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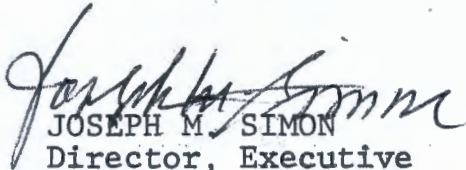
OCTOBER 28 1982

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Cordially

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REFERRAL

OCTOBER 21, 1982

TO: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 104983

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 20, 1982

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. CHARLES A. MORGAN JR.
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SUBJECT: THANKS PRESIDENT FOR SIGNING HR 5380

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Name of Correspondent: Charles A Morgan, Jr.

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Subject: Thanks President for signing H.R. 5380

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M. Blackwell

August 20, 1982

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

104983

Dear President Reagan,

On behalf of all of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., I want to express to you our most sincere thanks and appreciation for your approval and signature on the Congressional Bill HR-5380 which grants to our Organization a National Charter and Public Law 97-234.

The American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., is one of the smaller Veteran Organizations, but one in which the privilege to become a member of takes the most dehumanization initiation rite. Prisoners of war are individuals who have lost their Freedom which, thank God, so few Americans have experienced. However, all of our Members would again serve to-day, if called upon, to protect the Freedom of our Country. Thus, you can readily understand why we appreciate your action.

Further, this is the second time this year which you have directly benefited the American Ex-Prisoner of War. Last August, you signed Public Law 97-37 which after many years finally recognized and will correct significant Veteran Administration failures to provide proper Medical Care and Benefits to former prisoners of war. We thank you again for your humanitarianism and understanding of the former prisoner of war situation.

Thank you again for your great assistance to our Organization and a terrific boost of morale and recognition to our Organization.

Sincerely,

CHARLES A. MORGAN, JR.
Past National Commander
Sr. National Director
Legislative Officer

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1982

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Enclosure.

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December 21, 1981

Dear Mr. Morgan:

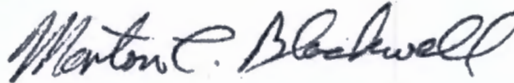
I want to thank you for your letter of November 24.

I am sorry we did not have your new address in our files. My assistant Maiselle Shortley, has informed me of this situation, and it has been corrected.

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your organization's support of the recent AWACS sale.

If I can be of assistance to you in the future, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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November 24, 1981

Ms. Elizabeth H. Dole
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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Dole,

When in Washington for the Veterans Day Ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery I talked with Miss Maiselle at the White House.

The purpose of my call was the wrong address that The White House and The President was using for the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. Our National Headquarters was moved in August 1981 to the address shown at the top of this page. Likewise my address as National Commander is shown at the left side of the page.

The Mailgram regarding the AWACS briefing went to the former address of the Organization in Florida, and when forwarded by the Post Office to the new National Headquarters, the time of the briefing was passed. I tried three times to get the number on the mailgram but with no success. Later, the Organization received the Veterans Day Proclamation from the President, but it too went to Florida and then was forwarded on to the Texas address after Veterans Day.

Miss Maiselle was very courteous and understanding of the problem and I, by phone, furnished her the proper address as well as the proper telephone.

We do not want the President or his staff to feel that the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., are not amiss in reply to his invitation. We are very pleased that the sale of AWACS was approved by Congress. Our Organization is also pleased with his stand on the Budget and his message to the Soviets. We know how the enemy thinks better than the great majority of the Americans do. We have been there when it was rough and we do not want our people ever to be involved in a situation again like we were. So we heartily endorse Mr. Reagan's actions. He has our support. I would hope you will provide him a Memo of such nature.

Please keep us informed and invited to Veteran activities in the future, now that you have the proper address. We will be there.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in these matters.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Morgan, Jr.
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familiar with the little tell-tale indications that should motivate them to search further and make sure they have diagnosed and prescribed the correct treatment for each individual POW. These packets are available at a very low cost which covers the printing and mailing only. There is a wealth of knowledge on the study and research of the POW residual effects of internment and the findings should be considered a vital part of your understanding of every day problems that do exist as a result of incarceration.

The Organization was recognized by the Veterans Administration and in early 1980, the first National Officers were certified. As we complete the training program of more dedicated men in this area, we will be able to offer this valuable assistance to more members in their own areas. However, those who are now certified are ready and willing to help with POW claims for anyone, anywhere. With the recognition by the VA, we are now also eligible to offer aid to the Veterans Administration facilities with participation in the VAVS programs.

Perhaps one of the most important roles the Organization plays is in the comradeship that is shared. In many, many instances a POW feels that he is alone in his fears and traumas, and this often causes additional problems in his home and social environments. Attending meetings and conventions where he can meet and talk with a fellow prisoner who was there too, and knows what it is like can often help to alleviate some of his doubts and it is often found that he is not alone in his thoughts and medical problems. One wife talking with another and learning from other POWs can create a great big new and more understanding relationship. The Organization is made up of people who care for their fellow man and are anxious to help in any way they can. We do "Exist to help the man who cannot help himself" which is our Med-Search Motto. Just encouraging a fellow POW to file a claim, see a Doctor, etc., is truly a service to the individual.

Do consider membership in the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. We need your help and hopefully, we can be of service to you,

too. With your enrollment as a member of the National Organization, you will receive each month a copy of the AX-POW Bulletin. This booklet is intended to keep you informed on new happenings, news of comrades, and everything that relates to you as a former Prisoner of War. Dues may be sent to our National Headquarters Office for immediate processing.

A listing of Chapters and the contact persons for meeting information will be found in the Bulletin. Our Chapter members will be eager to meet you and make you feel comfortable in your association with them.

This information sheet has been prepared by Herman E. Molen, National Commander, 1979-1980 and National Membership Chairman, 1980-1981. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact him.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR, INC.

Preamble: We, citizens of the United States who were captured or interned by the enemy, do unite to establish a permanent organization.

Purpose: To encourage fraternity for the common good, foster patriotism and loyalty, assist Ex-Prisoners of War, Civilian Internees, and their widows and orphans, maintain allegiance to the United States of America, preserve and defend the United States from all of her enemies, maintain historical records.

The above are direct quotes from the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. In an effort to better acquaint you with the goals and structure on the organization, may we touch briefly on a few areas? Eligibility for membership is open to all persons in the Armed Services of the United States who were held prisoners of war by an enemy of the United States because of such service, United States Citizens who were imprisoned because of their citizenship and United States citizens who were taken prisoners by an enemy of the United States while honorably serving an ally of the United States. The following relatives of any member may hold a full membership in the organization: Spouse, Parents, Step-Parents, Brothers, Sisters, Children and Heirs-in-law as defined in the Washington Revised Statutes as amended. Any person who has been adjudged guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of collaboration with the enemy, subversion, sedition, or treason shall be barred from membership. Membership applications must be made in writing and be accompanied with monies to pay National Dues. A member shall have the privilege of affiliating with a local Chapter of his choosing and may transfer membership to another Chapter at any time with the provision that he is a member in good standing with the National Office. Members who are far removed from a local Chapter will be accepted as Members-at-large and will be attached to the National Headquarters Office and served by the National Adjutant-Treasurer. Each member is allowed one vote in National Elections and votes for Chapters

may be cast by a previously selected delegate of that Chapter. All Members-at-large must be in attendance at the Convention to cast their vote. Any member may select Life Membership.

National Officers include Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, three Junior Vice-Commanders, AXDJUTANT, Treasurer and a Board of Directors. For purposes of electing Directors, the United States is divided into six Regions. They are: Northeast (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia). Southeast (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and District of Columbia.) North Central (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.) South Central (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.) Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.) Southwest (Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah.)

The three Junior Vice-Commanders service the combined area of two Regions and are designated as Eastern, Central and Western.

National Convention sites are chosen by Regions, each having the opportunity of bidding once every six years in rotation. Conventions are hosted by local Chapters and in the event a Region has no Chapters wishing to bid, other Regions may bid following the rotation basis.

The organization has, over the years, been continuously involved in working for the betterment of the lives of all former Prisoners of War, and in addition, strives to improve conditions for all Veterans. In 1949-1950, Past National Commander John Walker worked very hard at getting HR8848-S3903 passed. This was the bill that entitled every POW to one dollar for every day he was held prisoner. The bill also provided for a study of the mental and physical sequelae of malnutrition and starvation suffered by both military and civilian prisoners of war during World War II.

These bills were later amended and an additional dollar and fifty cents was authorized for every military POW. Remember, we were all so happy to be home that legislative matters were the furthest thoughts in our minds, but a few men foresaw the events we were to see come to pass in later years. They did continue the struggle and again in 1956, Congress passed a law to assist the POW, PL-744, 84th Congress, 2nd Session: Effects of Malnutrition and Other Hardships on the Mortality and Morbidity of Former United States Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees of World War II: Appraisal of Current Information. PL91-376, 95-349 and 95-479 were additional legislative actions to benefit the POW. As the POW has advanced in age, it has become apparent that further legislation is needed to aid the increased needs for health research and appropriate compensation schedules. The United States Congress requested a study be conducted by the Veterans Administration regarding the health care and compensation of former Prisoners of War (Fall, 1978). This study was presented to Congress the last day of May, 1980. Much information and assistance was provided the VA Task Force Team by the Members and Officers of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., and these efforts have been fully recognized by the agencies involved in the study. Testimonies before both the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees were presented by representatives of the Organization in June, 1980, and we are encouraging and looking forward to the possibility of further meetings and hearings. This involvement is just one example of the dedication of our membership--the countless letters that have been written, the personal contacts that have been made are all a part of a combined effort to aid and assist all Prisoners of War.

Our Medical Research Committee has through the years spent hours and hours of research; comparisons with other countries and input from noted Doctors throughout the world have been added to the research and findings personally experienced by the POW himself. The Organization has now compiled this information into Med-Search Packets which should be a must for every Doctor who is treating a POW. Most Doctors are not

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Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you for your letter of June 19, 1981 in reference to the Presidential signing ceremony on June 12th concerning POW/MIA Day. Unfortunately I or none of my representatives of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. were informed to be present at the ceremony.

I also understand that 28 National Commanders of various veterans groups met with the President, again we not informed.

The American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. is the largest former prisoner of war organization in the United States with 13,000 members, 11 State Departments and 117 Chapters.

Our new Commander is Charles A. Morgan, Jr., 434 Balfour Drive, San Antonio, TX 78239 (phone 515 653 4237). Our consultant for legislative and V.A. affairs is Charles Stenger, Ph.D., 7425 Democracy Blvd., #211, Bethesda, MD 20034 (phone 365 5452).

I would be very honored to receive the President's pen that he uses when he signs HR 1100, the Ex-POW Bill.

Sincerely yours,

Stan Sommers
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they were invited to Assoc briefing 10/6/81

pictures of Pres. Reagan sent 10/2/81

I have checked Dick

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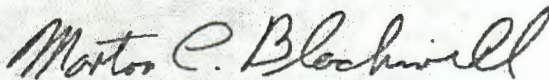
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Dear Mr. Blackwell,

As the national Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., it has been my sincere privilege and pleasure to work with the Veterans Administration for the betterment in the management and services to the veteran. Since "The Former Prisoners of War Benefits Act of 1981" was passed by the Congress and signed into Public Law 97-37 by the President, it has become much more important that the service and assistance to the Veterans Administration are performed in a sincere and knowledgeable manner without any onward manner. Likewise, the formation of the new and most important Committee for former Prisoners of War - The Advisory Committee to the Administrator on Former POWS, the assistance to the Administrator is a very critical and extraordinary assignment.

During the past year, I was in Washington several times during the development and passage of PL 97-37, and I fully realize the magnitude of the job in selecting the most qualified individuals to the Advisory Committee. I am well aware of the problem in obtaining highly qualified personnel on the Committee, professional and lay persons, who will have the knowledge, compassion and understanding of the POW problems. There are many who would like to become a member of this Committee, but upon rigid examination they are completely naive, have a very narrow and tunnel vision view, are only interested in their own and related areas (now and when a POW), and have become somewhat negative in their thinking of the VA's treatment of the POWS not a positive and forward thought.

In my position as National Commander, I have recommended to the Administrator several individuals, all former POWS in various areas and wars. They are well qualified, bear no political status or aims, and are truly interested in the former Prisoners of War problems. These problems are just as definitive and critical as are the problems of the Viet War veterans. The individuals that I recommended are as follows, and are not in an order of priority only alphabetical:

- 1. Lt. Gen. (Rtd) John F. Flynn, USAF - BS, MA.
Lt. Gen. Flynn is the ranking Viet Name POW; 5 1/2 year a POW; serves as an advisor on the Air Force Association, VFA, NAL-POWS, and American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.
- 2. Colonel (Rtd) Charles A. Morgan, jr, USA - BA, MA.
I represent the American Ex-Prisoners of War as the National Commander; 3 1/2 years a POW, Japanese POW; 32 1/2 years of Army Service.
- 3. Mr. Stanley G. Sommers
Mr. Sommers is a Past National Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War; Director, Medical Research, American Ex-Prisoners of War for the past 14 years and has researched POWS on the effects of incarceration; 3 1/2 years POW, Japanese POW.

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Dr. Charles A. Stenger - BS, MA, PhD.

