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Newsletter

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July Edition

American's Accounted for:

The number missing (POW/MIA) and otherwise unaccounted-for (KIA/BNR) from the Vietnam War is now **1,586**. In a July 14th release, DPAA announced that 1st Lt. Alva R. Krogman, USAF, KIA/BNR, of Worland, Wyoming, was accounted for on July 7th.



1st Lt. Krogman was flying an O1-F Birdog aircraft on a visual reconnaissance mission over Savannakhet Province, Laos, on January 17, 1967, when his aircraft was hit and went down. Search and Rescue (SAR) operations were initiated immediately, but were shut down within a few hours after one of the SAR aircraft was also shot down. In February of this year, a US team of unexploded ordnance removal specialists initially recovered remains while clearing the site in preparation for an April joint

recovery mission. **This is the first identification of a previously unaccounted-for Vietnam War Veteran to be announced since July 26, 2019.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Defense Department ordered a ban on all DoD travel, initially until May 15th, extended until June 30th and now beginning to be lifted incrementally. DPAA pulled teams from the field to return them to the US and cancelled all field operations until further notice

July's spotlight is on the following Idahoans:



Col Gerald William Alley
 USAF, Pocatello, ID

Calendar

(The next 6 weeks)

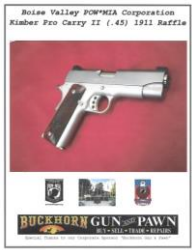
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- 07/22 – Chrome at the home Meeting @ VFW post 63 Outside Pavilion. Meet up at 7:00 pm.
- 07/24 – 07/26 –Pocatello POW*MIA Awareness Rodeo @ The Bannock County Fairgrounds, Pocatello, ID
- 08/05 - Chrome @ The Home Meeting @ VFW Post 63 Outside Pavilion@7:00 pm
- 08/07 -07/08 – Diamond Cup Meridian Speedway. Need riders for flag line
- 08/10 - Board Meeting will be conducted online
- 08/19 – Chrome at the Home Meeting, location to be announced
- 08/21 – General Meeting, location to be announced
- 08/29 Biker Festival, put on by the VN/Legacy Vets. We will have our awareness booth setup
- 09/18 – Advance Notice! National POW*MIA Recognition Day!

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 in the outside pavilion. Face Masks were worn by all and 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:** none were sworn in this month.
- ❖ **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:** Scheduled for Sat the 19th of September. The first meeting was on the 8th of July and alternatives were discussed and sent to the Veterans Home for approval. As we are not sure of the status of the Veterans Home will be on that date. Please show up at the meeting, we will need all the help we can get.



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- ❖ **Kimber Pistol Raffle –** Tickets are still available for you to sign out. We have deposited enough money to purchase the pistol. Had a good day at Crusin Biker Wear, Thanks Brie!! We will also be selling tickets at Pocatello's Rodeo this weekend. Drawing will be held at Chrome at the Home or on that date.
- ❖ 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 meeting thanks to Dee and Zoom.
- ❖ **Open Board Positions –** we need people to fill the following positions: Flags & Equipment, Assist Pin & Patch, Ride Captain and Public Relations.
- ❖ **Good of the Order –** Wellsey mentioned that a new Idaho State Cemetery will be opening in Pocatello later this year. He is requesting help in purchasing a POW*MIA ceremonial flag for the lobby of the new building. More info to follow.
- ❖ We have received word from Rep. Scott Syme that he will again this year submit a bill to name U.S. Highway 26 as the "POW*MIA Highway" across Idaho. This will continue the stretch of highway 26 from the

Oregon border to the Wyoming border.

- ❖ **Pin & Patch:** Info from Ernie @ Pin & Patch. White shirts have been ordered and in the process of being done so they will be available for Diamond Cup. We will inform everyone who purchased one when they are ready and the cost.
- ❖ We were blessed with the presence of Mark Stephensen at our meeting. He gave up an update on the POW*MIA situation and how things are going. Please watch the video to get all the information!
- ❖ **Rides not on the calendar** - July 31st, Aug 1 & 2 Ride & Raft in Riggins. Contact Bree @ Crusin Biker Wear. – Aug 15th Blue Beard Breakfast from the Iron Cross Warriors. Also on the Aug 15th Bikers for Boobies ride.
- ❖ Info on Pocatello Rodeo, we will be leaving the morning of the 24th @ 9:30 am from the Chevron at Gowen Road and the Interstate. We have 4 camping spots reserved.
- ❖ Meeting was closed with a prayer.
- ❖ **The August Membership Meeting** will be Friday Night August 21st at 7 pm. Location to be announced.