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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.

Blue	– League (voting) family members	Green	– League associate members
Yellow	– Concerned citizens	Ivory	– Non-League family members
White	– US officials	Red	– Media
Salmon	– 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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, June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Thursday and Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and from 7:30 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please do not schedule reviews during sessions when critical information is presented. Instead, ask for early morning, lunch or dinner breaks.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Orientation for New Attendees:** This is an important informational session, Patrick Henry Board Room, First Floor, on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 PM. First-time attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The **49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Dinner** will be preceded by a no-host reception in the Virginia Ballroom Foyer on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Virginia Ballroom, Plaza Level:

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

**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.

**USMC Museum Tour, Reception & Musical Presentation:** On Friday evening, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, DPAA is hosting this special event, including bus transportation from the Hilton Crystal City Hotel. All registered attendees are invited to tour the widely-acclaimed USMC Museum and enjoy an hors d'oeuvres reception with music performed by US Marines. Active-duty uniform or 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting credentials are required.

**Workshops:** Two specialized, separate workshops will be held 2:15 – 3:15 PM on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. A well-received, repeatedly requested topic will be **Pursuing Your Individual Case**, again led by Board Member/MIA Daughter Karoni Forrester in the Richmond Room, Lobby Level. A second workshop, entitled **Pursuing Off-the-Scope Aircraft Cases**, led by MIA Daughter Karin Steadman and Joseph Mortati, League Archival Research Committee specialist, will be held in the Roanoke Room, also Lobby Level. Attendees will be able to share information, become more knowledgeable on how to augment official efforts to resolve their missing loved one's case and facilitate answers.

**League-Hosted Farewell Reception:** Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Crystal Room, Plaza Level, 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

**National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visit:** Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, buses board 8:15 PM, last return 11:30 PM.

**BOUTIQUE:** The League Boutique will be open in the Old Dominion Board Room, Plaza Level, Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, and during posted hours throughout the meeting. Also, a **Silent Auction** will be held before and during the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner, with bidding closing 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

**POLICY RESOLUTIONS:** To ensure availability at the start of the Business Session on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, resolutions should be submitted in writing to Resolutions Chairman Jo Anne Shirley by 7:00 PM on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, is open to all credentialed attendees; **ONLY** dues-current family members (blue badges) are eligible to vote.

**DNA TESTING:** Family members who have yet to provide a DNA sample for 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 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner.

**SMOKING & VAPOR CIGARETTES:** All are strictly prohibited in meeting sessions. Smoking areas are posted outside the Hilton Crystal City Hotel.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Alcoholic beverages are not permitted during meeting sessions, but are allowed at the Reception & Dinner on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and at the League-hosted Farewell Reception, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**DRESS CODE:** Dress for the meeting sessions is business casual, or Military Class B. For the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Dinner, dress for ladies is semi-formal/cocktail attire and, for men, suit and tie or Military Class A.

# **AGENDA**

## **Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

5:00 PM 9:00 PM	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CREDENTIALS DISTRIBUTION</b> <i>(Boutique: 6:00 – 8:00 PM)</i>	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
7:00 PM 8:00 PM	<b>ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES</b>	Patrick Henry Board Room First Floor

## **Thursday, June 21, 2018**

7:15 AM 8:45 AM	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CREDENTIALS DISTRIBUTION</b>	Virginia Ballroom Foyer Plaza Level
9:00 AM 11:30 AM	<b>OPENING GENERAL SESSION</b>	Virginia Ballroom Plaza Level

### 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

*Mr. Mark Stephensen, MIA/RR Son & Vice Chairman of the Board*

### Invocation

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

### In Memory & Honor

*Ms. Pam Cain, MIA Daughter & Member of the Board*

### “On Eagle’s Wings”

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

### National POW/MIA Memorial – Cecil Field

*Mr. Michael Cassata, Executive Director  
National POW/MIA Memorial at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, FL*

Presentation of League Certificates of Appreciation

Keynote: *TBD*

Unveiling of National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster  
*TBD & Ms. Mills-Griffiths*

The State Department's View  
*Mr. W. Patrick Murphy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Asian & Pacific Affairs, Department of State*

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

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

Honoring & Remembering  
*Major General James T. Jackson, USA (Ret)  
Director  
USA Vietnam War Commemoration*

11:30 AM  
1:00 PM

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

1:00 PM  
2:30 PM

**GENERAL SESSION – NATIONAL POLICY**

Virginia Ballroom

*Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding*

DPAA's Roadmap & Trajectory  
*Mr. Kelly K. McKeague, Director  
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), Washington, DC*

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

Partnership & Innovation Initiatives  
*Dr. Thomas Holland, Director  
Partnership & Innovation Directorate, DPAA  
Washington, DC*

Outreach & Communication Strategy for Success

*Mr. Todd S. Livick, Director*

*Outreach & Communications, DPAA, Washington, DC*

*Mr. Johnie E. Webb, Deputy Director*

*Outreach & Communications, DPAA, Honolulu, HI*

2:30 PM

**US-RUSSIA JOINT COMMISSION (USRJC) ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS**

3:30 PM

*Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding*

Moving Forward in a Tense Environment

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

*US Chairman of the USRJC*

The View from Moscow

*H.E. Anatoly Antonov*

(Tentative)

*Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States*

The Vietnam War Working Group Perspective

*Mr. Kelly K. McKeague, Commissioner, USRJC*

*& Chairman, Working Group on Vietnam War*

USRJC Initiatives - Update

*Colonel Christopher S. Forbes, USA, Director*

*Europe-Mediterranean Directorate, DPAA*

3:30 PM

**IMPRESSIONS FROM THE FIELD – LAOS & VIETNAM**

4:15 PM

The League Delegation & Recovery Ops in Laos – A Personal Perspective

*Ms. Cindy Stonebraker, MIA Daughter*

*& Secretary of the Board of Directors*

Return to the Ho Chi Minh Trail & Meeting in Hanoi with Former Enemies

*Mr. Mike Taylor, Vice President, Special Operations Association*

*& Chairman, SOA/SFA POW/MIA Committee*

4:15 PM

**DINNER PREPARATION**

6:00 PM

*(Boutique 4:00 – 5:00 PM)*

6:00 PM

**NO-HOST RECEPTION**

Virginia Ballroom Foyer

6:45 PM

*Special Boutique items will be on display for Silent Auction*

6:50 PM

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

Virginia Ballroom

*US Military Musicians*

7:00 PM

**49<sup>th</sup> 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 Military Musicians*

Missing Man Honors Table

*Sergeant Major Michael E. Swam, USA, Senior Enlisted Leader, DPAA  
Armed Forces Color Guard, Military District of Washington*

Invocation

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

Dinner

United States Army Strolling Strings

*Led by Sergeant Major Manny Bobenrieth, USA*

Introduction of Special Guests

Remarks: TBD

Presentation of League Awards

Candlelight Ceremony Honoring Vietnam War POW/MIAs

*DPAA Officials – Candlelighters*

*“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”*

*Ms. Wendy Coble*

*Roll Call of Representative Names*

*Mr. Michael Taylor*

Benediction

*Father Hurley*

9:00 PM

“God Bless America”

*Ms. Coble & All*

**Friday, June 22, 2018**

8:30 AM  
11:00 AM

**GENERAL SESSION**

Virginia Ballroom  
Plaza Level

*Ms. Ann Mills-Griffiths, Presiding*

DIA's Role in the Accounting Mission

*Lieutenant General Robert Ashley, Jr., USAF  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)  
Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, DC*

Expanding the Investigation & Recovery Potential

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

MDSU's Role in the Accounting Mission

*Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Timothy, USN  
Mobile Diving & Salvage Unit #2  
Virginia Beach, VA*

AFDIL's Capabilities, Assets & Resources

*Dr. Tim McMahon, Director  
DoD DNA Registry & Armed Forces DNA Laboratory  
Dover AFB, Delaware*

11:00 AM  
12:30 PM

Preparation for Service-Hosted Luncheons  
*(Boutique: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM)*

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**

Richmond & Roanoke Rooms  
Lobby Level

Pursuing Your Individual Case – *Karoni Forrester*

Pursuing Off-the-Scope Aircraft Cases – *Karin Steadman & Joseph Mortati*



3:30 PM  
5:30 PM

**GENERAL SESSION**

Virginia Ballroom  
Plaza Level

*Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding*

Operational Achievements, Initiatives & Proposals

*Rear Admiral Jon C. Kreitz, USN  
Deputy Director, DPAA, Honolulu, HI*

Realities in the Field

*Major Christopher D. Goodrich, USA  
Former Commander, DPAA Detachment III, Vientiane, Laos*

Field Team Challenges & Opportunities

*Captain Todd M. I. Willis, USA, Team Leader-Laos/Vietnam  
Expeditionary Support Directorate, DPAA, Honolulu, HI*

Collection & Analytic Processes & Priorities

*Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Ladymon, USAF  
Chief, Research Support Division, DPAA, Washington, DC*

Information Derived from Incident-related Material Analysis

*Mr. John Goines, Manager, DPAA Material Evidence Laboratory  
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio*

Operational Integration Into Accounting Objectives

*Dr. Denise To  
DPAA Laboratory Manager, Honolulu, HI*

5:45 PM

**BOARD BUSES FOR USMC MUSEUM**

Hilton Entrance

7:00 PM

**USMC MUSEUM – TOUR, RECEPTION & MUSIC**

Quantico, VA

9:00 PM

**BUSES RETURN TO HILTON CRYSTAL CITY HOTEL**

Quantico, VA

9:30 PM

**BUSES ARRIVE AT HILTON CRYSTAL CITY HOTEL**

Hilton Entrance

**Saturday, June 23, 2018**

9:30 AM  
12:30 PM

**GENERAL SESSION**

Virginia Ballroom  
Plaza Level

*Ms. Mills-Griffiths, Presiding*

Question & Answer Forum

*Department of Defense presenters will respond to questions 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

*Mrs. Darya Barmina Mills, Archival Project Director*

*Mr. Nicholas Disano, Archival Specialist*

League Educational Foundation Concept

*Mr. Mark Stephensen, MIA/RR Son, Vice Chairman of the Board*

Resolutions for Consideration

*Mrs. Jo Anne Shirley, MIA Sister, Resolutions Chairman*

Open Discussion

6:30 PM  
8:00 PM

**LEAGUE-HOSTED FAREWELL RECEPTION**

*All registered 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Attendees are invited*

Crystal Room  
Plaza Level

8:15 PM

**BOARD BUSES TO NATIONAL MALL – OPTIONAL**

Hilton Entrance

8:30 PM  
9:30 PM

**REFLECTIONS: NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL**

11:30 PM

**LAST RETURN TO HILTON HOTEL**

Hilton Entrance

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