Dr. Stenger is a former VA psychologist and he has researched POWS from all wars for many years; 6 months POW, German POW.

In my previous letter to the Veterans Administration I did not recommend a Korean POW, however I would like to you.

Mr. Edward Fisher

Mr. Fisher is the Sr. Vice Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War and the most knowledgeable Korean POW within the organization; 1½ years POW, Korean POW.

I have not recommended any professional people, other than Dr. Stenger, as I firmly believe that the Veterans Administration has a fine knowledge of the qualified professional people and know who may be willing to serve. In my discussion with the VA personnel in this area, I am quite willing to let them choose the professionals for they are only going to the top-drawer of people.

Trusting that the above will be of assistance to you and in your recommendations in the evaluation of individuals for the Advisory Committee to the White House. If, I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I will do what ever I can do to assist you and our President in the selection of qualified individuals to this Committee. I plan to be in the Washington area in the near future and would like to take the opportunity to call upon you.

Sincerely,

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familiar with the little tell-tale indications that should motivate them to search further and make sure they have diagnosed and prescribed the correct treatment for each individual POW. These packets are available at a very low cost which covers the printing and mailing only. There is a wealth of knowledge on the study and research of the POW residual effects of internment and the findings should be considered a vital part of your understanding of every day problems that do exist as a result of incarceration.

The Organization was recognized by the Veterans Administration and in early 1980, the first National Officers were certified. As we complete the training program of more dedicated men in this area, we will be able to offer this valuable assistance to more members in their own areas. However, those who are now certified are ready and willing to help with POW claims for anyone, anywhere. With the recognition by the VA, we are now also eligible to offer aid to the Veterans Administration facilities with participation in the VAVS programs.

Perhaps one of the most important roles the Organization plays is in the comradeship that is shared. In many, many instances a POW feels that he is alone in his fears and traumas, and this often causes additional problems in his home and social environments. Attending meetings and conventions where he can meet and talk with a fellow prisoner who was there too, and knows what it is like can often help to alleviate some of his doubts and it is often found that he is not alone in his thoughts and medical problems. One wife talking with another and learning from other POWs can create a great big new and more understanding relationship. The Organization is made up of people who care for their fellow man and are anxious to help in any way they can. We do "Exist to help the man who cannot help himself" which is our Med-Search Motto. Just encouraging a fellow POW to file a claim, see a Doctor, etc., is truly a service to the individual.

Do consider membership in the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. We need your help and hopefully, we can be of service to you,

too. With your enrollment as a member of the National Organization, you will receive each month a copy of the AX-POW Bulletin. This booklet is intended to keep you informed on new happenings, news of comrades, and everything that relates to you as a former Prisoner of War. Dues may be sent to our National Headquarters Office for immediate processing.

A listing of Chapters and the contact persons for meeting information will be found in the Bulletin. Our Chapter members will be eager to meet you and make you feel comfortable in your association with them.

This information sheet has been prepared by Herman E. Molen, National Commander, 1979-1980 and National Membership Chairman, 1980-1981. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact him.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR, INC.

Preamble: We, citizens of the United States who were captured or interned by the enemy, do unite to establish a permanent organization.

Purpose: To encourage fraternity for the common good, foster patriotism and loyalty, assist Ex-Prisoners of War, Civilian Internees, and their widows and orphans, maintain allegiance to the United States of America, preserve and defend the United States from all of her enemies, maintain historical records.

The above are direct quotes from the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. In an effort to better acquaint you with the goals and structure on the organization, may we touch briefly on a few areas? Eligibility for membership is open to all persons in the Armed Services of the United States who were held prisoners of war by an enemy of the United States because of such service, United States Citizens who were imprisoned because of their citizenship and United States citizens who were taken prisoners by an enemy of the United States while honorably serving an ally of the United States. The following relatives of any member may hold a full membership in the organization: Spouse, Parents, Step-Parents, Brothers, Sisters, Children and Heirs-in-law as defined in the Washington Revised Statutes as amended. Any person who has been adjudged guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of collaboration with the enemy, subversion, sedition, or treason shall be barred from membership. Membership applications must be made in writing and be accompanied with monies to pay National Dues. A member shall have the privilege of affiliating with a local Chapter of his choosing and may transfer membership to another Chapter at any time with the provision that he is a member in good standing with the National Office. Members who are far removed from a local Chapter will be accepted as Members-at-large and will be attached to the National Headquarters Office and served by the National Adjutant-Treasurer. Each member is allowed one vote in National Elections and votes for Chapters

may be cast by a previously selected delegate of that Chapter. All Members-at-large must be in attendance at the Convention to cast their vote. Any member may select Life Membership.

National Officers include Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, three Junior Vice-Commanders, AXDJUTANT, Treasurer and a Board of Directors. For purposes of electing Directors, the United States is divided into six Regions. They are: Northeast (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia). Southeast (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and District of Columbia.) North Central (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.) South Central (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.) Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.) Southwest (Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah.)

The three Junior Vice-Commanders service the combined area of two Regions and are designated as Eastern, Central and Western.

National Convention sites are chosen by Regions, each having the opportunity of bidding once every six years in rotation. Conventions are hosted by local Chapters and in the event a Region has no Chapters wishing to bid, other Regions may bid following the rotation basis.

The organization has, over the years, been continuously involved in working for the betterment of the lives of all former Prisoners of War, and in addition, strives to improve conditions for all Veterans. In 1949-1950, Past National Commander John Walker worked very hard at getting HR8848-S3903 passed. This was the bill that entitled every POW to one dollar for every day he was held prisoner. The bill also provided for a study of the mental and physical sequelae of malnutrition and starvation suffered by both military and civilian prisoners of war during World War II.

These bills were later amended and an additional dollar and fifty cents was authorized for every military POW. Remember, we were all so happy to be home that legislative matters were the furthest thoughts in our minds, but a few men foresaw the events we were to see come to pass in later years. They did continue the struggle and again in 1956, Congress passed a law to assist the POW, PL-744, 84th Congress, 2nd Session: Effects of Malnutrition and Other Hardships on the Mortality and Morbidity of Former United States Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees of World War II: Appraisal of Current Information. PL91-376, 95-349 and 95-479 were additional legislative actions to benefit the POW. As the POW has advanced in age, it has become apparent that further legislation is needed to aid the increased needs for health research and appropriate compensation schedules. The United States Congress requested a study be conducted by the Veterans Administration regarding the health care and compensation of former Prisoners of War (Fall, 1978). This study was presented to Congress the last day of May, 1980. Much information and assistance was provided the VA Task Force Team by the Members and Officers of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., and these efforts have been fully recognized by the agencies involved in the study. Testimonies before both the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees were presented by representatives of the Organization in June, 1980, and we are encouraging and looking forward to the possibility of further meetings and hearings. This involvement is just one example of the dedication of our membership--the countless letters that have been written, the personal contacts that have been made are all a part of a combined effort to aid and assist all Prisoners of War.

Our Medical Research Committee has through the years spent hours and hours of research; comparisons with other countries and input from noted Doctors throughout the world have been added to the research and findings personally experienced by the POW himself. The Organization has now compiled this information into Med-Search Packets which should be a must for every Doctor who is treating a POW. Most Doctors are not

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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you for your letter of June 19, 1981 in reference to the Presidential signing ceremony on June 12th concerning POW/MIA Day. Unfortunately I or none of my representatives of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. were informed to be present at the ceremony.

I also understand that 28 National Commanders of various veterans groups met with the President, again we not informed.

The American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. is the largest former prisoner of war organization in the United States with 13,000 members, 11 State Departments and 117 Chapters.

Our new Commander is Charles A. Morgan, Jr., 434 Balfour Drive, San Antonio, TX 78239 (phone 515 653 4237). Our consultant for legislative and V.A. affairs is Charles Stenger, Ph.D., 7425 Democracy Blvd., #211, Bethesda, MD 20034 (phone 365 5452).

I would be very honored to receive the President's pen that he uses when he signs HR 1100, the Ex-POW Bill.

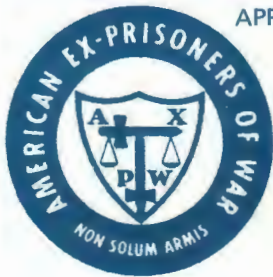
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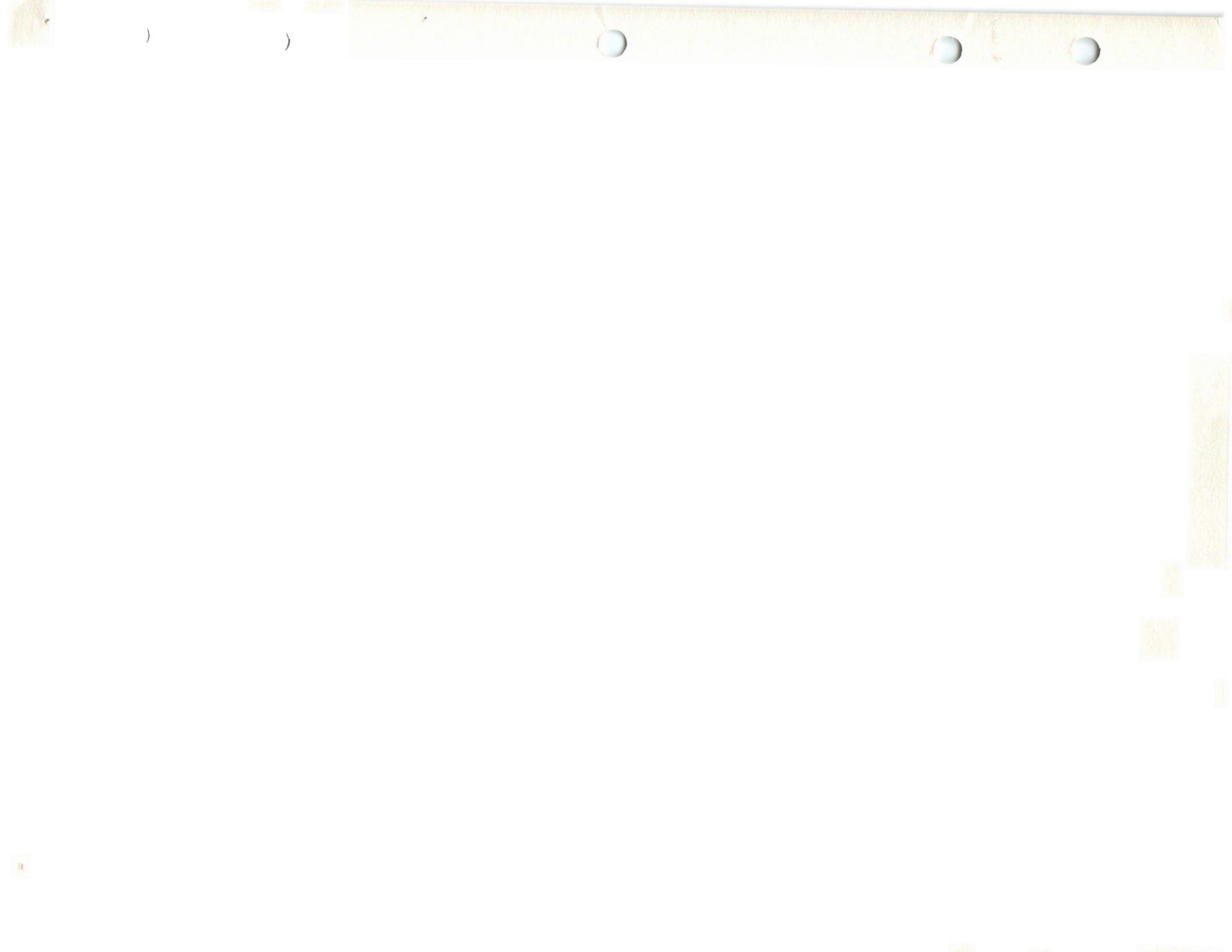
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PREAMBLE

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CONSTITUTION

Article I -- Name

1. The name of the organization shall be American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.
2. The national headquarters of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. shall be at the address of the national adjutant.
3. The emblem of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., shall be a shield with the curves at the top portraying the two great military defeats suffered by the United States armed forces in World War II; the Philippines and the Battle of the Bulge. The heraldic symbols represent justice, balanced on swords. The motto "Non Solum Armis" is "Not by Arms Alone."

Article II -- Purpose

1. Encourage fraternity for the common good.
2. Foster patriotism and loyalty.
3. Assist ex-prisoners of war, civilian ex-prisoners of war, and their widows and orphans.
4. Maintain allegiance to the United States of America.
5. Preserve and defend the United States from all of her enemies.
6. Maintain historical records.

Article III -- Organization

1. This organization is incorporated under Remington's Revised Statutes 3872, et seq., (laws of the State of Washington), which specify that a bonafide registered office, registered agent address, or both, must be continuously maintained within the State of Washington, and said address and information be kept current, and on file in the office of the secretary of state. (See R. C. W. Chapter 24.03.050 of the Washington State Nonprofit Corporation Act.)
2. The several constituted bodies of this organization shall consist of:
 - a. A national organization to be known as American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.
 - b. State organizations, to be known as Department of, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.
 - c. Local organizations to be known as Chapter, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., provided, however, that no chapter hereafter organized shall adopt the name already adopted by any other chapter in good standing.

