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Newsletter

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April Edition

National League Update:

1,584 Americans are still listed by DoD as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War: Vietnam - 1,244 (VN-442, VS-802); Laos-285; Cambodia-48; Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7. The League seeks the fullest possible accounting for those still missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains.

It is hoped that heavy visa restrictions on Lao officials, imposed by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), will not further impede cooperation, and Stony Beach specialists are urgently needed to augment the investigation process while witnesses are still living and able to locate incident sites. Once COVID-19 restrictions are eased, the greatest obstacles to increased Vietnam War accounting are 1) too few qualified intelligence analysts and the lack of a current analysis on where things stand, though an objective assessment is about to get underway; and 3) unpredictable funding for operations. Since over 80% of

US losses in Laos and Cambodia occurred in areas where Vietnamese forces operated during the war, Vietnam's provision of helpful archival records.

March spotlight is on the following Idahoan:



Chief Warrant Officer
Jesse Donald Phelps

AVN CO, 7TH SF GRP,
 229TH ASLT HELO BN,
 11TH AVN GROUP, 1ST CAV DIV,
 USARV
 Army of the United States
[Boise, Idaho](#)

October 01, 1937 to December 29, 1966
 Incident Date December 28, 1965,

Accounted for August 24th, 2009.

Calendar

(The next 6 weeks)

- 04/25 – Fun Run to the Triangle
- 04/29 – “Idaho Gives” begins
- 05/6 – “Idaho Gives” ends
- 05/11 – Board Meeting, Kopper Kitchen
- 05/12 – 1st Sweet Ride Committee Meeting, Kopper Kitchen
- 05/15 – Armed Forces Day
- 05/21 - General Meeting, American Legion Hall
- 05/31 – Memorial Day

See Monthly Calendar for further dates

Meeting Highlights:

- ❖ **General Meeting location:**
The April General Meeting was held at the American Legion post 113.
- ❖ Past meetings and the February meeting have been broadcast over Facebook live the meetings are available for your viewing pleasure on our Facebook page under videos! As long as we are able to meet at the hall the meetings will not be posted live.
- ❖ **Patch In:** We patched in no new members in April.
- ❖ Please check the website for board/General meeting minutes.
<http://bvpowmia.org/docs/minutes/index.htm>
- ❖ **Old Business:**



** The bill for the U.S. Highway 26 to be designated as the "POW*MIA Memorial Highway" from the Oregon border to the Wyoming border, has been signed by the Governor. The law will go into effect the 1st of July. Next step is to decide where the signs will be posted and raise the money to get them done.
** The Kimber Raffle tickets are in. If you want tickets to sell, please contact your Sgt @ Arms Alan Rice.

- ❖ **New Business:**
** Believe it or not it is time

to start planning for our "Sweet Ride" that has been postponed until September 19th. 1st meeting is the 12th of May at 6:30 pm at the Kopper Kitchen. We need all positions filled.
** **We have the following board positions open: Flags and Equipment, Secretary, Assist PR/ Sec, Public Relations.**
** **Members! We cannot continue with just 7 board members!! We need help!**

- ❖ **Support Missions:**
** ICMS Rally May 1st
** Spring Opener May 1st. Edge bar in Mtn. Home.
** Armed Forces Ride May 15th. Vietnam/Legacy Vets.
** Big Mike's Memorial Ride May 15th.
** BACA 100-mile ride May 15th.
** Escort of Les Browns remains to Elko. Saturday June 12 2021.
** U.S. Highway 26 Ride Saturday June 26th 2021.
** Pocatello POW/MIA Rodeo Saturday July 24th.
** Montana's POW/MIA Awareness' "Ride to Remember". Saturday August 21 2021.
** Details on the Sister groups have been emailed to all members and will be available at the May General Meeting.

- ❖ **Good of the Order:**
** A new year is here, please consider becoming an Associate Member of the National League of POW/MIA Families.
** Remember that you and friends and family can help out by signing up for

Fred Meyer Community Rewards and Smile.Amazon Rewards.
** Also remember that all of our donors for our events are small businesses. Please support them during these uncertain times as best you can!!

- ❖ **Membership Dues! It's that time again to remind you membership dues are due starting now! \$30.00 a year!! Please send to our P.O Box!!**
- ❖ **Boise Valley POW*MIA Corp, P.O. BOX 413, Meridian, ID 83680-0413**
- ❖ **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**
– We are still working on updating our email mailing. We have had trouble with our Google account used to send emails to everyone. We are in the process of moving everyone to a mailing service provided by our web provider. So if you receive an email from Bravenet asking for permission to send you emails please accept so you will continue to receive updates from the board.