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OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

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**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR:** The number of US personnel missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam war is now **1,622**. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 961. Most recently accounted for is Major Donald G. Carr, USA, listed MIA on July 6, 1971, in South Vietnam, remains returned August 29, 2014, and identified August 19, 2015. The second officer recently accounted for is 1LT Donald W. Bruch, USAF, listed KIA/BNR on April 29, 1966, in North Vietnam, remains returned December 14, 2011, and identified September 4, 2015. This brings the total accounted for to **961** since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Another 63 US personnel, recovered by the US and identified before the end of the war, bring the total of US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War to **1,024**. Of the 1,622 still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,264 (VN-466, VS-798); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations result in changes to loss locations. Since formation in 1970, the League has sought the return of all POWs, the fullest possible accounting for those still missing, and repatriation of all recoverable remains.

**DPAA DIRECTOR VISITED RUSSIA AND EUROPEAN NATIONS:** Following coordination with General Robert "Doc" Foglesong, USAF (Ret), US Co-Chairman of the USRJC, and with interagency approval, Mr. Linnington traveled to Moscow February 8th to meet with Russian Co-Chairman General Colonel Vostrotnin. There he proposed the date and agenda for a US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs (USRJC) Plenary Session later this year in Washington, DC. There is great hope of renewing and restoring the work of the USRJC, especially since the Russian Federation named its new Chairman and opened its new office in their Embassy in Washington, DC. Recognizing it was past time to get beyond the endless delays that have plagued work of the USRJC, the League welcomes and appreciates these new initiatives by leaders in both countries and looks forward to increased efforts and accounting results. Director Linnington also visited several European countries and senior US officials in the region who will be contributing to the effort to conduct WWII recoveries.

**47th ANNUAL MEETING: June 22-25, 2016, Hilton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia:** Visit the League's web site, <http://www.pow-miafamilies.org>, to get additional details, including a form to register for this crucial meeting, the first opportunity to listen to and assess the work of DPAA. DoD will again authorize **COIN Assist** travel for two family members per missing man; the Services will soon send information to all Primary Next-of-Kin (PNOK) who will be responsible for designating the two representatives. Plan to arrive on Wednesday, June 22nd, for registration beginning at 3:00 p.m. If a first time attendee, allow time to check into the Hilton and attend **Orientation** before boarding buses at 5:30 p.m. for historic Ft. Myer and the Twilight Tattoo to be held that evening. **Individual Case File Reviews** will be held in the Service Casualty Offices Wednesday – Saturday during customary business hours. Plan your departure no earlier than Sunday, June 26th, to enable you to participate fully throughout the meeting and maximize your time in the Washington, DC, area with access to US officials directly responsible for the accounting mission and to the historic sites in our nation's capital. The 47th Annual Meeting formally concludes Saturday evening, June 24th, with a League-hosted Farewell Reception.

**ATTEND DPAA-HOSTED FAMILY MEMBER UPDATES:** Upcoming dates/locations are March 19th, Seattle, WA, April 16th, Austin, TX, and May 14th, Boston, MA.  
**DNA TESTING:** Family members who have not provided a sample for DNA comparison are strongly urged to do so. Check with your Service Casualty Office to determine eligibility.