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AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: The number of US personnel missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War is still **1,621**. Most recently accounted for is SFC Alan L. Boyer, USA/Special Forces, listed as MIA 3/28/68, Laos, and identified 3/16/16. Prior to this announcement, DPAA most recently announced the name of Major Donald G. Carr, USA/Special Forces, listed as MIA 7/6/71, in South Vietnam, remains returned 8/29/14, and identified 8/10/15. The third serviceman most recently accounted for is 1Lt Donald W. Bruch, USAF, listed KIA/BNR on 4/29/66, in North Vietnam, remains recovered 12/14/11, and identified 9/4/15. This brings the total accounted for to **962** since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Another 63 US personnel, recovered by the US and identified before the end of the war, bring the total of US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War to **1,025**. Of the 1,621 still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,264 (VN-466, VS-798); Laos-301; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations 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, 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 coming up later this month 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. Earlier, Director Linnington also visited several European countries and senior US officials in the European region who will be contributing to the effort to conduct WWII recoveries.

DPAA DIRECTOR VISITED THE PRC AND SOUTH KOREA: More recently, Director Linnington traveled to the PRC and South Korea. In the PRC, there is not yet anything specific to report; however, the League urged him to raise the need for PRC responsiveness not only on the known PRC controlled POW camps during the Korean War, but archival documents that exist from the PRC personnel who served during the Vietnam War, especially in communications units visited by the League Executive Director in 1982. The League welcomes and appreciates these efforts by DPAA leadership and is hopeful that PRC officials will at long last be responsive. Unfortunately, immediately after the DPAA Director's visit the PRC cancelled a field operation near the DPRK border for security reasons.

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 has again authorized **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 the historic sites in our nation's capital. The 47th Annual Meeting formally concludes Saturday evening, June 25th, with a **League-hosted Farewell Reception**.

ATTEND DPAA-HOSTED UPDATES: Upcoming date and location is May 14th, Boston, MA. Contact your Service Casualty Office to obtain the latest information.

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.