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Newsletter

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August Edition

## American's Accounted for:

The number missing (POW/MIA) and otherwise unaccounted-for (KIA/BNR) from the Vietnam War is now **1,586**. On November 7th, President Trump signed into law the "National POW/MIA Flag Act." The League-originated POW/MIA flag is now to be visibly displayed whenever the US flag is posted on Federal properties, including the White House, the US Capitol and all Senate and House Buildings. The League is grateful for this tremendous support, a meaningful signal to counterpart nations from which cooperation is necessary. It also signals all nations that America stands behind and with those who serve – past, present and future – and if captured or missing, all possible efforts will be made to recover and bring home our UNRETURNED Veterans. On Flag Day and for unknown reasons, our POW/MIA Flag was taken down from on top of the White House and placed on a separate flag pole, under the US flag, but scarcely visible in a small cluster of trees just outside the circular driveway around the South Lawn. When this occurred,

DPAA and the League were notified within minutes of each other and were given no reason, nor any indication as to who had made the decision to construct a new flagpole near the South Lawn and remove the POW/MIA flag from atop the White House, especially on Flag Day, June 14th, where it had proudly flown for decades. The way this was handled was truly bizarre and, to date, neither DPAA Director Kelly McKeague nor League Chairman/CEO Ann Mills-Griffiths has been provided any rationale.

### August's spotlight is on the following Idahoans:



Captain Thomas R. Young  
 U.S. Army Air Corps,  
 POW – WW II - Boise, ID

## Calendar

(The next 6 weeks)

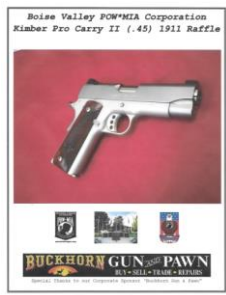
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- 08/22 – Gun Show. Ford Idaho Center. Selling Kimber Tickets
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- 08/27 – Barry Kelso's funeral and interment. Funeral at 11 am at Alden-Waggoner. Interment @ ISVC at 1 pm.
- 08/29 – Idaho 208, Meridian Speedway, We will be doing 3 Flag flag line.
- 09/01 – 09/30 – All donations to our Web page and Facebook page will be used for National League and Veterans Home
- 09/14 – Board Meeting on Zoom.
- 08/18 – National POW\*MIA Recognition Day
- 08/18 – General Meeting at the Village at Meridian, @ 7 pm. We will be presenting the Missing Man Table. Uniform of the Day will be White shirt and vest, black pants and POW\*MIA hat.
- 08/19 – Chrome At The Home has been CANCELED!

*See Monthly Calendar for further dates*

# General Meeting Highlights:

- ❖ **General Meeting location:** Because of COVID-19 the June meeting was held at VFW Post 63. Social distancing was encouraged.
- ❖ The meeting was also broadcast over Facebook live. If you are not a friend of our Facebook page please do it so you can get these live broadcasts. Also the meeting is available for your viewing pleasure on our Facebook page under videos!
- ❖ **New members:** One new member was sworn in this month: D'Anna Smith, Navy Veteran. Welcome to our organization!!
- ❖ **Treasure's Report:** All accounts have money. If you would like to see the totals please check the board meeting minutes. They can be accessed from our Web page.
- ❖ **Chrome @ the Home:** Was canceled. Two reasons, First we couldn't get the Veterans out of the home for the Show & Shine. Second we thought about doing a run instead but did not get enough volunteers to pull it off even after announcing it before the C@TH Meeting.



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- ❖ **Kimber Pistol Raffle –** Tickets are almost sold out. All available tickets are sold, only waiting for individuals who have tickets to turn them in. Drawing will be held on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ A big **THANK YOU** was given to all the members who had to work thru this hard time. We couldn't have done it without you!!

Thank you

- ❖ Please check the website for board meeting minutes. We have had meetings thanks to Dee and Zoom.
- ❖ **November Board Elections:** – the following positions are up for election: **Executive Director, Secretary, Public Relations, Assist Pin & Patch, Flags & Equipment, and Ride Captain.** If you are interested in filling any of these positions please contact one of the officers on the nominating Committee: Tom Wells, Harry Mitchell and Patty Keyes.
- ❖ **Good of the Order** –During our board meeting it was discussed and passed that during the month of **September** that all donations from our web page and all donations from members Facebook page will go to our two charities. More info to follow on how to get your Facebook page to ask for donations!!



- ❖ Barry Kelso's Final Arrangements.
- ❖ Barry was a long time member of the Boise Valley POW\*MIA Corp. He will be missed and we have an obligation to say goodbye to him.
- ❖ His funeral service will be Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Alden Waggoner Funeral Chapel. Keep in mind they are only allowing up to 50 people with masks and social distancing in the Chapel. His viewing will be held prior to services.
- ❖ Interment to follow at 1:00 pm at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. Be aware that they are only allowing 10 people in the shelter, 6 feet apart outside the committal shelter area.
- ❖ **Pin & Patch:** The White "Never Forget" shirts are done. If you ordered one please contact the director to get your shirt.
- ❖ **Rides not on the calendar** - Sept 12<sup>th</sup> popular day, the following rides will take place that day: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hays House Escort, Summertime Beats, SW Id Indian Summer Vets ride.
- ❖ Meeting was closed with a prayer.
- ❖ **The September Membership Meeting** will be Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Meeting at the Village in Meridian.