Article IV -- Membership

1. Eligibility -- The following persons shall be eligible for membership in the organization:
 - a. Those persons in the armed services of the United States who were held prisoners of war by an enemy of the United States because of such service.
 - b. United States citizens who were interned because of their citizenship.
 - c. United States citizens who were taken prisoners by an enemy of the United States while honorably serving an ally of the United States.
 - d. The following relative of any of the foregoing:
 - 1) Spouse
 - 2) Parents, step-parents
 - 3) Brothers and sisters
 - 4) Children
 - 5) Heirs-in-law as defined in the Washington Revised Statutes as amended.
2. Exceptions -- Any person who has been adjudged guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of collaboration with the enemy, subversion, sedition, or treason shall be barred from membership.
3. Transferability -- Membership shall not be transferable.

Article V -- Liability

1. The American-Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., shall have the power to indemnify any director or officer or former director or officer of the organization, or any person who may have served at its request as a director or officer of another corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding in which he is made a party by reason of being or having been such director or officer, except in relation to matters as to which he shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty; but such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled, under any bylaws, agreement, vote of Board of Directors or members, or otherwise.
2. The American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., is a not for profit corporation and no part of the income of the organization is distributable to the organization's members, directors or officers. The organization may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its members, directors or officers for services rendered. No loans shall be made to any member of the organization.

Article VI -- Termination

In the event of termination or dissolution of the organization in any manner, or for any reason whatsoever, its remaining assets, if any, shall be given to an exempt organization, as so defined in the Internal Revenue Code as amended in 1954. Such termination or dissolution will be in accordance with Chapter 24.03 Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act.

Article VII -- Amendments

This Constitution shall be amended in accordance with Article VI of the Bylaws of this organization.

BYLAWS

Article I -- Membership

SECTION 101 -- PRIVILEGES

All members shall be active members and entitled to the privileges of voting and active participation in all the activities of the organization. There shall be no honorary or associate members. There may be an Honorary National Commander and an Honorary Chaplain. These honorary officers must hold active membership in this organization.

SECTION 102 -- APPLICATIONS

Application for membership shall be made in writing, and shall be accompanied by national dues. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements described in the Constitution. Applicants must furnish sufficient information to verify their eligibility for membership.

SECTION 103 -- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE -- Removing Ineligibles

The Membership Committee shall be empowered to accept or reject applicants and may also expel or suspend members when, in the discretion of a majority of the Membership Committee, the member has not acted in the best interests of the organization. A member who has been expelled or suspended shall have the right to appeal the suspension or expulsion to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 104 -- AFFILIATION

Membership in any club affiliated with American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., shall not be recognized as membership in American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.

SECTION 105 -- CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

1. A member shall have the privilege to become a member of the chapter of his choice. Each member shall have only one vote in any national voting.
2. Any member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., is privileged to transfer his membership to any other chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.

SECTION 106 -- ACTIVE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Any person eligible for membership who lives in a foreign country, or outside the continental limits of the United States, or who may be serving in the armed services outside the continental limits of the United States, or who may be living in a remote section, far removed from any chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., may be accepted as a member-at-large, attached to national headquarters, and served by the office of the national adjutant.

SECTION 107 -- LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member of the national organization of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., shall be eligible to become a life member upon the payment of life membership dues as established by the Board of Directors.
2. A suitable life membership card shall be issued to all members paying the life membership dues. The monies accrued from the sale of life memberships shall be placed in a special Life Membership Fund to accrue the highest current rate of interest in a federally insured savings institution. Withdrawals shall be made once a year to cover the cost of maintenance and administration of life memberships.

Article II -- National Officers

SECTION 201 -- ELECTED OFFICERS AND VACANCIES

1. The elected officers of the national organization shall consist of a president, designated as national commander; a senior vice-president, designated as national sr. vice commander; three (3) junior vice presidents, designated as national junior vice commanders; a secretary, designated as national adjutant; a treasurer, and the national directors.
2. An elected officer may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing to the national commander with a copy to the national adjutant. Such resignation shall take effect thirty (30) days after receipt.
3. Any officer elected or appointed may be removed by the persons authorized to elect or appoint such officers whenever in their judgement the best interests of the organization will be served thereby.
4. Any vacancy occurring in any office and on the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, personal hardship or conduct not in the best interests of the organization (Section 103, Article I) shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a special meeting or by a mail poll after proper notification.

SECTION 202 -- ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATIONS, ELECTION, TERM OF OFFICE

1. To be eligible for any national elective office the candidate must have been a member in good standing of the national organization for three (3) consecutive years preceding the election. No member shall hold two (2) elective national offices at the same time, except as stated in Section 204, Paragraph 4, but a member may hold one elected and one appointed office. National officers, elected or appointed, shall be eligible to hold office in a lower body, and such office may be held concurrently.
2. To be eligible for election to the office of national commander, national senior vice commander, or national junior vice commander, a member shall have served at least one term as a national director.
3. The national commander shall not be eligible to succeed himself in office.
4. National elective officers shall be nominated and elected at the annual meeting to be known as the national convention. Nominations for all officers may be made by a Nomination Committee. Additional nominations shall be permitted from the floor providing the eligibility requirements of Sections 204 and 205 are met. No person, absent, shall be considered for any elective office unless such person has previously notified the Nomination Committee chairman in writing before the first business meeting of the national convention that the person is willing to serve in the office concerned. All national officers shall hold their office(s) for a term of one (1) year or until the succeeding election and installation of national officers.

SECTION 203 -- MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the organization, known as the national convention, shall be held annually between July 1st and August 1st.
2. The national adjutant shall notify all national members of the annual meeting, national convention, not less than 10 nor more than 50 days prior to the annual meeting. Said notice shall be printed in the official publication to include the purpose or purposes for the meeting, the place, date and hour. If mailed, such notices shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the U. S. mail when addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the organization with postage thereon prepaid.
3. For the purpose of selecting cities where the national conventions are to be held, the United States shall be divided into six (6) regions. Each region shall be given the opportunity to have the convention once in a six (6) year period.
 - a. **Northeast Region (Region 1)**, consisting of the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia.

- b. **Southeast Region (Region 2)**, consisting of the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and the District of Columbia.
 - c. **North Central Region (Region 3)**, consisting of the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.
 - d. **South Central Region (Region 4)**, consisting of the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
 - e. **Northwest Region (Region 5)**, consisting of the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.
 - f. **Southwest Region (Region 6)**, consisting of the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah.
4. The national convention shall be held in cities where local chapters have extended formal invitations to host the national convention. In the event that a certain region has priority through elimination of the other regions in previous years, but no invitation is forthcoming from the region having such priority, the preferred position is in default and a new six-year period is automatically begun.
 5. The national convention host chapter will furnish the national adjutant the necessary assistance and/or equipment for taking the minutes of the convention. The expenses will be borne by the national organization. The minutes shall be published in the official publication within sixty (60) days after the last business session.
 6. The national commander, the national adjutant, and the national treasurer shall attend the national convention and only their hotel or lodging expenses will be borne by the host chapter. No reimbursement will be made for meals, refreshments or entertainment. The national treasurer will pay their travel expenses in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) at the least expensive air coach rate or its equivalent.
 7. The national commander, the national adjutant, and the national treasurer will attend called or special meetings of the Board of Directors and only their travel, hotel or lodging expenses will be borne by the national organization. No reimbursement will be made for meals, refreshments or entertainment. The national treasurer will pay their travel expenses in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) at the least expensive air coach rate or its equivalent.

SECTION 204 -- ELECTED NATIONAL OFFICERS, POWERS AND DUTIES

1. **President -- National commander**
The national commander shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and the national convention. The national commander shall work to the best of his ability to further the aims and policies of the organization. The national commander shall coordinate and supervise the activities of all national officers.
2. **Senior vice-president -- National senior vice commander**
The national senior vice commander must have served the preceding year as a national junior vice commander. The national senior vice commander shall, when called upon, assist the commander, and in his absence, shall discharge the duties of national commander. The national senior vice commander shall make a quarterly report to the national commander.
3. **National junior vice presidents -- National junior vice commanders**
 - a. There shall be three (3) national junior vice commanders. One shall be elected from the Eastern Zone (Regions 1 and 2); one shall be elected from the Central Zone (Regions 3 and 4); and one shall be elected from the Western Zone (Regions 5 and 6). One of the national junior vice commanders shall be elected as senior vice commander for the succeeding year.
 - b. In the absence of the national senior vice commander, one of the national junior vice commanders shall be selected by the Board of Directors to discharge the duties of the national senior vice commander. Each national junior vice commander shall make a quarterly report of his activities to the commander via the national senior vice commander.

4. Secretary -- National adjutant

- a. The offices of national adjutant and national treasurer may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be combined, and the position occupied by one person performing the duties and assuming the responsibilities of both offices.
- b. The national adjutant shall attend all business meetings of the national convention and meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible for the minutes of the meetings. The national adjutant shall provide the editor of the official publication with the edited and typed proceedings of the business sessions of the national convention within twenty (20) days after the last business session of the national convention.
- c. The national adjutant shall receive all dues and transmit said monies to the national treasurer and shall notify the editor of all members who pay their dues. The national adjutant shall perform such duties as the national commander may, from time to time, prescribe. The national adjutant shall make a quarterly report of his activities to the national commander with a copy to the national senior vice commander. The national adjutant shall receive compensation as specified by the Board of Directors.
- d. The national adjutant shall in writing notify the Board of Directors of regular or special meetings not less than 10 nor more than 50 days prior to the meeting. Said notice shall include purposes for which the meeting is called, the place, date and hour. If mailed, such notices shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the U. S. mail when addressed to the director at his address as it appears on the records of the organization with postage thereon prepaid.

5. National treasurer

- a. The national treasurer shall attend all business meetings of the national convention and all meetings of the Board of Directors. The national treasurer shall have custody of all monies, bonds, and items of value; shall compile and maintain a complete set of financial records to divulge the true financial status of the organization suitable to be audited by a certified public accountant.
- b. The national treasurer shall pay out monies in payment of obligations only on authority given by the commander. All checks shall be signed by the national treasurer and countersigned by the national commander. In the event of the incapacity of either the national treasurer or national commander, checks shall be signed and countersigned by the national senior vice commander and/or one of the national junior vice commanders, as designated by the Board of Directors. The national treasurer shall insure valid signature specimens are on record at all institutions of deposit.
- c. The national treasurer shall purchase, at the expense of the organization, a fidelity bond covering all officers authorized to sign or countersign checks, and any national officer handling monies or securities of the organization. The national treasurer shall prepare a financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30th. This financial statement shall be published in the August issue of the official publication. The national treasurer shall prepare for the Board of Directors a quarterly financial report on the 15th day following the end of the quarter.

SECTION 205 -- NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The property and business of the organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors, 21 in number, composed of the national commander, national senior vice commander, three (3) national junior vice commanders, national adjutant, national treasurer, the immediate past national commander, two (2) national directors elected from each of the six (6) regions, and one (1) additional national director from the region with the most national members.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the general direction, control and management of the property and business of the organization. They shall have the power to make all contracts and agreements in behalf of the organization as they may deem mindful or convenient for the successful prosecution of its affairs. They shall employ, and, at their pleasure, remove all such persons and agents of the organization as they deem necessary and proper for the conducting of the business of the organization and shall determine the compensation and duties, in addition to those fixed by the Bylaws, of all officers, agents, secretaries and servants of the organization, as they shall deem best calculated to promote to the fullest extent the interests of the members of the organization.

3. Any action of the Board of Directors may be repealed, amended or modified by a majority vote of the national delegates present and voting at the national convention.
4. The national commander, as chairman of the Board of Directors, shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors not later than 24 hours prior to the call to order of the national convention. Additional meetings may be called at any time by the national commander, or at the request of the majority of the Board of Directors upon proper notice as specified in Section 203, Paragraph 2. In lieu of an additional meeting, a polling of the Board of Directors, by mail, may be made.
5. A legal quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be the national commander, national senior vice commander, or a national junior vice commander.
6. A national director shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive years.

SECTION 206 -- VOTING PROCEDURES

1. Selection of national delegates

- a. Each state department or local chapter at a regular meeting shall select a national member(s) as a delegate(s) to the national convention to represent the members of the state department or local chapter.
- b. The state department commander or chapter commander shall certify the delegate(s) to represent the state department or local chapter and the respective adjutants will authenticate the delegate' (s) Credentials Letter.
- c. The Credentials Letter of the local chapter delegate(s) shall list by name each national member of the chapter who they are representing.
- d. The state department national delegate(s) will represent all national members who reside within the jurisdiction of the state department who are not represented by a delegate of a local chapter.
- e. Each national delegate(s) will present the Credentials Letter to the chairman of the Credentials Committee prior to the first business meeting of the national convention. The chairman of the Credentials Committee in conjunction with the national adjutant will verify the Credentials Letter and the list of names to determine if they are bonafide national members.
- f. No national delegate shall represent more than 100 national members.
- g. No national delegate(s) shall be permitted to vote who presents his Credentials Letter to the chairman of the Credentials Committee after the national convention has been called to order.

2. Voting by individuals

National members attending the national convention who are not represented by a national delegate may cast an individual vote, if they are certified by the Credential Committee prior to the call to order of the national convention.

