are presumed lost at sea (i.e. ship losses, known aircraft water losses, etc.).



* Reflects actual number still unaccounted-for. PMKOR database count is slightly higher due to several entries pending administrative review.

* As part of DPAA's data consolidation effort we have validated the number of missing from WWII. This new figure reflects the elimination of duplicative records, erroneous entries, and information that demonstrates the individual was properly accounted for by the appropriate authorities before our Agency inherited those responsibilities.





2018 Veteran Day Parade

SGT Drew Watter's Celebration of Life Ceremony

