



# Boise Valley POW/MIA Corp

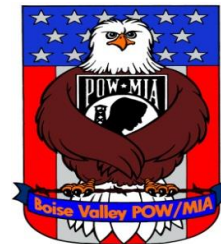
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## American's Accounted for:

July 13<sup>th</sup> update from National League of Families: There still has been no published change to the number unaccounted-for since the April 10<sup>th</sup> Update. For various reasons, including wishes of the family, Department of Defense announcements are often delayed far beyond the ID dates, and others are likely pending. Several of those named this year were examples of how remains repatriated many years ago can now be identified using contemporary science that wasn't available in earlier years. There are still 1,627 personnel listed by the DoD as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

*June & July's spotlight* was on the following Idahoans: At the end of the Vietnam War, twelve Idahoans were listed as POW/MIA. Since then four of the twelve have been recovered and repatriated with full Military Honors.

June's spotlight is on the following Idahoan:



Still Missing: US Army Major William Ellsworth Lemmons, Pocatello ID

Incident Date: 6/18/1967

January 12, 1942 to June 12, 1978

**You Are Not Forgotten!** [The Virtual Wall](#)

July's spotlight is on the following Idahoan:



Repatriated: US Air Force Colonel Gerald William Alley, Pocatello ID

Incident Date: 12/22/1972; Returned Date: 12/15/1988; Identification Date: 6/27/1989

Notes: Colonel Alley was born this month on 7/28/1934 Welcome Home Colonel

Alley! **You Are Not Forgotten!** [The Virtual Wall](#)

## Calendar

(The next 6 weeks)

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- 07/23-25 Pocatello Awareness Rally
- 7/25 Warhawk Museum Vietnam 50th Anniversary Symposium Part 5
- 08/13 Board Meeting @ 18:30 Kopper Kitchen
- 08/19 C@H Meeting @ Black Bear Diner @6:30 pm 1731 S Entertainment Ave, Boise
- *Don't forget to print out YOUR Vet-a-thon paperwork!*
- 08/22 General Membership Meeting @Givens Hot Springs <http://www.givenshotsprings.com/contact>
- 09/05 C@H Meeting @ Black Bear Diner @6:30 pm 1731 S Entertainment Ave, Boise

See Monthly Calendar for further dates

# General Meeting Highlights:

- ❖ General Meeting location: American Legion/VFW Hall #113 in Meridian...Address is **22 W. Broadway Ave., Meridian, ID**

- ❖ Meridian Speedway was a Pro\$perou\$ event. We honored our Vietnam Veterans in the opening ceremony. We had a great turnout, joined by the Green Knights to make for a great flag procession.



- ❖ Les Schwab Motorfest held on 6/20 at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds was a success, but unfortunately it will be the last time it will be held. Thank you to all that participated.

- ❖ NEW DPAA DIRECTOR NAMED & NOW MOVING FORWARD! LTG (ret) Mike Linnington, USA, the new permanent Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), was named just before the League's 46th Annual Meeting.

- ❖ The first issue of the DPAA's Newsletter: [The Quest](#) click the link to read it

- ❖ The National League of POW/MIA Families 46th Annual Meeting was attended by our Executive Director Ralph Kramer, Secretary Harry Mitchell, Sergeant at Arms Dino

Glascok & Executive Officer Rosalie Glascok



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Executive Officers from Idaho & Nevada



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Sergeant at Arms team



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Ralph giving Ann a check for \$9400.00



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- ❖ The National League of Families Presented this award to Boise Valley POW/MIA Corporation June 25th, 2015!!



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- ❖ Note from Ralph: "It was my honor to accept this Award on behalf of all of you and to recognize the hard work and diligence that all of us put into our fund raiser's for the National League. To be presented this award in front of the families of our MIA's is a singular honor that all of us should be very proud of. The most humbling part is that the families came up to the members here and thanked us for what we have done. Please be aware that the families here are very appreciative of the work we do and the fact that we take the time to make others aware of their situation".

- ❖ Melba July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade: we were honored again this year to ride in the parade and have our mission recognized



- ❖ Chrome at the Home



- ❖ Sat 9/26:  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Chrome at the Home" Vet-A-Thon and Dice Run, Motorcycle Show/Shine and BBQ presented by Boise Valley POW/MIA Corporation at the Idaho State Veterans Home (320 Collins, Boise). Motorcycle Show and Shine Sponsored by Cycle Addiction from 10 am-1:30 pm (\$250 purse money, \$10 entry fee), Opening Ceremony at 11 am, followed by FREE BBQ, music, refreshments, raffles and live and silent auction. Kid's scavenger hunt and jump house. Dice Run registration at ISVH from 10-2 pm, Ride starts at ISVH at 2 pm, \$20 single, \$25 couple. All proceeds raised during this event will go directly to the Idaho State Veterans Home. Our goal is \$10,000. Please share this event, and come out and shake the

hand of a US Veteran at the Idaho State Veterans Home. More info at [www.bvpowmia.org](http://www.bvpowmia.org) or call 208-867-9105

- ❖ Kimber Pistol Raffle – Tickets are still available. Drawing will be held at Chrome at the Home. Tickets will be available for purchase at general membership meetings and the upcoming events we are attending.
- ❖ Warhawk Museum Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium Part 5 July 25 Sessions are free to the public and run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Museum will open early at 9:30 a.m. Symposium Part 5. The POW/MIA session will focus on the POW experience in Vietnam told by those that lived it, including a POW's shoot down experience and time in captivity. A Hanoi Hilton POW, Joe Crecca, will speak about his experiences, and Lance Stephensen, whose father was MIA during Vietnam, will speak about what families experienced on the home front and the current on-going efforts to find and bring home MIA/KIA. First Sergeant Don Menger, USA, Ret. will talk about his experiences as a POW de-briefer who met with POWs before they were sent home.
- ❖ Bylaws – Update:  
~We will be scheduling the next meeting during July/August and post the date soon.  
~If you can't make the meeting, please send us what you want

clarification on via email or bring it to us.  
~Contact the Secretary for meeting location information

[secretary@bvpowmia.org](mailto:secretary@bvpowmia.org)



- ❖ Our August general membership meeting will be held Givens Hot Springs, <http://www.givenshotsprings.com/contact>
- ❖ They are aware we are coming! The August Membership Meeting will be Saturday Night August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm along with a potluck dinner. Please try to bring your food items between 5 and 6 pm. We don't care what you bring just bring something to eat and share. We have tentatively reserved 2 RV spots and 3 tent spots for Friday night and Saturday night the 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of August. For those of you how need to sleep off the ground there are cabins and trailers available for rent, please contact them personally for reservations. If you want to use one of the spots that we've reserved please let Ralph know. If you need more info please email [director@bvpowmia.org](mailto:director@bvpowmia.org).
- ❖ P.S. if anyone has access to firewood please let Ralph know, we will need some for the night time rendezvous!