SECTION 207 -- APPOINTED OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Appointed officers

- a. The Board of Directors shall, by resolution, appoint the following officers, and said appointments shall be announced by the national commander and published in the September issue of the official publication:
 - 1) Judge advocate
 - 2) Legislative officer
 - 3) Service officer
 - 4) Chaplain
 - 5) International coordinator

- 6) Editor, official publication
 - 7) Special projects officer
 - 8) Two directors-at-large
 - 9) Sergeant-at-arms
 - 10) Historian
 - 11) Protocol officer
 - 12) Public relations officer
 - 13) Any additional officer(s) as deemed necessary
- b. Duties of appointed officers
- 1) Judge advocate:
The judge advocate shall be prepared at all times to give such legal counsel and advice as the national commander or national convention may require. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority on all questions of parliamentary law and procedure, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution and Bylaws.
 - 2) Legislative officer:
 - a) The legislative officer shall help formulate legislative policy. He shall send to the editor a summary of all pending legislation of interest to the membership for publication.
 - b) The legislative officer should coordinate legislative activities with other service and veterans' organizations to achieve greater effectiveness of the legislative proposals and goals of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.
 - 3) Service officer:
The service officer shall advise and assist departments, chapters, members and their dependents in the technical preparations and prosecution of their claims for benefits from any governmental agency.
 - 4) Chaplain:
The chaplain may, when possible, be an ordained clergyman and perform such duties as may be required.
 - 5) International coordinator:
The international coordinator shall work directly with the national commander and chairman of the Medical Research Committee. The international coordinator shall communicate with foreign organizations and professional people, creating good will for the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.
 - 6) Editor, official publication:
 - a) The official monthly publication shall be known as "EX-POW Bulletin." Orders, official notices, and the financial reports published in the official publication shall be deemed sufficient and lawful notice to all members for all purposes whatsoever.
 - b) The editor shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of the official publication in accordance with instructions from the Board of Directors.
 - c) The editor shall receive compensation as specified by the Board of Directors.
 - 7) Special projects officer:
The special projects officer shall coordinate and cooperatively work with officers of other service organizations concerning projects that pertain to the benefits and welfare of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.

- 8) **Directors-at-large:**
The directors-at-large shall serve the national commander assisting him in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of his office.
 - 9) **Sergeant-at-arms:**
The sergeant-at-arms shall, under the direction of the national commander, maintain order at the national convention and perform such other duties incident to his office as the Board of Directors or the national convention may direct.
 - 10) **Historian:**
The historian shall compile and maintain a brief history of the activities of this organization during his term of office, to be kept as a permanent record of this organization and shall perform such other duties as his office may require or the Board of Directors may direct.
 - 11) **Protocol officer:**
The protocol officer shall assist and advise the national commander in protocol activities and requirements at the national convention and other meetings, coordinating the protocol activities with the public relations officer.
 - 12) **Public relations officer:**
The public relations officer shall coordinate any and all publicity of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., nationwide, working with the various communication media for the betterment of this organization.
2. **Standing committees:**
- a. The Board of Directors shall, by resolution, appoint the following standing committees, each of which shall include at least two (2) members of the Board of Directors, and said appointments shall be announced by the national commander and published in the September issue of the official publication:
 - 1) Ways and Means
 - 2) Finance
 - 3) Resolutions
 - 4) Constitution and Bylaws
 - 5) Membership
 - 6) Convention Site
 - 7) Credentials
 - 8) Nominations
 - 9) Publication Guidelines
 - 10) Appraisal
 - 11) Grievance/Investigation
 - 12) Welfare
 - 13) Medical Research
 - 14) Other committees as deemed necessary
 - b. The chairmen, duties and responsibilities of the above standing committees will be as designated and directed by the Board of Directors.
3. The appointed officers and chairmen of the standing committees will prepare, in writing, a quarterly report of their activities to the national commander. At the national convention an annual report will be rendered by each appointed officer and chairman of the standing committees.

SECTION 208 -- FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the organization shall be July 1st through June 30th of each calendar year.

SECTION 209 -- NATIONAL DUES

The national dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and published in the official publication. The dues shall include a subscription to the official publication. All annual memberships shall expire at midnight on December 31st. Members who have not paid their dues for the membership year, commencing on January 1st, shall no longer be a member in good standing. A member shall forfeit and not hold nor be eligible for any national office within this organization until he meets the eligibility requirement set forth in Article II, Section 202, Paragraph 1.

Article III -- Departments

SECTION 301 -- FORMATION, CHARTERING

1. A State Department may be formed when two or more local chapters with a total membership of at least twenty (20) have been organized in any state, territory or possession. The application for a charter shall be signed by all the elected officers or officers pro tem, and shall list the names of all charter members of the State Department. The application shall be forwarded to the national adjutant for approval by the Board of Directors. The State Department shall comply with the national Constitution and Bylaws. If the State Department chooses to adopt its own Constitution and Bylaws at a later date, it will be forwarded to the national adjutant and national judge advocate for approval.
2. A State Department may not be established until the two (2) or more local chapters have been in operation for at least one (1) complete fiscal year of operation.

SECTION 302 -- MEETINGS

Each department shall hold at least one meeting each year.

SECTION 303 -- SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF CHARTER

The charter of a State Department may be suspended for a period of sixty (60) days for violation of the laws and usages of the national organization. If no appeal is made within a period of sixty (60) days, the charter of the State Department may be cancelled by a two-thirds majority vote of the national Board of Directors, provided, that 30 days before the charter is suspended, the commander of the State Department in question shall have been notified in writing, by certified mail, by the national adjutant of the charges against it.

SECTION 304 -- DEPARTMENT DUES

Each department shall set its own dues.

SECTION 305 -- ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE

National membership shall be a prerequisite for holding office.

SECTION 306 -- VOTING PROCEDURES

Only national members within the jurisdiction of the State Department shall be eligible to vote.

SECTION 307 -- ANNUAL REPORTS

1. All State Departments of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., shall function as prescribed by the group ruling of Internal Revenue Service, and furnish the national headquarters a properly completed IRS Form 990 by March 25th of each calendar year.

2. Each State Department shall report to the national adjutant annually, by March 25th or as changes occur, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the current officers and the location, time and date of regularly scheduled meetings. This information shall be published in the official publication.

SECTION 308 -- DISPOSITION OF PROPERTIES

Any State Department becoming inactive shall transmit to the national treasurer any funds, property and historical records for safe keeping. Such funds shall become the property of the national organization after one (1) year, unless a State Department is reestablished, properly rechartered and becomes fully and efficiently operational in accordance with the procedures of the Constitution and Bylaws. At such time all funds, property and historical records received by the national treasurer shall be returned to the rechartered State Department.

Article IV -- Chapters

SECTION 401 -- FORMATION - CHARTERING

1. A local chapter may be formed by the authority of the Board of Directors on the application of not less than ten (10) persons, members of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., or who have applied for membership. Less than ten members may form a chapter with approval of a majority of the national Board of Directors. Membership in the national organization of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., is a mandatory prerequisite for valid membership in any chapter.
2. The application for a charter shall be signed by all the elected officers or the officers pro tem, and shall list the names of all charter members of the chapter. The application shall be forwarded to the national adjutant for approval by the Board of Directors. The chapter shall comply with the national Constitution and Bylaws. If the chapter chooses to adopt its own Constitution and Bylaws at a later date, it will be forwarded to the national adjutant and judge advocate for approval. The State Department (if any) shall be notified by the national and chapter adjutants.

SECTION 402 -- MEETINGS

Each chapter shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once every ninety (90) days. The membership shall be notified by the chapter adjutant of the time, place, and date of all meetings.

SECTION 403 -- SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF CHARTER

The charter of a chapter may be suspended for a period of sixty (60) days for violation of the laws and usage of the national organization. If no appeal is made within the period of sixty days, the charter of the chapter may be cancelled by a two-thirds majority vote of the national Board of Directors, provided, that thirty (30) days before the charter is suspended, the commander of the chapter in question shall have been notified in writing, by certified mail, by the national adjutant of the charges against it.

SECTION 404 -- CHAPTER DUES

Each chapter shall set its own dues.

SECTION 405 -- ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE

National membership shall be a prerequisite for holding office.

SECTION 406 -- VOTING PROCEDURE

Only national members who are members of the chapter shall be eligible to vote.

SECTION 407 -- ANNUAL REPORTS

1. All chapters of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., shall function as prescribed by the group ruling of Internal Revenue Service, and furnish the national headquarters a properly completed IRS Form 990 by March 25th of each calendar year.

2. Each chapter shall report to the national adjutant annually, by March 25th, or as changes occur, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the current officers, and the location, time, and date of regularly scheduled meetings. This information shall be published in the official publication.

SECTION 408 -- DISPOSITION OF PROPERTIES

Any chapter becoming inactive shall transmit to the national treasurer any funds, property and historical records for safe keeping. Such funds shall become the property of the national organization after one (1) year, unless a chapter is chartered or rechartered in that same area.

Article V -- Welfare Fund

SECTION 501 -- PURPOSES

The fund shall be used for the benefit and welfare of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., and their next of kin, as a group. Legitimate expenditures from the fund shall include, but not be limited to, the expenses of the Medical Research Committee and the national service officer. No part of the net donations shall inure to the benefit of any individual. The net donations shall be all monies donated less the cost of printing Memorial Seals, envelopes, and mailing Welfare Fund materials to the donors.

SECTION 502 -- SOURCE OF THE FUND

The source of the fund shall be from donations for EX-POW Memorial Seals and designated memorials. Donations shall be mailed to the chairman of the Welfare Fund Committee. The chairman of the Welfare Fund Committee shall transmit the monies to the national treasurer once a month with a report of the sources of the monies and the expenses. The chairman shall notify the editor of the official publication of the names of the donors for publication.

SECTION 503 -- CONTROL OF FUNDS

The fund shall be administered by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

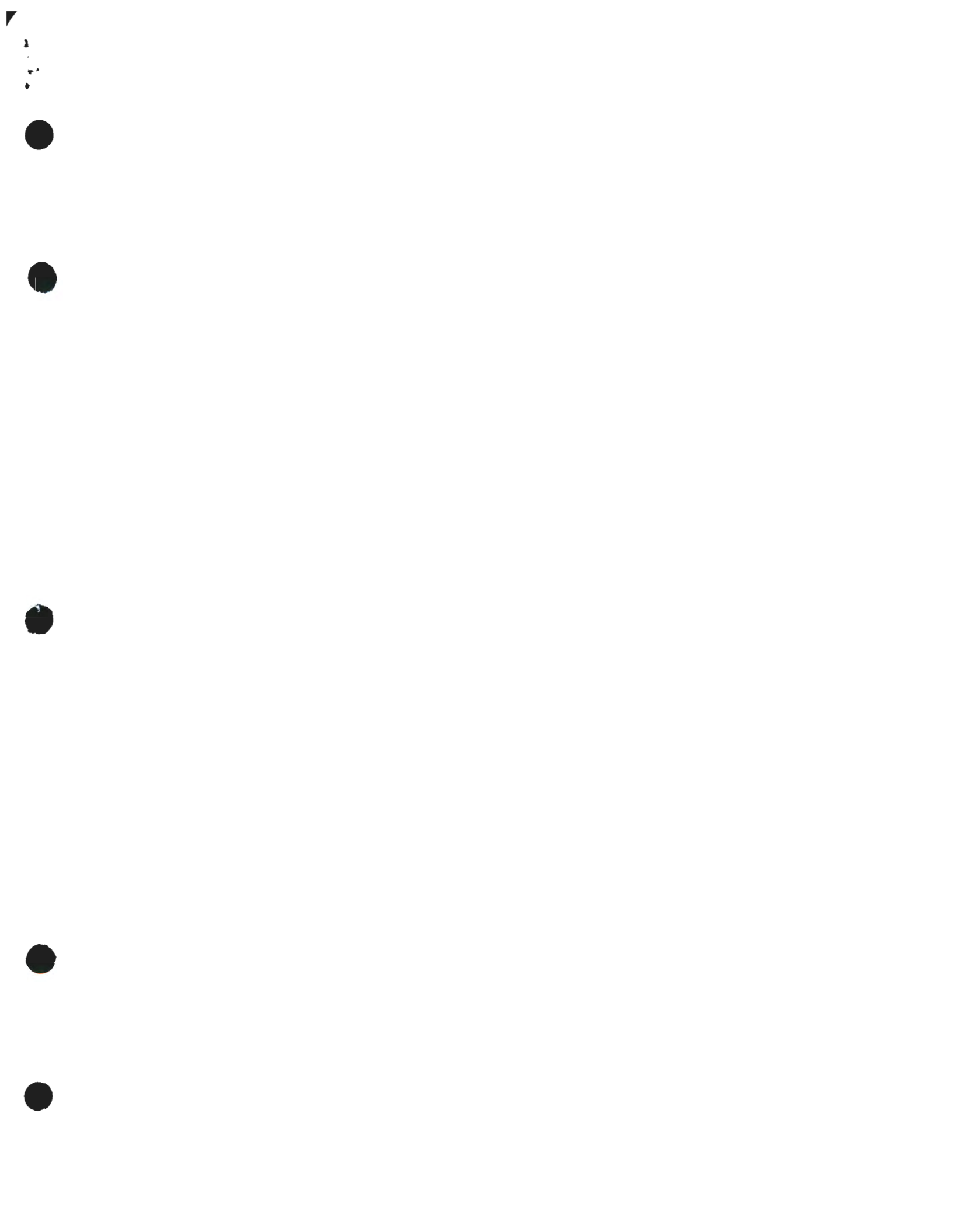
SECTION 504 -- ACCOUNTING

Each outgoing national commander shall request an accounting from the national treasurer of the donations received and funds expended. He will then report to the national convention on the reasonableness and propriety of expenditures.

