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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

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	Ivory – League associate members
Salmon – concerned citizens	Blue – non-League family members
Green – US officials	Red – media
Yellow – family members attending <u>only DoD briefings</u>	

INFORMATION & PRESS: Located in the **Virginia Ballroom Foyer, Plaza Level**. Direct inquiries to Communications Chairman Cindy Stonebraker, Cindy.Stonebraker@pow-miafamilies.org, or call the Hilton Crystal City Hotel (703) 418-6800 and ask for the League Office.

DoD OFFICES: DPAA and DIA investigators, and 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 21st. All Service Casualty Offices are located on the First Floor:

USA	Blue Ridge Room
USN/USMC/Civilian	Shenandoah Room
USAF	Skyline Room
DPAA	Luray Room

Individual Case File Reviews will be held in these locations from noon to 5:30 PM Wednesday, from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Thursday and Friday, and from 7:30 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday. Please do not schedule reviews during sessions when 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 21st, 4:00 – 5:00 PM. First-time attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The **48th Annual Meeting Dinner** will be preceded by a no-host reception in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer on Thursday, June 22nd, 6:00 – 6:45 PM. Dinner will begin promptly at 7:00 PM in the Virginia Ballroom and end promptly at 9:00 PM.

Service-Hosted Luncheons, 12:30 – 2:00 PM on Friday, June 23rd, in the Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level:

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

Inspirational Service & Concert, Hall of Heroes, Pentagon: Friday evening will include this special service, music provided by outstanding Service musicians, and a tour of the new Vietnam War Exhibit. Bus transportation to the Pentagon will begin boarding at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 23rd, for all with credentials. The Inspirational Service & Concert is from 7:00 – 7:45 PM, followed by the tour, with buses returning to the Hilton between 8:30 – 9:00 PM.

Workshops: Two specialized workshops will be held in the Commonwealth Ballroom, Lobby Level, Richmond and Roanoke Rooms, from 2:15 – 3:15 PM on Friday, June 23rd.

1) **Pursuing Your Individual Case** will be led by Board Member/MIA Daughter Karoni Forrester. Participants will have an opportunity to share information on how best to be or become THE expert on your missing loved one's case and what you can do to facilitate obtaining answers.

2) **Maximizing Benefit from DPAA's Website** will be led by a DPAA specialist who 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.

League-Hosted Farewell Reception, Saturday, June 24th, Crystal Room, Plaza Level, 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

BOUTIQUE: The League Boutique will open in the Old Dominion Board Room, Plaza Level, on Wednesday, June 21st, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM and during posted hours throughout the meeting. There will also be a Silent Auction before and during the 48th Annual Dinner, with bidding closing ten minutes after the dinner concludes.

DISPLAYS: US Army Mortuary Affairs Program, 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 21st.

POLICY RESOLUTIONS: To ensure availability at the start of the Business Session on Saturday, June 24th, resolutions should be submitted in writing to Resolutions Chairman Mark Stephensen by 7:00 PM on Friday, June 23rd. Resolutions not prepared in advance may still be introduced on the floor.

BUSINESS SESSION: The League Business Session in the Virginia Ballroom at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 24th, 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, 703-418-6800. Cell phones must be silenced during all sessions, including the 48th Annual Dinner.

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

DRESS CODE: The dress for the meeting sessions is business casual, or Military Class B, and for the 48th Annual Meeting Dinner, the dress for ladies is semi-formal/cocktail attire and, for men, suit and tie or Military Class A.

ACCESS TO SESSIONS: With appropriate credentials, all are eligible to participate. *Must purchase dinner ticket(s) to attend. **League family members ONLY are eligible to vote, though all are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

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
7:00 PM 9:00 PM	REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS DISTRIBUTION CONTINUES	Virginia Ballroom Foyer

Thursday, June 22, 2017

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

Call to Order

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

Presentation of Colors

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Pam Cain, MIA Daughter & Board Member

Invocation

Ms. Karoni Forrester, MIA Daughter & Board Member

"America the Beautiful"

*Ms. Wendy Coble, Disinterment Manager
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)
Washington, DC*

In Memory & Honor
Mr. Ken Elliot, MIA/RR Son

Keynote: TBD

Unveiling of National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster

Presentation of League Awards

Message from the White House: TBD

Message from the State Department: TBD

Competence, Comprehension & Caring
*Mr. Richard Childress, Senior League Policy Advisor
& Director of Asian Affairs, NSC Staff, 1981 – 1989*

Challenges & Missed Opportunities
*Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister
Chairman of the Board & CEO*

Honoring and Remembering
*Ms. Yvonne E. Schilz
Chief, Commemorative Partner Program
50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commission*

11:30 AM **LUNCH BREAK**
1:00 PM (*Boutique: 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM*)

1:00 PM **GENERAL SESSION – NATIONAL POLICY** Virginia Ballroom
2:45 PM *Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding*

Introduction of DPAA's Team
*Fern Sumpter Winbush, Acting Director
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), Washington, DC*

Worldwide Policy Perspective
*Mr. John Hamilton, Director
Policy & Plans Directorate
DPAA, Washington, DC*

Public Diplomacy Strategy for Success
Mr. Todd S. Livick, Director
Outreach & Communications Directorate
DPAA, Washington, DC

Public-Private Partnerships – Update
Dr. Thomas Holland, Director
Public-Private Partnership Initiative
DPAA, Washington, DC

Working with the Lao on Sensitive Projects
Dr. Joyce C. White, Archeologist & Director
Middle Mekong Archeological Project and Ban
Chiang Project, Luang Prabang, Laos
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Facilitating Family & Veteran Engagement
Mr. Johnie E. Webb, Deputy Director
Outreach & Communications Directorate
DPAA, Honolulu, HI

