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Newsletter

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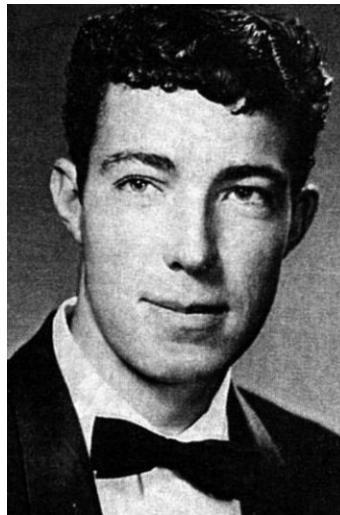
National League Update:

The number missing (POW/MIA) and otherwise unaccounted-for (KIA/BNR) from the Vietnam War is **STILL 1,585**. There have been no US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War since July 2020. DPAA announced that some identifications are pending and may be announced soon; no number was given.

DPAA laboratories and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) continue to focus efforts on identifying remains previously recovered, turned over unilaterally by foreign counterparts and/or buried in US cemeteries at home and abroad. US teams are also conducting WWII, Korean War and Cold War field recoveries. The most recent large-scale unilateral turnover of remains was the "K55" repatriation that followed the Singapore Agreement reached in the summer of 2018 by former President Trump and DPRK President Kim Jong Un. The latest count of possible US remains included in the K55 repatriation was just announced by DPAA as 72. Also, 80 remains were recently returned to South Korea.

As previously announced, the 51st Annual Meeting did not take place June 24-28, 2020, and has been rescheduled for June 23-27, 2021. The Hilton Crystal City Hotel is open on a limited basis, and we're hoping for fewer restrictions and greater normalcy by mid-2021.

February spotlight is on the following Idahoan:



U.S. Army Specialist

John Lynn Powers

February 15th, 1971

C Co, 159th ASLT SPT Helo
 BN, 101 ABN Div, USARV

McKay, Idaho

Calendar

(The next 6 weeks)

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- 03/09 – Board Meeting
- 03/19 – General Membership Meeting, American Legion Hall, Meridian, ID
- 03/20 – Bikers for Boobies Ride
- 03/29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day

See Monthly Calendar for further dates

Meeting Highlights:

❖ **General Meeting location:**

The February General Meeting was held at the American Legion post 113.

- ❖ Past meetings and the February meeting have been 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 meetings are available for your viewing pleasure on our Facebook page under videos!

- ❖ **Patch In:** We patched in one new member in February, Casey Crawshaw!! Welcome on board Casey!!

- ❖ **Treasure's Report:** In checking we have \$4,521.67. In Pin & Patch we have \$577.70. In saving we have \$1,228.09.

- ❖ Please check the website for board meeting minutes. We have had meetings thanks to Dee and Zoom.
<http://bvpowmia.org/docs/minutes/index.htm>

- ❖ **Old Business:** OK, results of the feedback we received from members. First let me thank those of you that took the time to respond. With the info the board received and discussions about what to do the following was decided. First we are canceling Chrome at the Home. Second we are

postponing The Sweet Ride. We will move the Sweet Ride to the 19th of September 2021. The Sweet Ride will be as always only on a different date this year. The money raised at the event will be split between the National League and the Veterans Home.

** The bill for the POW*MIA Highway was presented to the committee this past week, so let's hope it makes it to the floor.

** The Kimber Raffle tickets are in. If you want tickets to sell please contact your Sgt @ Arms Alan Rice.

** We have reserved a table at the Gun Show on the 10th and 11th of April.

Alan is looking for volunteers to work the table on both days.

- ❖ **New Business:** We have received an invitation from the Idaho Veterans Assistance League to have one of our members become a member of the IVAL board. Term is for two years and meetings are 4 times a year. If you are interested please contact the Executive Director Ralph Kramer.

** We have the following board positions open: Flags and Equipment, Assist Pin & Patch, Secretary, Assist PR/ Sec, Public Relations. **

Members! We cannot continue with just 6 board members!!

- ❖ **Good of the Order** – A new year is coming soon, 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.