Article VI -- Amendments

SECTION 601 -- AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution and Bylaws shall be amended by an affirmative two-thirds vote of members voting at the national convention in accordance with the Voting Procedures. The amendments shall become effective when registered with the secretary of state of the State of Washington, according to the Revised Code of Washington governing Nonprofit Corporations.
2. Amendments with supporting statements shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee no later than February 15th. The Resolution Committee will compile, review and assign an amendment number prior to submission of said amendments and supporting statements to the editor of the official publication, to be printed in the April issue.
3. Voting on the amendment(s) will be at the national convention in accordance with the Voting Procedures.







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I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your signing the POW/MIA Day Bill, establishing July 17, 1981 as the start-
~~ing date to honor all former Prisoners of War and all those~~
Americans Missing in Action.

Jr. Vice Commanders
Albert J. Bland
Edward W. Dayhoff

I understand the 97th Congress has passed and forwarded for your consideration, a "Bill to amend Title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility of former Prisoners of War for certain health care benefits provided by the Veteran's Administration, and for other purposes".

Adj. Treasurer
Elda M. Meagher
1515 Ocean City Rd.
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Many of the American former Prisoners of War have passed away in the past 36 years and many are in great need for treatment and help.

Service Officer
Larry Nagel
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If a Bill signing ceremony is planned for this amendment, I would be honored to attend, on behalf of those ~~no longer with us and on behalf of all those living who are in need of the~~ help this Bill will provide.

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Yours sincerely,

James L. Meagher
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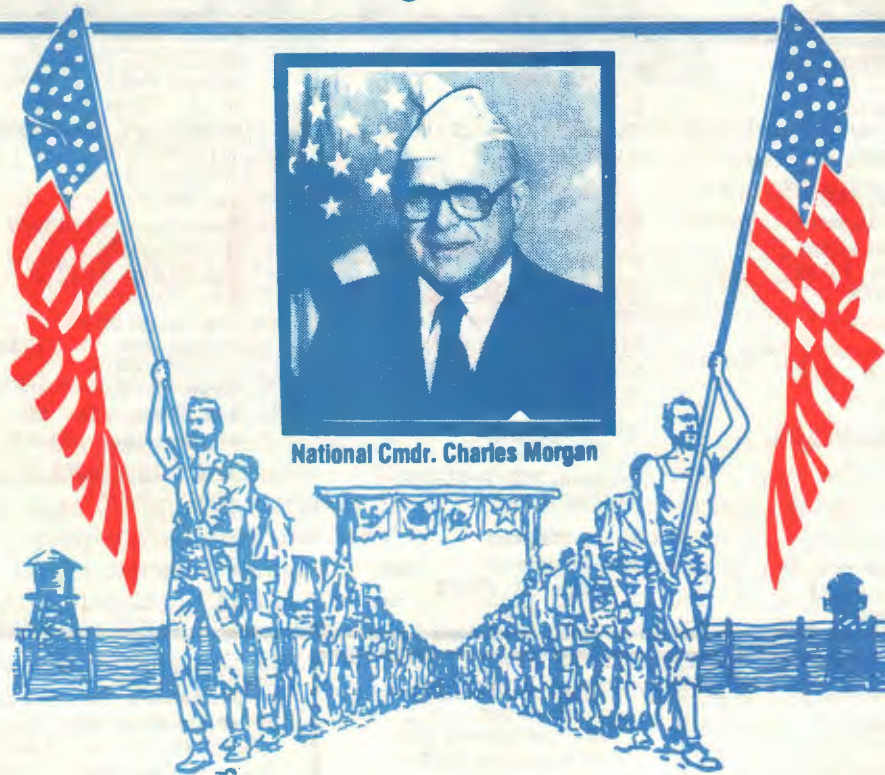
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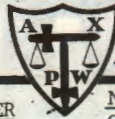
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National Cmdr. Charles Morgan

**Major POW Bill
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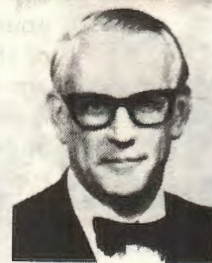
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Mission Accomplished!



We have passed a major bill for former POWs, HR 1100 as passed by the House and Senate, would provide additional benefits and medical services for this group of deserving Americans. Most former POWs face many extreme hardships. While their individual experiences may vary, their degree of sacrifice and commitment to America and for all it stands for remains fixed and permanent...in their own personal legacies and in our historical conscience. Although there are some differences between the bill as passed by the House and Senate, National Cmdr. Sommers personally met with Senator Simpson, Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and differences have been resolved. We expect to get a bill on the President's desk in the very near future. It will Presume

service connection for certain diseases and disabilities related to malnutrition, psychosis, and ANXIETY NEUROSIS. It will provide priority inpatient and outpatient treatment for this selected group of individuals. It is a major bill that we have enacted with your help.

Sommers, Morgan, Derrington, Stenger

"We were fully backed by the Disabled American Veterans, who made the POW issue their main legislative thrust; the American Legion; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Jewish War Veterans; the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn. We do owe a deep debt of gratitude to Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery for getting this major bill through for us this year."

Stan Sommers

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National Commander Charles Morgan's Message



My heartfelt thanks to everyone for electing me your National Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. As you all know, ours is a most unusual organization and our membership is from all sources of service for our great country. It is my earnest hope and will be my utmost endeavor, that this year will be just as fruitful for our members as this past year has been. Nevertheless, it will be necessary for all of us to work together in harmony in order to achieve the goals and objectives that our 34th National Convention set forth for us to achieve. I will strive to do everything that I can to accomplish them, but I will need the help and support of every member to do this.

As you know, we did achieve many of the provisions of our FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR OMNIBUS ACT OF 1981 in this session of Congress. However, there are still a few things that we need to

Rogues of Bataan

by Ted R. Williams

Those frantic days in the Philippines from December 6, 1941 - April 9, 1942 vividly recalled! The actions and antics of a small and desperate group of Marines, soldiers, and a sailor are brought to life again. Part of our country's history, this story of the Fourth US Marines' Air Warning Group is a 'must read' narrative. Anyone who served in the armed forces or who enjoys true-to-life autobiography will be captivated by this recounting of men caught on the treadmill of war and defeat.

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accomplish with the Congress to help our fellow members. We need to get into law an exact and meaningful wording, that no one can abstract and change, of the phrases "deemed to have suffered from" and increase the list of "presumptive". Our Congress has used these words in PL 91-376, but they carry no weight with the VA and even less with the Bureau of Veterans Appeals. Further, we must get it spelled out very carefully as to the exact meaning of the "benefit of the doubt" provision. The VA states that it provides and accords this to former POWs, but unfortunately the adjudicators do not understand the phrase, so the denials of claims for POWs continue. This must be one of our major goals to accomplish this year.

We must continue our drive to get more members for our organization. This requires the work of all. There are many of our former buddies and comrades who have not heard of the organization, and others who are taking advantage of the work of some for their own benefit. We must get all of them into our organization now, so that we can continue our legislative efforts...it is numbers that count and that means more members. As stated at the convention, we had a gain of 2,016 members for the year, 19%. We can do that again this year. So let's all get a member, NOW!

Again, I thank you for your support and the confidence that you have placed on me. I will do everything within my ability to try to maintain that confidence and accomplish those goals and objectives set forth by our members at the national convention.

Fort Worth Chapter

AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR, INC. MEETS THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE HOME OF DAV BLUEBONNET CHAPTER 20, 431 FULTON ST., FT. WORTH, TX

"COME VISIT US"

NATIONAL NEWS

Freedom Day Celebration in North Carolina

Nearly 50 former war prisoners gathered with hundreds of other citizens at the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, June 29, 1981, to celebrate "Freedom Day". The Rev. Alton H. McEachern said he holds the program each year during Fourth of July week to preserve "a little flag-waving and a little patriotism."

The program, co-sponsored by Shiloh Baptist Church, had a strong Christian flavor exemplified by ex-POWs including Norman McDaniel, an Air Force colonel nicknamed the "chaplain of the Hanoi Hilton" during his seven years of captivity in North Vietnam. McDaniel, the featured speaker on the program, is as certain about religion as he is about patriotism.

"I'm always glad to speak for my country," McDaniel said at a press conference prior to the religious service. "We need it." Now holding a Pentagon desk job after returning from a Vietnamese POW camp in 1973, McDaniel, 43, makes frequent public appearances on behalf of the military, his faith and America in general.

McDaniel said patriotism is enjoying a rebirth at the same time that Vietnam veterans and ex-POWs are finally gaining the respect and care of their fellow citizens, including congressmen.

The "Freedom Day" celebration was not just for Vietnam veterans and ex-POWs. It provided fellowship for ex-prisoners from several generations who share a common bond. "When I meet an ex-POW," said North Carolina State Cmdr. W.C. Musten, "I know immediately that I've got a friend. It's extremely therapeutic."



MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER ON ARMED FORCES DAY

The Massachusetts Chapter No. 1 of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., took part in a parade/dedication ceremony at Fort Devons, Massachusetts, on Armed Forces Day. Fifteen members paraded and displayed the chapter's new maroon and gold banner. The ceremony dedicated the Fort Devons Mess Hall to former Korean prisoner of war Sgt. Richard Artensani, who passed away in 1980.

EVENTS CALENDAR

August 29, 1981

Springfield, Illinois
Department of Illinois Convention
VFW Post 755
Contact Dept. Cmdr. Morris Lacy
100 Belle Dr., Belleville, IL
PH: (618)234-8068

September 24-26, 1981

Fort Bragg, North Carolina
North Carolina State Convention
Contact Adj/Treas Ruth Hardee
541 Long Leaf Acres Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
PH: (919)392-0258



Colorado Color Guard

On April 25, 1981, the Rocky Mountain Chapter of American Ex-POWs Color Guard made its formal debut in the El Paso County Loyalty Day Parade in Security, CO. On May 16, 1981, the color guard performed in Denver for Gov. Richard Lamm and members of the Colorado legislature. There six members dedicated the riderless black horse, honoring 2,300 American men and women still listed as missing in action in Vietnam, in conjunction with Armed Forces Week.

The color guard was organized in June, 1980, to honor those ex-POWs killed and American MIAs. The group is sponsored and funded by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of AX-POW and consists of five riders and the Fallen Rider horse escorted by Tom Farrell, an ex-POW of the Korean War. Pictured are Jeanette Francois, national colors; Linda Yutzy, Colorado state colors; Paulette Francois, organization colors; Tom Farrell with the riderless horse honoring those KIA & MIA; Sylvia Losoya, right guide. Not pictured is Donna Juroska, left guide.

SECOND PAGE CARRIES INFORMATION

Member Thomas W. Welsh has sent a reminder that the Discharge of most ex-POWs does not indicate they were prisoners of war. This information, he states, is on the second page of the discharge called "Qualifications for Discharge". Because many veterans put their official discharge away and carry a wallet sized copy, they do not always have this important information with them when they need it.

RECOVERY INC. HELPS EX-POW

Ex-POW and life member of American Ex-Prisoners of War Alexander Jack has gone through the program offered by Recovery, Inc. to help veterans with nervous problems. It is a self-help program, with meetings nationwide, in Canada, the United Kingdom, Puerto Rico, and Ireland. Anyone desiring more information may write to Alexander H. Jack, 60 Cumberland St., Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending 1980</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending 1981</u>
Alabama	77	120
Alaska	8	7
Arizona	200	223
Arkansas	89	97
California	924	1,103
Colorado	136	148
Connecticut	69	70
Delaware	32	27
Florida	462	532
Georgia	106	147
Hawaii	11	16
Idaho	31	31
Illinois	284	348
Indiana	110	133
Iowa	142	160
Kansas	206	252
Kentucky	51	60
Louisiana	182	224
Maine	26	31
Maryland	126	146
Massachusetts	224	268
Michigan	124	173
Minnesota	116	142
Mississippi	544	609
Missouri	357	377
Montana	16	24
Nebraska	46	60
Nevada	104	118
New Hampshire	35	54
New Jersey	179	254
New Mexico	250	250
New York	259	312
North Carolina	352	346
North Dakota	24	33
Ohio	663	831
Oklahoma	282	407
Oregon	174	175
Pennsylvania	473	541
Rhode Island	14	23
South Carolina	233	221
South Dakota	20	40
Tennessee	275	351
Texas	1,736	2,084
Utah	42	48
Vermont	7	13
Virginia	95	100
Washington, D.C.	25	29
Washington	260	357
West Virginia	38	97
Wisconsin	319	332
Wyoming	16	20
Foreign	19	23
	<u>10,593</u>	<u>12,609</u>

Membership by Regions

Northeast Region	2,669
Southeast Region	1,906
North Central	1,421
South Central	4,050
Northwest Region	634
Southwest Region	1,906
Foreign	23
	<u>12,609</u>

NEW MEXICO STATE CONVENTION HELD

The New Mexico State Convention was June 11-13, 1981, in Albuquerque. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Some confusion arose due to notices published in the Ex-POW Bulletin concerning this convention; my apologies, but that was the only information supplied.) Events held included a dance contest with prizes awarded to Bessie Smith and Gap Silva. Mass was held at the historic San Felip de Neri Church on Sunday, June 14, in honor of our National Cmdr. Stan Sommers.