2:45 PM
4:00 PM

JOINT COMMISSION ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

The View from Washington
General Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong, USAF (Ret)
US Chairman, US-Russia Joint Commission (USRJC)
on POW/MIA Affairs

The View from Moscow
Senator Mukharbek Didigov (with translation)
Member, USRJC & Chairman Vietnam Working Group
Moscow, Russian Federation

USRJC Implementation Update
Colonel Christopher S. Forbes, USA, Director
Europe-Mediterranean Directorate, DPAA

4:00 PM
6:00 PM

DINNER PREPARATION
(Boutique 4:00 – 5:00 PM)

6:00 PM
6:45 PM

NO-HOST RECEPTION
Special Boutique items will be on display for Silent Auction

Virginia Ballroom Foyer

6:45 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE
US Military Musicians

Virginia Ballroom

7:00 PM

***48th ANNUAL DINNER &
CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY**

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Welcome

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

Presentation of Colors

Armed Forces Color Guard, Military District of Washington

National Anthem & Armed Forces Medley

US Army Band Brass Quintet

Missing Man Honors Table

*Master Gunnery Sergeant Scott H. Stalker, USMC
Senior Enlisted Leader, Defense Intelligence Agency
Armed Forces Color Guard, Military District of Washington*

Invocation

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

Dinner

Introduction of Special Guests

Ms. Mills-Griffiths

Remarks:

Presentation of League Distinguished Service Award

“The Vacant Chair”

Ms. Wendy Coble

Candlelight Ceremony Honoring Vietnam War POW/MIAs

*MGySgt Stalker, Roll Call of Representative Names
Service Casualty Officers & DPAA Family Liaison – Candlelighters*

8:55 PM

Benediction

Father Hurley

9:00 PM

“God Bless America” – All

Friday, June 23, 2017

8:30 AM
11:00 AM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

DIA's Role in the Accounting Mission

*Mr. Frank Miller, Chief, Asia-Pacific Regional Center
Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, DC*

Augmenting DPAA's Investigation & Recovery Processes

*Mr. Eric Phillips, DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Mr. David White, DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Hanoi, Vietnam
Mr. Dustin Roses, DIA Stony Beach Specialist, Bangkok, Thailand
Mr. Brad Taylor, Program Chief, DIA Stony Beach, Washington, DC*

The Vietnam Center & Archive, Texas Tech University

Stephen Maxner, PhD, Director

League Archival Research Committee

*Mr. Jay Veith, Chairman & League Intelligence & Research Advisor
Mr. Merle Pribbenow, Researcher, Vietnam Intelligence Analyst
Mr. Lou Shwetzler, Imagery Analyst
Mr. Joseph Mortati, Researcher, Aircraft Analyst*

11:00 AM
12:30 PM

Preparation for Service-Hosted Luncheons
(Boutique Open)

12:30 PM
2:00 PM

SERVICE-HOSTED LUNCHEONS

Virginia Ballroom

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

2:15 PM
3:15 PM

WORKSHOPS

Commonwealth Ballroom
Lobby Level

Pursuing Your Individual Case – Karoni Forrester

Maximizing Benefit from DPAA's Website – Ms. Cheryl Holm, DPAA/O&C

3:30 PM
5:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

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Establishing Global Priorities & Initiatives

Brigadier General Mark Spindler, USA

Deputy Director

DPAA, Honolulu, Hawaii

Mission Requirements & Planning Priorities

Colonel Mike Gann, USMC, Director, Asia-Pacific Region

DPAA, Honolulu, Hawaii

The Medical Examiners' Role in the ID Process

Dr. Louis Finelli, COL, USA

Armed Forces Medical Examiner

Dover AFB, Delaware

Mortuary Affairs-Potential Contributions

Master Sergeant Robert Bryson, USA

Joint Mortuary Affairs Center

Fort Lee, Virginia

Technological Advances in DNA Identifications

Dr. Tim McMahon, Director

DoD DNA Registry & Armed Forces DNA Laboratory

Dover AFB, Delaware

Operational Integration of DPAA Laboratories

Dr. Debra Zinni, Laboratory Manager

DPAA, Honolulu, Hawaii

Data Analysis & Transparency

Mr. Chris McDermott

Chief, Data Office, DPAA

Looking Ahead

Mr. Mark Stephensen

League Vice Chairman of the Board

6:00 PM

BOARD BUSES FOR PENTAGON

Hilton Entrance

7:00 PM

INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE

Hall of Heroes, Pentagon

7:45 PM

VIETNAM WAR EXHIBIT TOUR

8:30 PM

BUSES RETURN TO HILTON CRYSTAL CITY HOTEL

9:00 PM

Saturday, June 24, 2017

8:30 AM
12:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Virginia Ballroom
Plaza Level

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding

Inside Accounting Operations in Vietnam

Mr. Ron Ward

Casualty Resolution Specialist

DPAA Detachment Two, Hanoi, Vietnam

Implementing Field Operations

Captain Thomas Walker, USAF

Team Leader, Expeditionary Support Directorate

DPAA, Honolulu, Hawaii

Question & Answer Forum

General Foglesong & Senator Didigov, followed by Department of Defense presenters, will respond to questions from family members and, time permitting, veterans and others, covering subjects raised in prior sessions.

12:30 PM
2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

(Boutique: 12:45 – 1:45 PM)

2:00 PM
4:30 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

League Archival Record Retention Project

Ms. Darya Barmina Mills, MIA Niece, Archival Document Specialist

Mr. Ken Elliot, MIA/RR Son, Archival Document Specialist

Resolutions for Consideration

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

Open Discussion

6:30 PM
8:00 PM

LEAGUE-HOSTED FAREWELL RECEPTION

All registered 48th Annual Meeting Attendees are invited

Crystal Room
Plaza Level

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