

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON TransportationThe meeting was called to order by Rep. Rex Crowell at \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson1:34 ~~xxx~~ a.m./p.m. on February 2, 1983, 1983 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Betty Jo Charlton and Kent Ott, excused.

## Committee staff present:

Fred Carman, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Pam Somerville, Committee Secretary

## Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Harold Guldner  
Rep. George Dean  
Rep. Charles Laird  
Dr. Carl Fyler, Director, American Ex-Prisoners of War  
Mr. Ira W. Austin, American Ex-Prisoners of War  
Mr. Steve Montgomery, Department of Revenue  
Mr. Mark Ensley, American Ex-Prisoners of War

The minutes of January 19, 1983 and the Agenda were distributed to committee members. Minutes of January 17, and 18, 1983, were approved as written.

Rep. Guldner gave the history of HB 2069 by stating that it was not a new bill as a similar bill had passed the House during the 1982 session. Rep. Guldner stated currently a similar statute is effective in 30 states. He briefed the committee as to content of the bill. (Attachment 1)

Rep. George Dean gave testimony in support of the bill stating the individuals desiring passage were not a "gimme" group but rather a group of individuals who would like to be recognized for their loyalty and service to their country. He felt those he had been in contact with from Sedgwick County would be willing to pay for the POW license tag. Chairman Crowell because of the inclement weather, extended an invitation to Rep. Dean that testimony could be permitted at a later date should there be anyone from his district who would like to testify and was unable to make it for the hearing.

Rep. Charles Laird gave testimony in support of the measure stating that the POW's had paid a tremendous price and should receive a license tag at no charge.

Dr. Carl Fyler, Director, American Ex-Prisoners of War, presented testimony to the committee. Dr. Fyler stated that this was his fifth year before the committee expressing his desire that the measure be passed. Dr. Fyler informed the committee that his organization did not desire license plates for wives of POW's, but would like the widows to be recipients. Dr. Fyler distributed a brochure (Attachment 2) outlining states that currently issue distinctive POW tags. The monthly bulletin for POWs (Attachment 3) was also distributed. Testimony, in the form of a letter from Veterans of Foreign Wars, was given by Mr. Mark Ensley (Attachment 4). The letter expressed support for and passage of HB 2069.Mr. Ira W. Austin, American Ex-Prisoners of War, read a letter from Senator Ron Hein in support of HB 2069 (Attachment 5).Mr. Steve Montgomery, Department of Revenue, reviewed the department's stand (Attachment 6). Mr. Montgomery stated the department was not objecting to the POW license plates, but was concerned about the

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Transportation,  
room 519-S, Statehouse, at 1:34 ~~a.m.~~ xxx p.m. on February 2, 19 83

cost (primarily computer costs) of implementing the program. Mr. Montgomery stated it would cost the department approximately \$20,000 to implement initially, with a yearly cost thereafter of \$700. (Attachment 7)

The Chairman opened the floor to committee discussion. Chairman Crowell expressed to Mr. Montgomery that he found it difficult to justify the department's computer conversion costs and asked Mr. Montgomery to provide a complete breakdown of figures to the committee.

Rep. Knopp queried Mr. Montgomery whether all POW's qualified as Disabled Veterans, and would it be feasible to implement a separate block of numbers assigned to POW tags in the same category as Disabled Veterans. Mr. Montgomery stated the department had not considered that avenue but would check on the feasibility.

Rep. Erne asked Mr. Montgomery about the new Highway Patrol distinctive license tags and asked that a complete breakdown be provided to the committee regarding costs for design, manufacture and supply of the plates. Mr. Montgomery stated he was not aware of the new plates but would research the matter and report the results to the committee.

Chairman Crowell announced there would be a committee meeting tomorrow, February 3rd, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

  
Rex Crowell, Chairman



FEBRUARY 2, 1983

PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

ON H. B. 2069

BY

REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD GULDNER  
122ND DISTRICT

As the members of the Committee who have been on this Committee before know this is not a new bill. To refresh the old members' memory and to enlighten the new members, this bill passed the House last year and was killed because the Senate Chairman of a Conference Committee refused to call a meeting.

You may think that a time when we are having a battle of the budget is not the right time to ask for something that has a fiscal note tied to it. I say that until we properly reward our POWS of Kansas as thirty other states in this nation has, including Oklahoma on our South and Colorado on our West, that we need this bill passed and that it is a small price to pay for what these people went through.

Now at a time when we are finally giving proper recognition to the fighting men and women of the Viet Nam War, and memorilizing the dead from this war we surely do not want to forget these POWS, many of whom spent as much as 5 to 7 years in solitary confinement, nor do we want to forget the POWS of World War II and the Korean War, many of whom were nearly starved to death or lost frozen feet or hands but kept their faith in their God and their country.

I don't think you can put a price on this sort of thing.