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VAVS News



Photographed on VAVS Day at the Bedford, Massachusetts, VA Hospital are (left to right) Bill Arnold, ex-POW rep.; Kay Arnold, ex-POW; Irving Rittenberg, Treasurer of Massachusetts Chapter No. 1; Bea Martel, Director; John Elwell, Sr. Vice Cmdr.; and Cmdr. Ed Parks.



The first year of operation of the Tele Care Program at the VA Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas, was celebrated May 26, 1981. Shown (left) receiving his 100 hour award is American Ex-POW representative James Rushing; at right is Center Director Robert F. Pelka.

RELEASE PETITIONED BY COLORADO FOR MIAS

The state legislature of Colorado adopted a resolution on May 13, 1981, petitioning the release of United States prisoners of war in Southeast Asia. Copies of the resolution were sent to all members of the U.S. Congress and to President Reagan. The resolution states: "Be it resolved... that these men not be forgotten and that the Congress of the United States is hereby petitioned to initiate immediate action to identify and seek release of these prisoners by the use of both private and public agencies, be it through national or international auspices."

MONTANA PROCLAIMS ADBC DAY

Governor Ted Schwinden of Montana proclaimed June 13, 1981, as American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Day in that state, the first such day in the nation.

REUNION

The 27th BOMB GROUP will hold its 6th reunion October 16-18, 1981, at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama. Please contact Charles Cook, Sec., 3822 Cumberland Way, Lithonia, GA 30058, PH:(404) 981-3945.

PAULINE BROWN HONORED AT CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION

Approximately 170 people attended the annual convention of the Dept. of California, held May 29-31, 1981, in Sacramento. National Adjutant Treasurer Pauline Brown was honored guest. National Cmdr. Stan Sommers, MedSearch Chairman Harold Page and committee member Virginia Page conducted the MedSearch seminar. Also attending were Sr. Vice Cmdr. Charles Morgan, Jr. Vice Cmdr. Bill Mattson, and Nat'l Dtr. Charles Miller. Activities included a fashion show, a mini-golf tournament and a well-attended hospitality room.

New Jersey Plan for Locating Ex-POWs

The Garden State Chapter No. 1 has initiated a plan that truly is helping fellow ex-prisoners of war. In early April, Chapter Cmdr. Christopher Morgan was introduced to Director James Purdy at the Newark Regional VA; they discussed the green POW labels on the POW Claim Files. When Morgan mentioned that it was his understanding that there are close to 2,000 ex-POWs in New Jersey, Purdy suggested taking a census. Morgan drew up a release calling for all former POWs in the state to send him a postcard with pertinent information, and Purdy submitted the release to the 287 periodicals published throughout the state. As of June 20 they had nearly one hundred responses. A follow-up letter and a card with various toll free numbers to the VA is then sent. The follow-up letter reads:

Dear Fellow Ex-Prisoner of War:

Thank you for responding to the call to be counted. This census is being undertaken as a joint venture between the Veterans Administration and the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., Garden State Chapter No. 1, to confirm the concern of the VA for you and the problems you may have because of your service experience. The POW has not been forgotten!

Part of Section 305 of the Veterans Disability Compensation and Survivors Benefits Act of 1978 called for a comprehensive study of the disability compensation awarded to, and the health care needs of veterans who are former prisoners of war. From this study evolved the Former Prisoner of War Omnibus Act of 1981, which will grant service connection for any psychoneurosis or psychosis for former POWs, regardless of how long they were held in captivity. And the period of captivity required before the VA can presume service connection of certain disabilities would be reduced from the present six months to 60 days. You are urged to write your

representatives in Congress immediately urging their support of this important bill, HR 1100.

Effective October 1979, PL 96-22 provided in part that veterans who were prisoners of war for not less than six months are eligible for any needed dental care from the Veterans Administration.

Under separate cover you will receive from the VA a booklet entitled "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents", which contains a summary of such benefits as of January 1, 1981.

It is vital that you establish a VA claim ("C-Number"). To do so please contact the Veterans Administration in Newark by using the appropriate toll free number shown on the enclosed card. You will be advised at that point the proper form to use. Examples: VA form 10-10 is the application for Medical Benefits (dental care, etc.) and VA form 21-526 is the form to be used in making application for compensation or pension. "May we help you?" is not just a telephone greeting at the VA; it is a sincere expression of attitude. Call them!

Please spread the word of our census to your ex-POW friends in New Jersey; you will be doing them a favor. The American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., is the only national organization devoted solely to the concerns of the ex-POW. We promise that you will hear from us shortly.

Sincerely,
Chris Morgan, Chapter Commander

Morgan then types lists of the names. One copy goes to the VA who mails each respondent a free copy of the current Veterans & Dependents Benefits booklet, and one to chapter membership chairman PNC Walter Yosko, who mails each the brochure put together by PNC Herman Molen, with a membership application.

Fontana Gathering in August

Once again it is time to make reservations for the "family reunion" of friends at Fontana Village Resort. This year will be the 18th gathering in the Great Smoky Mountains of prisoners of war of the Japanese. Three hundred veterans and their families are expected for the Aug. 23-27 reunion. The nurses will again be honored, there will be a Country & Western night, a cookbook is planned, etc. Speakers will be former POW State Senator Jesse Knowles of Louisiana, author John Toland ("The Rising Sun - the Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire", "The Flying Tigers", "The Last 100 Days", etc.), Tour Director Don Graham, and Chaplain Robert Preston Taylor. Make your reservations now; should your plans change your money will be refunded by Fontana Village if you give them notice.

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- PACKET # 8 THE EUROPEAN STORY - the history of those Americans captured by the Germans and the after-effects.
- PACKET # 9 THE KOREA STORY - the history of those Americans captured by the Koreans and the after-effects.

A \$3.00 donation for each packet requested of the above 7.

PACKET # 6 Micro-film Index: Asiatic Theatre, Japanese.

PACKET # 7 Micro-film Index: European Theatre, Germany.

A \$1.00 donation requested for each of 6 or 7.

PACKET # 10 THE JAPANESE STORY: the history of those Americans captured by the Japanese and the after-effects.

As this packet is twice the size of any other packet a \$5.00 donation must be requested for each one ordered.

Send your request along with your donation to POW MEDSEARCH, 1410 Adler Rd., Marshfield, WI 54449. Please make checks payable to POW MedSearch and write PACKET REQUEST on your envelope.

INFORMATION

George P. Jahnke, Box 126, Augusta, Montana, PH: 562-3434, would like to know the whereabouts of Lt. Larry Ben-neth, Lt. Vincent P. McDonald, and Lt. Bob Weithers, members of the crew of Harold Erickson's of the 390th Bomb Gp.

Lendon Grisham, P.O. Box 463, Savan-nah, TN 38372, PH: (901)925-6763, would like to hear from anyone who has information about the plane he was fly-ing in on August 6, 1944, during a raid over Berlin. The plane was shot down over Lubbeck, Germany. Grisham was from the 381st Bomb Group, 532nd Sqd.

Henry (Hugh) Merritt, Jr., 4625 John Alden Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455, was a torpedoman 2/c on board the sub-marine tender, USS Canopus, when WWII broke out. After the Canopus was bombed he was with a naval battalion under LCDR Henry Goodall, then stationed with the 4th Marines, fought on Bataan, then on Corregidor until he was taken prisoner when it fell. He was interned at Bilibid, Camp No. 3 Cabanatuan, Ft. McKinley, Camp No. 1 Cabanatuan, then worked in the copper mines at Hitachi and Ashio. During his internment he kept the names and addresses of 120 buddies and their addresses; over the years he has written to several but addresses are not current. He would like to hear from any who knew him then.

The family of M/Sgt. Russell P. Bott, U.S. Army Special Forces, 5th S.F.G. ABN, would like information anyone can give them. He has MIA since December 2, 1966. He was on Project Delta with Det. B-52 out of FOB in Khie Sahn. Please contact Eleanor Bott Gregory, 82 Boylston Circle, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

Joseph Scotti, 24 Warwick St., Iselin, NJ 08830, would like to locate anyone from the 106th Infantry Division and would like photographs of that division and of Stalag IX-B, Bad Orb, Germany.

Ike Garrett, Rt. 2, Box 88, Deming, NM 88030, is seeking the address of the widow of the late James Hamilton who wrote a book about experiences on Ba-taan. He would like to order a copy of the book.

Glenn McConnell, 12337 Ridge Circle, Brentwood, CA 90049, is seeking infor-mation to pass on to a member of the 14th Air Force Ass'n. The incident in question involves the 308th Bomb Group B-24D named The Bad Penny which left Chabua, India, for Kunming, China, and never arrived. There are some indications that the aircraft ended up on a Japanese air base in Burma. Anyone who knows if any of the Bad Penny crew members survived, or knew any of them, or has a current address of any of them, please contact McConnell.

Norman "Al" Albertsen, 3128 South K St., Oxnard, CA 93033, would like to locate former shipmates of the USS Grenadier (SS210), including Paul Delbert Russell who lived in St. Louis, Missouri; also others who were with him in prison camp.

Franklin "Jack" Chapman, 30825 10th Ave SW, Federal Way, WA 98003, would like to hear from anyone who was in the group of about 50 at Camp Kang gye, Korea, who, in February 1951, began a series of forced marches until October 1951. They stayed a several temporary camps, dugouts, and one Korean farm in a valley they named "Peaceful Valley" where they stayed about three weeks. Names of some were MAJOR JOHN Mc-LAUGHLIN, US Marine Corps; M/SGT ALBERT JAMES ROBERTS, JR., US Marine Corps; a Marine sergeant later promoted to Lt. HARRIS or HARRISON; S/SGT MARTY MARTINEZ, Co. D, 31st RCT, 7th Inf.; RAYMOND FRAZIER; and DURWOOD WHITE. Chapman last saw most of this group at a general court martial of a former Korean POW at Ft. Bragg, NC in 1955.



POW MEDSEARCH

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We were privileged to be invited to conduct the MedSearch Seminar at the Dept. of California State Convention, May 29-31, at Sacramento. Thanks to State Cmdr. Mel Routt, and Convention Chairman Walt Regher, we had a most distinguished panel: Paul D. Ising, Director, and Thomas Verrill, Adjudication officer, Regional Office San Francisco; Clarence H. Nixon, Director, VAMC Martinez; J. H. Ferry, Director, VAMC Livermore (incidentally a former POW from the ETO); Harold R. Dickman, Ph.D., Chief, Psychology Services, VAMC Palo Alto; Dr. Eugene Corecu, VAOP Clinic, Sacramento; LeRoy Cossette, Chief, Medical Admin. Service, VAMC Martinez; and last, but certainly not least, Tom Nixon, our member and National Service Officer from Chatsworth, California.

The panel members were most sincere and interested in fully answering questions from the floor - to the extent of answering personal questions at the conclusion of the seminar. The questions posed were all excellent questions of interest and informative to the entire body.

Mr. Clarence Nixon presented copies of his Station Memorandum No. 10-44, dated

May 27, 1981, pertaining to treatment for former prisoners of war. We believe this is an excellent program that should be followed in every VAMC, and we are forwarding a copy of it to Mr. Ray Wilburn, POW Coordinator at the VA Central Office, requesting that it be published as a directive to all VA medical centers. You will remember Mr. Wilburn as the dedicated young man who served as Project Manager for the POW Study completed a year ago.

Mr. Nixon has given us permission to publish his memorandum. Take it to the director of your VAMC, and ask that he please consider using the format at his facility.

Dr. Dickman very kindly responded to our request for some help in coping with the depression that many of our members are afflicted with. A copy of his letter follows the memorandum - we think you will find it interesting.

Thank you for bearing with us this past year - we gained in our knowledge, and we hope you did, too.

Harold & Virginia Page

VA Medical Center
Martinez, California

Station Memorandum No. 10-44
May 27, 1981

PRIORITY OF TREATMENT FOR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

1. PURPOSE

The Veterans Administration has recently concluded an intensive study of former Prisoners of War (POW). Major findings indicate that they were subjected to an extremely harsh medical and psychological experience. This memorandum, therefore, defines responsibilities and procedures to ensure that these veterans are afforded special treatment and medical care in a timely, courteous, and empathic manner.

