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BADGES: All attendees, except uniformed military officials, must wear a visible, color-coded badge on the lanyard provided at registration for entrance into all League-hosted and Service-hosted events, including off-site events. ANY alteration to a badge will result in revocation and denial of admittance.

White – League (voting) family members

Blue – non-League family members

Green – US officials

Yellow – family members attending only DoD briefings

Tan – League associate members

Grey – concerned citizens

Red – media

INFORMATION AND PRESS: Located in the **Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level**. Direct inquiries to Communications Chairman Lacy Rourke (ltrourke@gmail.com) or call Hilton Crystal City (703) 418-6800 and ask for the League Office.

DoD OFFICES: DPAA and DIA investigators, intelligence and material evidence analysts will again be available in the Service Casualty Offices throughout the League's meeting to support individual Case File Reviews with families. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to share information with these specialists, preferably NOT in conflict with critical government briefings, the legal justification for DoD-provided transportation. US officials will be present by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd. All Service Casualty Offices are located on the 1st floor:

USA

USN/USMC/Civilian

USAF

DPAA

Blue Ridge Room

Shenandoah Room

Skyline Room

Luray Room

Individual Case File Reviews will be held in these locations from noon to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please try to schedule reviews at times outside of sessions during which critical information is presented. Instead, ask for early morning, lunch or dinner breaks.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Newcomer Orientation: There will be an important informational session in the Patrick Henry Board Room, First Floor, on Wednesday, June 22nd, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. First-time attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Twilight Tattoo: The Vietnam War Commemoration Commission will again be hosting the League at this impressive event at historic Ft. Myer, as they have the last few years. Army-provided bus transportation to Ft. Myer will begin boarding at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22nd, for those credentialed. The program is from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., at which time buses return to the Hilton.

The **47th Annual Meeting Dinner** will be preceded by a no-host reception in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer on Thursday, June 23rd, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom and conclude at 9:00 p.m.

Workshops: Two specialized workshops will be held in the Richmond and Roanoke Rooms, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Service Hosted Luncheons will be held Friday, June 24th, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level:

USA	Washington Room
USN/USMC/Civilian	Adams Room
USAF	Madison Room

Workshop: You are urged to attend a special workshop, **Maximizing Benefit from DPAA's Website**. Specialists will give registered attendees guidance on how to get the most in terms of useful information, helpful in preparation for the future family-member-accessible Case Management System. This forum will be in the Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level, on Friday, June 24th, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

United States Marine Corps Evening Parade: Participation is limited to the first one hundred attendees with authorized badges. The performance at the historic USMC Barracks at 8th and I Streets is Friday, June 24th; buses will begin boarding at 6:30 p.m.

League-Hosted Farewell Reception will be held Saturday, June 25th, in the Crystal Room, Plaza Level, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

BOUTIQUE: The League Boutique will open in the Old Dominion Board Room, Plaza Level, on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and during posted hours throughout the meeting. There will be a Silent Auction during the 47th Annual Dinner; bidding closes ten minutes after the dinner concludes.

DISPLAYS: Vietnam War Commemoration, Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) and Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) displays are located in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level, available for public review by noon on Wednesday, June 22nd.

POLICY RESOLUTIONS: To ensure availability at the start of the Business Session, Saturday, June 25th, 2:00 p.m., resolutions must be submitted in writing to Resolutions Chairman Mark Stephensen by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24th. Resolutions not prepared in advance may still be introduced on the floor.

BUSINESS SESSION: The League Business Session, to be held June 25th, 2:00 p.m., in the Virginia Ballroom, is open to all credentialed attendees. Only dues-current Family Members (white badges) are eligible to vote.

DNA TESTING: Family members who have not provided a sample for DNA comparison are encouraged to do so; check with your Service Casualty Office on the First Floor to determine eligibility.

EMERGENCIES/CELL PHONES: In case of emergency, call the Hilton Crystal City Hotel operator. All phones must be silenced during all sessions, including the 47th Annual Dinner.

SMOKING & VAPOR CIGARETTES: These are strictly prohibited in meeting rooms. There are posted smoking areas outside the Hilton Crystal City Hotel.

DRESS CODE: The dress for the meeting sessions is business casual, or Military Class B, and for the 47th Annual Meeting Dinner, the dress for ladies is cocktail attire and, for men, suit and tie or Military Class A.