Attachment 1



PLEASE SUPPORT ANY EX-PRISONER OF WAR BILL THAT COMES BEFORE THE KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE FOR LICENSE PLATES FOR EX-POWS DURING THIS SESSION

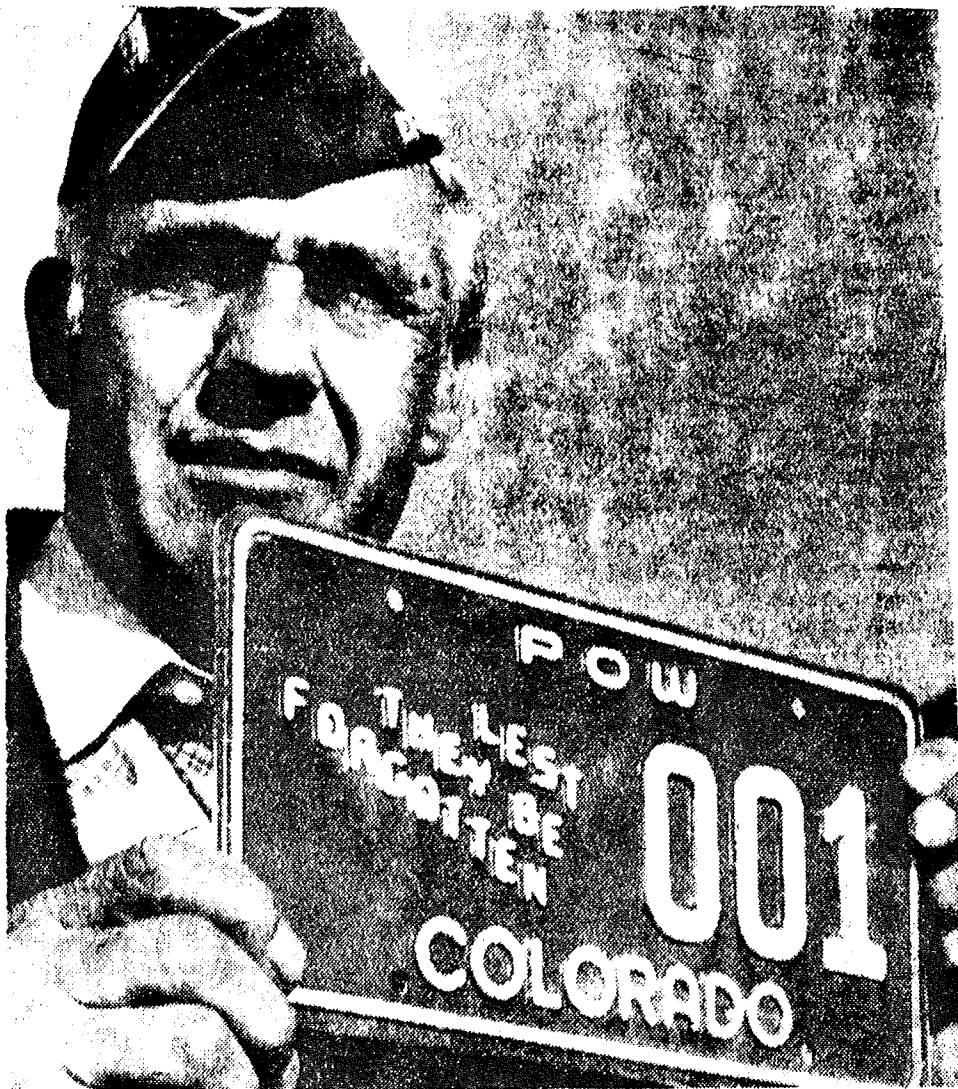
Kansas should honor its ex-prisoners of war combat veterans by issuing a special license plate.

All Kansans should be proud of their ex-pows' and the extreme sacrifices made by these men for preservation of your freedom!

As of 1983, approximately 32 states (see below and 2nd page) have honored their ex-pows' with special tags, some free and some with a token registration fee.

We are not asking for charity, we are asking for recognition and honor.

Kansas has issued a free courtesy plate which goes on the front of the car, but this is not what we have asked for the past four years.



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## Plate honors ex-POWs

Jerry Francois of Fountain, commander of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoner of War or-

first POW license plate. It was presented to him in Denver Wednesday. The plates are available for vehicles

I repeat:

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Nat'l. Director of  
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of American Ex-POWs

Member of Gov. Carlin's  
Veterans Advisory Comm.

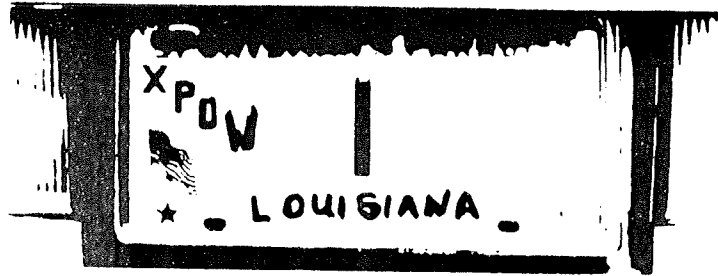
For further needed information you may call me at the following 3 telephone numbers:

235-7706 day  
232-0817 day  
272-8492 evenings & weekends

Attachment 2

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## X-POW License Plates for Louisiana