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2. POLICY

The Veterans Administration and this Medical Center fully support priority treatment of former POW. Every available treatment and service to which these veterans are entitled will be administered in a "red carpet" manner. Each former POW who applies for medical benefits will be assigned a physician who will become his/her primary treating physician

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

Every employee will share and cooperate in the sensitive effort we are extending to former POW. Due to their unique treatment needs, certain key personnel have been delegated responsibilities to ensure the success of this program.

a. Clinical Coordinator: The ACOS/AC is responsible for overall coordination of the comprehensive program for POW, including the assignment of the primary-care physician. See Appendix A. (The Clinical Coordinator at the Sacramento OPC and Oakland OPC is the Chief Medical Officer).

b. Consulting Internist and Psychiatrist: The Chiefs of Medical Service and Psychiatry Service are responsible for designating an internist and psychiatrist to represent their respective fields as inhouse consultants accepting referrals from the POW primary physician. (See Appendix A).

c. POW Liaison Officer: The Chief of Medical Administration Service will serve as Administrative Liaison coordinating all administrative processing including eligibility verification and medical records labeling. (See Appendix A). (The POW Liaison Officer at the Sacramento OPC and Oakland OPC is the Medical Administrative Officer).

4. PROCEDURES

a. Veterans who apply for medical benefits as former POW at this facility or at either of our satellite clinics will be accorded prompt and individual attention. The clinical coordinator will be advised of the veteran's application for benefits and will assign a primary-care physician appropriate to the POW medical history and current needs.

b. The Medical and Administrative files of these veterans will have affixed a green POW label in a prominent position on the front of the patient's records. This will be completed after verification of this status. The patient's ID card will also have the letters "XPOW" typed upon it for identification purposes. A nationwide master list of the approximately 85,000 former POW will be used for eligibility purposes.

c. Every assistance possible will be given to these veterans by the Chief, Medical Administration Service (or the Medical Administrative Officer at each satellite facility) to resolve ex-prisoner of war status for those veterans not included on the master list. The Chief, Medical Administration Service (or the Medical Administrative Officer at each satellite facility) will assist the former POW to ensure continuity of administrative services with other VA facilities, and other government and non-government agencies.

d. Existing legislation of Ex-POW dental care is as follows: "Former POW who have non-compensable service connected dental conditions may apply for treatment of the service connected trauma at any time and whenever it is needed. In addition, former POW of WWI, WWII, the Korean conflict or

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the Vietnam era who were interned for 180 days or more may be furnished any needed dental treatment". It is important to note here, however, that the legislation above is not the full scope of treatment intended by this station memorandum. Our commitment to these veterans and their families is unequivocal and we will fully respond to their needs at every opportunity.

5. AUTOMATIC REVIEW, RESCISSION, OR REISSUE DATE

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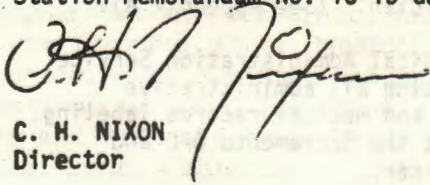
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7. RESCISSION

Station Memorandum No. 10-13 dated March 8, 1976


C. H. NIXON
Director

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APPENDIX A

<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name/Title</u>
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	VAMC, Martinez, CA	Edward Gaston, M.D., Psychiatry Service
3.c. POW Liaison Officer	VAMC, Martinez, CA	L.E. Cossette, Chief Medical Administration Service
	Sacramento OP Clinic	Jerry C. Hamilton, Medical Administrative Officer
	Oakland OP Clinic	Inez Stevenson Medical Administrative Officer

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Dear Mrs. Page:

Thank you for your letter regarding my participation in the Medsearch Panel in Sacramento. I enjoyed the participation very much and you are correct in your belief that the panel was beneficial to me and I hope that it was to the members as well. I am also pleased that I was able to provide specific follow up information and referral to two different members who had specific problems or questions which they came to me with following the seminar.

With regard to your question about coping with depression, you are correct, there are not any quick or magic cures. I am also aware that the experience of being imprisoned, humiliated, threatened, tortured, deprives one of a piece of life and a sense of personal control over his own fate. I think however there are some hopeful statements that I believe are true and may also be useful to keep in mind and perhaps act on. The first of these is that while depression is one of the most pervasive psychological disturbances in our culture it is also one which has proven amenable to treatment and modification. Dr. Peter Lewisohn at the University of Oregon has developed a treatment approach for depression which has proven to be very effective. Dr. Lewisohn has written a book describing his approach which is, at its core, an attempt to re-educate the depressed person to define his life, his activities, relationships and expectations in a different and more satisfying way. Most VA Outpatient Clinics are familiar with this approach and should be able to provide therapeutic assistance. The second point I would make is that wives and families play a significant role and can and should be included in treatment efforts aimed at ameliorating depression of POW's. Certainly VA Mental Health Clinics should be an available and effective resource in helping former prisoners of war to overcome this pervasive problem.

As a tip for families it seems to me that the experience of depression is at its core the experience of helplessness and meaninglessness. When a person feels worthless and down it is not helpful to tell him that they really are worthwhile and they shouldn't feel that way. It may be helpful however to make it a point to not make an issue or particularly to play up the feeling of depression but to definitely make it a point to reward and comment on the individual's effectiveness, competence or cheerfulness. While these may seem small things they can be helpful in breaking out of the dwelling on the problem of depression.

I must say that I am very impressed with the outstanding work that your organization is doing for former prisoners of war. I can think of no veterans that are more deserving of such effort and I assure you that I will be happy to provide whatever assistance I can to aid in the objective.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Dickman
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Chief, Psychology Service



Stalag III-B Photographed

Photos by Angelo M. Spinelli

Photography was a by-line before Sgt. Angelo Michael Spinelli was drafted into the U.S. Army July 25, 1941, where he was sent to photography school. He was temporarily attached to the First Armored Division and went through the initial invasion of Africa. There he worked with Daryl Zanuck when he made his motion picture, "The Invasion of North Africa".

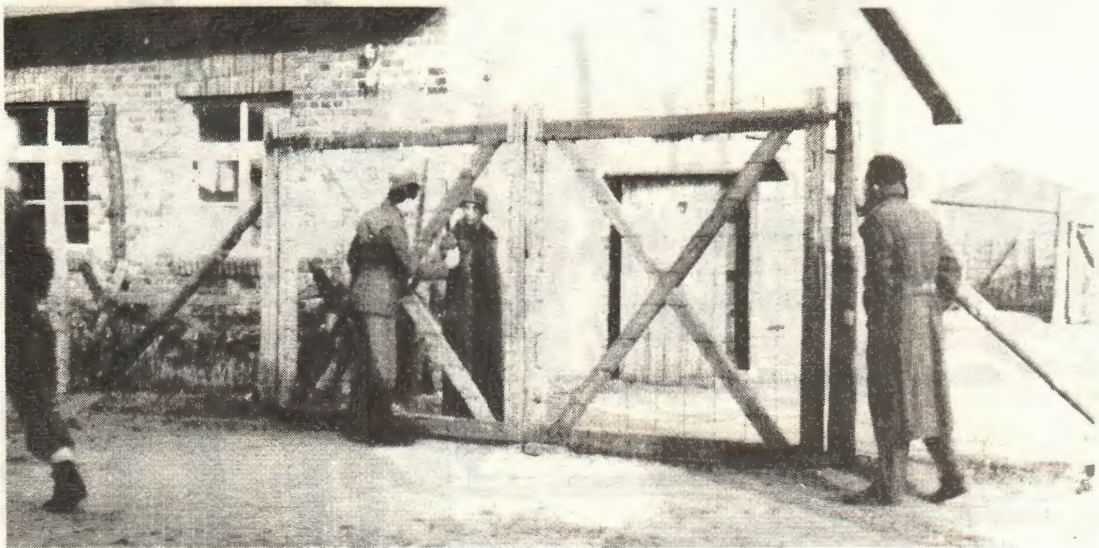
Sgt. Spinelli was captured by General Rommell troops at Kasserine on February 14, 1943. From Tunis he was taken to a camp outside of Naples; then to Stalag VII-A at Moosburg; and finally to Stalag III-B. There he was able to barter for a camera that one of the Italian prisoners had, for fifteen packs of American cigarettes. As for film, he "purchased" it from the German guards...one pack of cigarettes for one roll of film. For an additional pack, a certain guard would have it developed. Sgt. Spinelli also bartered for a tripod from another Italian POW. The tripod made indoor shots easier, especially since he had no flash bulbs.

Day after day he walked the compound with the camera hidden, taking pictures

that would be of interest should he ever get back to the States. He is thankful that he never got caught.

In Stalag III-B, they received GI clothing or packages until the August after Sgt. Spinelli arrived. The first things the prisoners received were YMCA musical instruments, which came in June. Equipment for a complete orchestra came and, although the boys wanted food, they put the instruments to use immediately. The Red Cross boxes came in July 14, 1943. As the months went by they received clothing, books and athletic equipment. Each received a pair of bowling shoes, and soccer shoes also came in. The Germans also issued clogs, which were good for winter wear as the dampness did not penetrate them.

Some classes were set up; the Salesmanship class was the most popular. Also, for two months, a forum was held once a week with a usual attendance of 300 to 400 prisoners. Music, postwar rehabilitation (conducted by a veteran of World War I), art, refrigeration of fresh fruits, religion, history, etc., were discussed.



JOE LOMBORDO OF NEW JERSEY TRADES A CIGARETTE TO A GERMAN GUARD

One hundred fifty to 200 men lived in the barracks, in space that would have ordinarily housed 75 men. There were three tiers of beds; some slept right above the concrete floor. The barracks were cold and the men needed overcoats to keep

warm. In the summer there were flies, lice and fleas; the Red Cross sent flea powder but the Germans would not issue it to the prisoners. There were mice in the camp; one evening one fellow caught 17 mice.



WATCHING PASSERS BY ON THE ROAD OUTSIDE (WOMEN GOT THE MOST ATTENTION)

Vietnam POW Camp in North Vietnam



PIE-BAKING (POW STYLE) OUTDOORS

The men enjoyed the sports more than the educational classes. They were supplied with balls and bats from the YMCA. At one time there were two or three teams per barrack. Twenty-five to 50% of the men actually participated in sports.



OPENING WEEKLY PARCELS





Hankee Doodlers

They were liberated by the Russians on April 22, 1945. Sgt. Spinelli returned to the States in June of 1945. He received the Legion of Merit award for his photography work prior to capture. Recently LIFE magazine has chosen to use several of his photos from Stalag III-B in an upcoming book of prisoners of war.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you to Mr. Spinelli for providing the information and lending us the excellent photographs taken at Stalag III-B.

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Vietnam POW Lost in South America

by Ted Bell

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story is reprinted from the May 19, 1981, issue of the SACRAMENTO BEE, Sacramento, California.

On February 17, 1981, exactly 14 years after his helicopter was shot down over South Vietnam and he began six years of confinement as a prisoner of war, a U.S. Army pilot was reported missing while flying near the volatile border between Ecuador and Peru.

An Army casualty board recommended May 15 that Chief Warrant Officer David W. Sooter continue to be listed as "missing" rather than "presumed dead." The Army says Equadorian and U.S. units spent almost a month searching on the ground and from the air without any trace of the helicopter.

Sooter was shot down February 17, 1967, while on a combat support mission in Pleiku province in Vietnam. When he returned to the United States in 1973, Sooter said that a radio broadcast he had made and a statement condemning U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia was meant as a message to inform his family that he was alive.

Sooter, 41, along with Warrant Officer Michael J. Foley, 26, and Sgt. Steve R. Grisham, 27, were aboard an UH1H "Huey" helicopter flying out of Loja, Ecuador, as part of the multinational peacekeeping force attempting to monitor a truce in the border conflict between Ecuador and Peru. The crew was flying to Pagua, Peru, that morning to pick up a Peruvian official to fly him to the disputed border area.

Army spokesman Maj. James Weiskopf said that the chopper was flying over the Cordillera de Sabanilla Ridge, a rugged mountain jungle area 31 miles southeast of Loja that stretches between 8,500 and 11,500 feet above sea level, which is often above cloud level. At 7:15 A.M., ground controllers received a radio transmission from the crew saying they were

experiencing trouble and were looking for a break in the clouds. A minute later, another transmission reported they were settling down. This was followed by another transmission saying only "stand by."

More than an hour later, another U.S. Army helicopter left Loja to search for Sooter's helicopter. It reported hearing a very weak radio transmission that included Sooter's radio call sign.

The U.S. Military's Southern Command in Panama reported that 80 Equadorean troops spent 21 days searching the area while Equadorean air force aircraft flew 59 missions, all without finding any signs of the helicopter. U.S. Air Force and Army aircraft flew another 35 sorties over an area encompassing 3,900 square miles.

Sooter's wife, Dorothy, currently living in Ozark, Alabama, told The Sacramento Bee that she has heard little from the Army concerning her husband and none of the details provided The Sacramento Bee. "To tell you the truth," she said, "I don't think they're that concerned about it."

Sooter and Foley were assigned to the 114th Aviation Company in Panama at the time of the crash. Grisham was assigned to the 7th Support Unit of the 7th Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg, NC, and was on temporary duty as a helicopter crew chief.

Peru and Ecuador fought a six-day border war high in the Andes Mountains before a truce was announced February 2. Military observers from the United States, Brazil, Argentina and Chile were assigned as truce observers after the cease-fire was declared. The same four countries are the guarantors of a treaty ending a similar border war in the same region in 1941. The treaty was meant to end the frontier differences of the Andean neighbors, but Ecuador declared it void 14 years ago.