ACCESS: With appropriate credentials, all are eligible to participate. *Must purchase dinner ticket(s) to attend. **League Family Members ONLY are eligible to vote; all are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

3:00 PM 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS DISTRIBUTION <i>(Boutique: 3:00 – 5:00 PM)</i>	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES	Patrick Henry Board Room First Floor
5:30 PM	Board Buses to Fort Myer	Hilton Hotel Rear Entrance Lobby Level
6:00 PM 8:30 PM	TWILIGHT TATTOO Fort Myer Ceremonial Field	
8:45 PM	Board Buses for Hilton	

Thursday, June 23, 2016

7:15 AM 8:45 AM	REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS DISTRIBUTION	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
9:00 AM 11:30 AM	OPENING GENERAL SESSION	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level

Call to Order

*Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Presiding*

Presentation of Colors

*POW*MIA Elko (NV), Boise Valley, Magic Valley
& Pocatello (ID) Awareness Associations*

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Sue Scott, MIA/RR Sister & Board Member

Invocation

Ms. Cindy Stonebraker, MIA Daughter & Board Member

“America the Beautiful”

*Ms. Wendy Coble, Underwater Archeologist
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)*

In Memory & Honor

Ms. Karoni Forrester, MIA Daughter & Board Secretary

Keynote Remarks: **The Honorable Robert O. Work**
 Deputy Secretary of Defense

Unveiling of National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster
Deputy Secretary Work & Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Presentation of League Awards

From the White House

*Mr. Daniel J. Kritenbrink
Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for Asian Affairs
National Security Council Staff, White House*

The Long Road to Today

*Mr. Johnie E. Webb, Deputy Director
Outreach & Communications Directorate
DPAA, Hawaii*

A Glimpse into the Future

*Mr. Richard T. Childress, Senior League Policy Advisor
Director of Asian Affairs, National Security Council, 1981 – 1989*

Assessing Today’s Reorganization

Ms. Mills-Griffiths

11:30 AM
1:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK
(Boutique: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

1:00 PM
3:40 PM

GENERAL SESSION – NATIONAL POLICY

Virginia Ballroom

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Today's Mission, Priority & Objectives

*Mr. Michael Linnington, Director
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)*

US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs

General Robert "Doc" Foglesong, USAF, (Ret)

Operational Perspective Worldwide

BG Mark Spindler, USA, Deputy Director DPAA, Hawaii

Analyses in Support of Policy & Operations

*Mr. Matt Kristoff, Asia Pacific Directorate
DPAA, Washington, DC*

Strategic Partnerships – Update

*Dr. Thomas Holland, Director, Strategic Initiatives
DPAA, Washington, DC*

Facilitating Family & Veteran Engagement

*Ms. Fern Sumpter Winbush, Principal Director
DPAA, Washington, DC*

3:40 PM
4:00 PM

FROM THE VETERANS' PERSPECTIVE

Virginia Ballroom

*Mr. Wade Ishimoto
Washington Liaison, Special Operations Association,*

*Mr. Bob Wallace
Executive Director & Assistant Adjutant General, VFW*

4:00 PM
6:00 PM

DINNER BREAK PREPARATION

Boutique 4:00 – 4:30 PM Old Dominion Ex. Board Room, Plaza Level

6:00 PM

NO-HOST RECEPTION

Virginia Ballroom Foyer

Special Boutique items will be on display for Silent Auction

6:45 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Virginia Ballroom

U.S. Army Band's "Army Voices"

7:00 PM

***47th ANNUAL DINNER & COMMEMORATIVE
CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY**

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Welcome

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister, Chairman of the Board

Presentation of Colors, National Anthem & Service Medley

*Armed Forces Color Guard, Military District of Washington
United States Army Band's Army Voices*

"Grace"

U.S. Army Voices

Missing Man Honors Table

MSG Christopher Amrhein, USA

Invocation

*Father Paul K. Hurley, MG, CHC, USA
Chief of Chaplains, USA*

Dinner

Introduction of Special Guests

Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Remarks: **General Mark A. Milley, USA**
 Chief of Staff, United States Army

Presentation of League Distinguished Service Award

"The Vacant Chair"

*Ms. Lacy Rourke
Vietnam War Commemoration*

Candlelight Ceremony Honoring Vietnam War POW/MIAs
& Eight American & Ten Vietnamese Personnel Whose
Lives Were Lost Trying to Account for Them

*USA, USMC, USN, USAF Service Casualty Candle Lighters
Roll Call of Personnel Honored – SRV Ambassador Pham Quang Vinh,
General Milley & Mr. Richard T. Childress*

