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Newsletter

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March Edition

National League Update:

The number missing (POW/MIA) and otherwise unaccounted-for (KIA/BNR) from the Vietnam War is now **1,584**. Though there finally has been one US Navy officer recovered and identified, the Navy Casualty Office has been unable to reach the PNOK. For this reason, DPAA is unable to release the name and unique circumstances involved. Until very recently, there had 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 but 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 countries and/or buried in US cemeteries as unknowns at home and abroad. US teams are also conducting

WWII, Korean War and Cold War field recoveries. As previously announced, the 51st Annual Meeting did not take place June 24-28, 2020, was rescheduled for June 23-27 and is now rescheduled for September 15-19, 2021.

March spotlight is on the following Idahoan:



Chief Warrant Officer Jon Michael Sparks US Army

48th AHC, 223rd AVN BN, 11th AVN GRG, 1st AVN BDN

Carey, Idaho

Calendar

(The next 6 weeks)

- 03/25 – Medal of Honor Day
- 03/29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- 04/10 – JAMR Ride 11am, Crusin Biker Wear
- 04/10 – Gun Show Idaho Ford Center
- 04/11 – Crusin Biker Wear Anniversary
- 04/11 – Gun Show Idaho Ford Center
- 04/13 – Board Meeting, Kopper Kitchen
- 04/16 – General Meeting, American Legion Hall

See Monthly Calendar for further dates

Meeting Highlights:

❖ **General Meeting location:**

The March 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 the meetings will not be posted live.

- ❖ **Patch In:** We patched in no new members in March.

- ❖ Please check the website for board 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" has been on the agenda in the Idaho State Senate this past week. However it never made it to the floor and now the legislature is in recess due to members having COVID-19. Sessions will resume on April 5th. Facebook page will be updated as things progress.

** 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. Denise Wallen-Scholl has volunteered as primary and Michelle Houde has volunteered as a backup. Thanks to both of them for stepping forward to help.

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

** D'anna Smith has volunteered and been appointed as Assistant Pin & Patch Coordinator. Thanks D'anna and welcome aboard!!

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

❖ **Support Missions:**

** 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 all of these will be available at the April General Meeting.

- ❖ **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.