Mercer County Honors Its Heroes

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story is taken in part from articles in the Lexington, KY HERALD AND LEADER, and the HARRODSBURG HERALD. Also, thank you to Jack Wilson for his faithfulness in contributing news items to the Bulletin in the past, including this story.

"We are now involved in another kind of war...a war to refurbish the spiritual and moral values of America and reestablish patriotism," Edwin (Skip) Rue told a few hundred persons gathered under a broiling sun at Old Fort Harrod State Park. The day was June 14, 1981, and the occasion was a program by the Harrodsburg, Kentucky, Historical Society to honor World War II Bataan and Corregidor defenders from Mercer County as part of the 207th anniversary of the founding of Harrodsburg.

The names of the honored men of Company D, (Mercer's federalized National Guard unit) were read, which included 29 who died overseas and 37 survivors, 25 of whom are now living. Fourteen of the Bataan Death March survivors attended the event. The previous evening the historical society gave the ex-prisoners of war a dinner.

Local newspapers carried several articles relating interviews with some of the men.

Bland Moore remembers more than anything else the beatings inflicted on him during the three years, five months, one day, and one hour as a Japanese prisoner of war. "They loved to make you beg for mercy, but they never got a moan out of me," Moore said of the beatings, adding, "but of course this only made them beat me harder." He said the Japanese officers beat their own soldiers. Moore said throughout the POW ordeal he always believed he would return home, except a time when he was marched into the compound where prisoners were shot to death. He said the pattern of an execution was in place, but when what would have been the firing order, the Japanese in charge yelled for everyone to go to work.

"God was with me on that occasion, and others," Moore said, recalling, "During the march I had no salt and quit perspiring. I was about to fall and would have been shot...suddenly I was clutching salt in my hand that came from somewhere. It helped me go on." He said some of the island natives would toss bits of food to

the Americans when Jap guards were not looking.

"I had an experience after coming out of the war that helped me overcome hatred," Moore said in explaining that while working as a salesman in California from 1946-54 one of his customers was a Japanese woman who was among the Japanese-Americans imprisoned in the desert when the war broke out, and whose son was killed in that war. The friendship eased hurts on both sides, he said. After 40 years Moore has no hate for the Japanese race, but can't ease his feeling for those who beat and tortured him.



Jack Wilson in his den, surrounded by ex-prisoner of war memorabilia.

Another Harrodsburg ex-POW is Maurice E. "Jack" Wilson, Life member 26 of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Today he is blind in one eye and disabled in both legs as a result of his war experience.

"Some of the survivors don't like talking about it," he said, "but I think that is what has kept me strong over the years. I guess I am one of the few who has kept records of what happened over there. And I would go through it again. I'm just one

of those people who loves his country enough to fight for it."

"I wasn't in the death march," Wilson said. "About 24 of us climbed along the edge of a cliff, getting footholds on rock ledges, while the Japs were on top of the cliff with their tanks.

"We edged around the cliff and saw a hole that went back into a cave. We walked in, and there was a man, half-Chinese and half-Spanish, with a boat. It had a hole in it, but we bailed it out. "Our intention was to go to Australia. We loaded two 55-gallon drums of gas on board, and then an officer from the 200th Coast Artillery came up. He drew a gun and said, 'You've got to take me and my men with you or I'll kill you.' There were 10 to 12 of them. We took them."

Under constant cannon fire from Japanese tanks, Wilson's boat made it to Corregidor, where Gen. Jonathan Wainwright had assumed command after Gen. Douglas MacArthur had been evacuated to Australia. Officers there refused to allow the group to continue. Wilson was captured when Corregidor fell on May 6, 1942.

Imprisoned at Cabanatuan, four of Wilson's Corregidor buddies tried to persuade him to escape with them. "I had a touch of malaria and dengue fever. I said no. Next day, the Japanese caught the boys and brought them back. They tied them up, took their hats off and strapped a two-by-four behind their knees so that they had to squat, and it cut into their legs. They left the boys there, facing the sun, for two or three days. Then they shot them. Some of the prisoners would not stay and watch, but I said, 'I'm staying; I could have been one of them.'"

In 1961, the survivors in Harrodsburg got together to dedicate a monument to their unit on the outskirts of town. There, on a well-kept plot, stands a World War II light tank. Behind it are a flagpole and a bronze plaque, headed simply "Bataan" with the names of the 66 men in the unit. And again in June of this year, Mercer County paid tribute to its heroes.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN JOHN ROMINE



We have heard so many times that strength is in numbers. We agree that the more guns and bombs in the hands of a properly trained military force has a better chance of winning. The same is true with the organization of the American

Ex-Prisoners of War. The more members we have, the better our chances are of being heard. But I believe the character of our people has a great deal to do with winning or losing, regardless of numbers. With body, mind and soul we cry out to God to bless our nation. Unless people recognize and are grateful for these blessings, then all is lost. I feel that we once again elected people to represent us for the coming year that are concerned enough about helping others that they, too, will turn to God for guidance and wisdom. Let

us all thank God for dedicated people and do everything in our power to help them "help those who cannot help themselves."

LET US PRAY...

WE COME TO THY HOLY THRONE, O GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, KNOWING THAT THOU ART THE CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF ALL THAT IS OR EVER WILL BE. WE KNOW THAT WE DO FALL FAR SHORT OF THY GLORY BUT ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THY LOVE AND BLESSINGS. CONTINUE TO POUR OUT UPON US THY GREAT AND GOOD GIFTS AND IN RETURN MAY WE IN OUR OWN WAY REACH OUT TO OTHERS, AS WE REMEMBER AND CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE STILL LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION. FORGIVE US WHEN WE FAIL, LIFT US UP WHEN WE FALL, STRENGTHEN US WHEN WE ARE WEAK, AS WE PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL OFFICERS. AMEN



Taps...

M/SGT HUBERT R. HOPPER, USAF Retired, 81, passed away at Barksdale Air Force Base Hospital June 23, 1981, after a long illness. He was Mess Sargent of the 17th Bomb Squadron, 27th Bomb Group, and was taken prisoner on Bataan, survived the death march and 3-1/2 years of POW life. He is survived by his wife, Bessie, of Shreveport, LA, a daughter, two granddaughters, two great-grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers.

JANICE S. MORRIS, 38, of Oklahoma, passed away June 27, 1981, after a lengthy illness. She taught third grade, was active in the Christian Women's Club, and an active member of the Central Oklahoma Chapter of American Ex-POWs. She leaves her husband, ex-POW Scott Morris, and a daughter, Lori.

SHERDIE WILLIAM ALLIN of Littleton, New Hampshire, died of cancer of the larynx and lungs on May 30, 1981. He served in the U.S. Air Force at Clark Field, was captured in April of 1942, and participated in the Bataan Death March. He was imprisoned in Cabanatuan, Camp O'Donnell, and held on a prison ship which took him to Formosa where he remained until the liberation in October, 1945. After his return home he operated a large dairy farm for 30 years, then practiced horticulture. He lived for a while in Florida. He leaves his wife, Elaine, two sons, and a brother.

EPHREM J. LANDAVAZO, 63, of Gallup, New Mexico, passed away May 12, 1981, of a heart attack. Ephrem was a member of the 200th Coast Artillery and was transferred to the 515th C.A. at the beginning of World War II in the Philippines. He was captured by the Japanese, survived the Bataan Death March, and was a POW for 3-1/2 years. He leaves his wife, Nora, and two daughters.



Taps...

LESTER EXELBERTH of Bronx, New York, passed away on June 11, 1981. He was with the 94th BG, 333rd BS and interned at Stalag XVII-B. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and one daughter.

SIDNEY THOMAS WRIGHT, a long-time member of El Paso Chapter #1, passed away May 23, 1981. Sidney served in the Philippines in WWII, was a prisoner of the Japanese for some three years, and retired from the U.S. Army as a 2nd lieutenant. He was a member of the American Guerrillas of Mindinao. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, a daughter, a son, two brothers, a sister and a grandson.

SICK CALL...

CHESTER PERRY, a member of American Ex-Prisoners of War, collapsed while on a sight-seeing tour of Hoover Dam. He and his wife were attending the ADBC convention in Las Vegas. He has been in a coma since April 28, 1981. With the help of some politicians, National Cmdr. Sommers, and members of the Greater Chicago Area Chapter, he and his wife were able to secure a private commercial jet provided by the VA to get him and his wife home. Mr. Perry has regained a low level of consciousness and his vital signs are still stable, but he is in serious condition. We pray for his full recovery.

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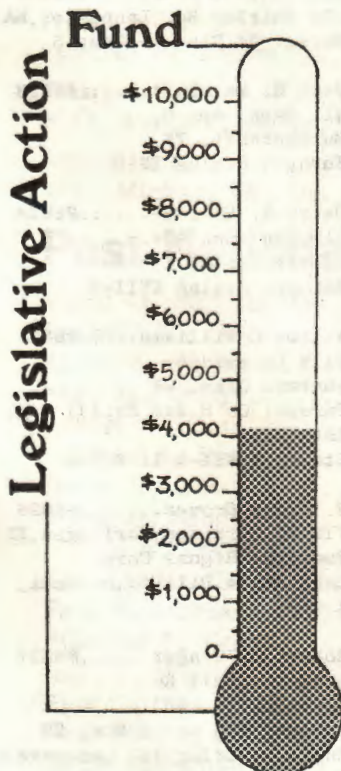
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January 26, 1982

MEMORANDUM TO: Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
in the Office of Public Liaison

FROM: O. Fielding Cochran
Associate Deputy Administrator for
Congressional and Public Affairs

REGARDING: Formation of the Advisory Committee on
Former Prisoners of War

This is to notify you that Mr. Nimmo has selected members for the statutory Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War.

Members of this newly-formed Committee will serve either two-year or three-year terms. To comply with the intent of the law, the members are in one or more of three categories: (1) former POWs; (2) disabled veterans; or (3) recognized medical authorities in fields pertinent to disabilities prevalent among former POWs, including authorities in epidemiology, mental health, nutrition, geriatrics, and internal medicine.

In selection of Committee members, we have received recommendations from a variety of sources, including Presidential Personnel, Congress, and veterans' organizations. After much consideration, Mr. Nimmo has selected a group which will provide a good balance of viewpoints as to the special problems faced by former POWs.

Attached is a list of people selected, along with brief biographical information on each one.

Mr. Nimmo plans to announce these names to the press and to members of Congress today.

Fielding Cochran

Non-Medical Members, Advisory Committee on
Former Prisoners of War

John P. Flynn
Longwood, Florida

Retired USAF (Lt. General); Vietnam POW 5½ years; advisor to Air Force Association and NAM POWs; member of National Security Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); Chairman of VFW's Sub-Committee on POW/MIA; member of Disabled American Veterans; member of American Ex-Prisoners of War.

Lyle Pearson
Minnesota

World War II German POW; Past National Commander of Disabled American Veterans; member, American Legion; member, Veterans of Foreign Wars; member, Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.

Charles S. Prigmore
University of Alabama

Professor of Social Work at University of Alabama; German POW World War II.

Samuel B. Moody
Longwood, Florida

Retired USAF (Master Sergeant); Japanese POW World War II; founder of American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor and American Federation of Ex-Prisoners of War; member, Air Force Association; author, "Reprieve from Hell".

Edward Fisher
Massachusetts

Korean POW; member, American Legion; National Senior Vice-Commander, Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.

George Juskalian
California

U.S. Army Retired (Colonel); German POW World War II (27 months).

James Howie Warner
Plymouth, Michigan

Retired USMC (Captain); Vietnam POW; shot down in North Vietnam.

Joseph A. Vater
McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania

Editor, "Quan"-American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor; Past National Commander, American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor; Japanese POW World War II.

Stan Sommers
Marshfield, Wisconsin

World War II veteran; served in Pacific on Bataan and Corregidor; career Navy man; POW in Philippines for 2½ years and Japan one year; Past National Commander of American Ex-POWs; Chairman of Wisconsin American Legion for POWs-MIA.

Medical Members, Advisory Committee on
Former Prisoners of War

Calvin Kunin, M.D.
Columbus, Ohio

Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Ohio State University; internationally known as an expert in infectious diseases; Co-Chairman of the Veterans Administration Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee, pertinent since one of the considerations of the POW committee will be the long term effects of infectious diseases, particularly those found in Asia, and those diseases prevalent in persons subject to starvation.

John Nardini, M.D.
Washington, D.C.

Psychiatrist; Navy Medical Officer prior to World War II; captured at Bataan-Corregidor and remained a prisoner throughout that conflict; now in private practice in Washington, but maintains interest in forwarding programs for veterans, especially those who were prisoners of war.

Paul Beeson, M.D.
Seattle, Washington

Very distinguished physician and internationally famous as a gerontologist who is also working on a special committee on Gerontology for the Veterans Administration; Professor at Oxford University Medical School before coming to the United States; Editor, Journal of the American Society of Geriatrics.

Theodore E. Woodward, M.D.
Baltimore, Maryland

Professor and Head, Department of Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine; World War II veteran (U.S. Army); Advisor to the Veterans Administration Agent Orange Policy Coordinating Committee.

George Christakis, M.D.
Miami, Florida

Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Miami School of Medicine; consultant to the Veterans Administration Clinical Advisory Group.