9:00 PM

Benediction

Father Hurley

Friday, June 24, 2016

8:30 AM
11:30 AM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Where We Stand Today

Mr. Larry Brom

Assistant Director of Plans & Operations

Vietnam War Commemoration Commission

Options for Applying Advanced Underwater Technology

Commodore John Moulton, USN

Commander, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two

Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Ft. Story, Virginia

Ms. Wendy Coble, Historian/Underwater Archeologist

DPAA, Hawaii

Augmenting DPAA's Investigation Process

DIA Stony Beach Panel

Mr. Brad Taylor, Stony Beach Program Manager, DIA Headquarters

Mr. Duffy Spivey, DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Vientiane, Laos

Mr. Mike Najim, DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Hanoi, Vietnam

Mr. Eric Phillips, DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Mr. David White, DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Bangkok, Thailand

Moderated by Mr. Jay Veith, League Intelligence & Research Advisor

Private Sector Presentation

Mr. Jay Veith, League Intelligence & Research Advisor

Mr. Merle Pribbenow, Researcher, Vietnam Intelligence Analyst

Mr. Lou Shwetter, Imagery Analyst

Mr. Joseph Mortati, Researcher, Aircraft Analysis

11:45 AM
12:45 PM

WORKSHOPS

Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level

Pursuing an MIA Case – Your Role

Richmond Room

Ms. Karoni Forrester, Chairman

Dealing with Ambiguous Loss

Roanoke Room

Ms. Pam Cain, Chairman

Mr. Don Forrester, Workshop Leader

1:00 PM 2:30 PM	SERVICE HOSTED LUNCHEONS USA USN/USMC/Civilian USAF	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level Washington Room Adams Room Madison Room
2:45 PM 3:45 PM	DPAA WORKSHOP <u>Maximizing Your Benefit from DPAA's Website</u> <i>Major Craig Cherek, USAF</i> <i>DPAA, Washington, DC</i>	Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level
4:00 PM 6:00 PM	GENERAL SESSION <i>Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding</i> <u>DIA's Role in the Accounting Mission</u> <i>Ms. Melissa Drisko, Deputy Director-Designate</i> <i>Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)</i> <u>Asia & Pacific Regional Approach</u> <i>Col Michael Gann, USMC, Director, Asia Pacific Directorate</i> <i>DPAA, Hawaii</i> <u>Today's Vietnam War Accounting Process</u> <i>Mr. Bob Maves, Asia Pacific Directorate</i> <i>DPAA, Hawaii</i> <u>Non-biological Evidence Analysis Support of Operations</u> <i>Mr. John Goines, DPAA Laboratory Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH</i> <u>Technological Advances as Part of the ID Process</u> <i>Lt Col Alice Briones, MD, USAF</i> <i>Chief Deputy Medical Examiner & Director, DoD DNA Registry</i> <u>Applying Scientific Applications to Operations & Identifications</u> <i>Dr. Owen O'Leary, Forensic Archeologist</i> <i>DPAA, Hawaii</i>	Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level
6:30 PM	Board Buses to 8 th & I <i>Space is limited to the first arrivals; all must have badges.</i>	Lobby Level
8:30 PM	UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS EVENING PARADE <i>USMC Barracks, 8th & I Streets, SE, Washington, DC</i>	
10:00 PM	Buses return to Hilton Crystal City Hotel	

Saturday, June 25, 2016

9:00 AM
12:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Department of Defense Q&A Panel

Department of Defense presenters will respond to questions from family members and, time permitting, veterans and others, covering any and all subjects raised in prior sessions.

12:00 PM
2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

(Boutique: 12:00 – 1:45 PM)

2:00 PM
5:00 PM

****LEAGUE BUSINESS SESSION**

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

From the League Office

Ms. Leslie Swindells, League Administrator

Treasurer's Report/Annual Audit

Mr. Eldon Robinson, MIA Brother, League Treasurer

Resolutions for Consideration

Mr. Mark Stephensen, MIA/RR Son, Resolutions Chairman

Open Discussion

Presentation, by Alvin Townley, Author

DEFIANT: The POWs Who Endured Vietnam's Most Infamous Prison, the Women Who Fought for Them, and the One Who Never Returned

(Final Boutique Wrap-Up: 5:00 – 5:30 PM)

6:30 PM
8:00 PM

LEAGUE-HOSTED FAREWELL RECEPTION

All registered 47th Annual Meeting Attendees are invited

Crystal Room
Plaza Level

