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Newsletter

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October Edition

American's Accounted for:

The number missing (POW/MIA) and otherwise unaccounted-for (KIA/BNR) from the Vietnam War is now **1,585**.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today, Sept 25th 2020 that U.S. Air Force Maj. Paul A. Avolese, 35, of East Meadow, New York, killed during the Vietnam War was accounted for Sept. 21, 2020.

On July 7, 1967, Avolese was a radar navigator assigned to the 4133rd Bombardment Wing. That day, he was part of the crew of a B-52D Stratofortress bomber conducting a bombing mission from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to a target in Vietnam. During a maneuver over the South China Sea, Avolese's bomber collided with another B-52, causing both aircraft to fall into the sea. Four of the crew members from his aircraft were rescued, but Avolese was never recovered. He was declared dead on July 24.

DPAA & DIA SIGN FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU): On September 17th, DPAA Director Kelly McKeague and DIA Director LTG Bob Ashley, USA, signed an MOU to formally solidify integration of DIA's Stony Beach Team of specialists

into Vietnam War accounting operations. Formed in 1986, before the accounting mission broadened to including efforts to recover and identify personnel unaccounted-for from the Korean War, Cold War and World War II, Stony Beach's sole mission was and is Vietnam War accounting, focused on Last Known Alive (LKA) cases of POW/MIA personnel.

Octobers' spotlight is on the following Idahoans:



US Navy LCDR Roderick Lewis Mayer - Lewiston, ID

VF-41, CVW-7, USS Independence, TF 77. 7th Fleet

Calendar

(The next 6 weeks)

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- 11/07 – Veterans Day Parade - Canceled
- 11/08 – Military Day of Honor – Deer Flats Church, Caldwell, ID. 9 am.
- 11/10 – November Board Meeting
- 11/11 – Veterans Day, no ceremony at the ISVH due to COVID-19. Veterans go out and enjoy the freebies available in our area.
- 11/14 – Vet's That Ride. Registration starts at 9 am, KSU 11 am. VFW Post 63, Boise, ID
- 11/20 – General Meeting at American Legion Post 113 in Meridian, ID 7pm

See Monthly Calendar for further dates

General Meeting Highlights:

❖ **General Meeting location:**

The October General meeting was held at American Legion Post 113. 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!

<https://www.facebook.com/123645604671/videos>

❖ **New members:** No new members 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. <http://bvpowmia.org/docs/minutes/index.htm>

❖ **Kimber Pistol Raffle** – All tickets were sold and the drawing was held. Rachel Harrison was the winner. I apologize for not doing a live feed. I had some technical difficulties. Also Buckhorn Gun & Pawn was not able to get the gun to us in time for the drawing due to COVID-19; however I have been informed that it will be here next week.

❖ 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.

<http://bvpowmia.org/docs/minutes/index.htm>

❖ **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, Alan Rice and Patty Keyes.

❖ **The Missing Man Table @ the Village.** – The ceremony and awareness booth when off as planned except for the wind that came up just as we started. Thanks to all of you who showed up to support and helped.

❖ **Cover-A-Vet** – All the hats were purchased and distributed to the Vets at the Home. Due to COVID we were not able to give the hats out in person but the staff got it done for us.

Please check out the Home's Facebook page for photos.

❖ **Chaplain's Corner** – We were blessed by Patty's talk this month. Please check out the video to hear her comments.

❖ **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. We don't still have a total but it looks like it will be in the \$2000.00 range. Also Tom Wells brought up that it is time for Wreaths Across America. Ceremonies will be in December but now is the time to purchase them of December. Info can be found on the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery webpage. <http://veterans.idaho.gov/events/wreaths-across-america-idaho-state-veterans-cemetery-boise-id>.

❖ **Rides not on the calendar**

❖ Meeting was closed with a prayer.

❖ **The November Membership Meeting** will be Friday the 10th at 7 pm. Meeting at the American Legion Hall in Meridian.