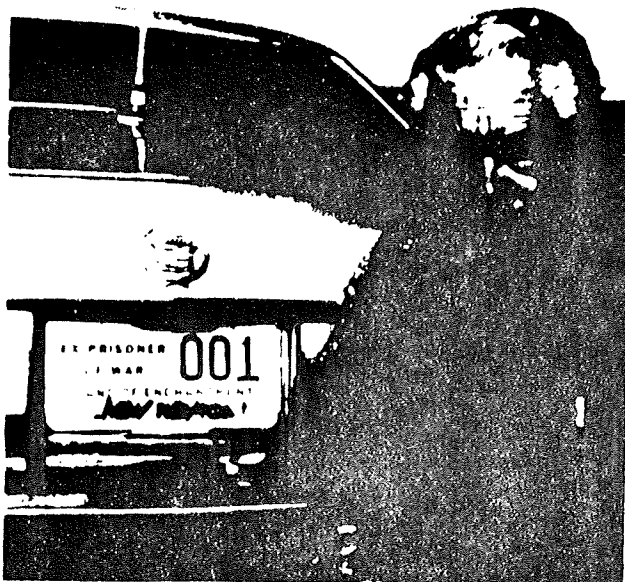
Under provisions of a recent act of the Louisiana Legislature, ex-POWs from both World Wars, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam will be provided with a specially designed license plate for their automobiles at no cost.

Act #121 was authored by State Senator Jesse Knowles of Lake Charles, who serves as Legislative Officer for the VFW and American Legion. This special Legislative Act was approved by both houses of the Louisiana Legislature and was supported by the Legislative Committee of Veteran Affairs and all Veterans organizations.

Assistant Secretary of Public Safety, Leroy Havard said the new plates, which

carry the designation "X POW" are now available to all ex-prisoners of war who meet normal state requirements for motor vehicle registration and who present proof of status as a former POW. Havard said that standard "Proof of Status" application forms have been sent to the Veterans Affairs Officers in each of Louisiana's 64 parishes. All ex-POWs in Louisiana are urged to go to their Veterans Affairs Office and make application for their license plates as soon as possible.

Havard said, "All of us in Louisiana are proud of the extreme sacrifices made by these men for the preservation of our freedom, and we want to be able to distinguish them in this way."



## NEW MEXICO POW CAR TAGS

Retired Lt. Col. Virgil O. McCollum of Albuquerque, NM was the first ex-POW honored by his state with a special license plate. A captive for 3-1/2 years during WWII, McCollum was awarded the first plate because he was the first national commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War Organization, then known as Bataan Relief Organization. The special plates are available to all former POWs in New Mexico under an act passed this year.

Rep. Mulder  
 L. L. L.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Published below is an updated listing of Ex-POW license plates offered in the United States as of November 1982.

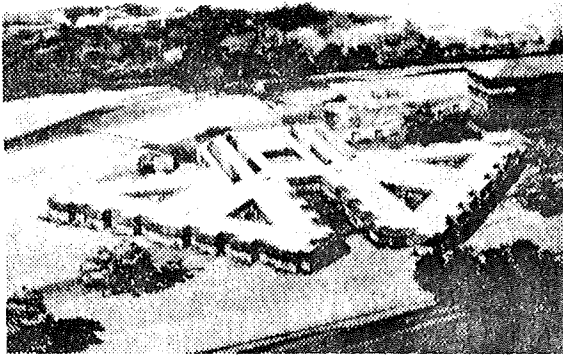
NOTE: Kansas issues a free courtesy plate only, for the front of the vehicle. Legislation is pending in the states of Missouri and Massachusetts.

STATE	YEAR PASSED	COST	REGISTRATION
Alabama	1981	0	Free
Arkansas	1980	\$1.00	Free
California	1981	\$25.00	Normal Cost
Colorado	1982	0	Normal Cost
Florida	1982	0	Normal Cost
Georgia	1980	0	Free
Illinois	1979	0	Free
Indiana	1981	0	Normal Cost
Iowa	1980	\$5.00	Normal Cost
Kentucky	1982	\$25.00 (\$12.50 renewal)	Normal Cost
Louisiana	1980	0	Free
Maryland	1979	0	Normal Cost
Minnesota	1982		
Mississippi	1979	0	Free
Nevada	1981	0	Normal Cost
New Jersey	1981	\$15.00	Normal Cost
New Mexico	1978	0	Free
North Carolina	1979	0	Free
North Dakota	1981	\$1.00	
Ohio	1979	0	Free
Oklahoma	1980	\$1.00	Normal Cost
Pennsylvania	1981	0	\$10.00
South Carolina	1979	0	Free
South Dakota	1982	\$2.50	Normal Cost
Tennessee	1974	0	Normal Cost
Texas	1979	0	Free
Virginia	1982		
Washington	1982	0	Free
West Virginia	1980	0	Free
Wisconsin	1980	\$10.00	Normal Cost

**EX-POW LICENSE PLATES**

Governor Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey is shown presenting the first distinctive POW license plate to Chris Morgan, commander of Garden State Chapter No. 1. Requirements for obtaining the plate are 1) a photocopy of the current vehicle registration certificate; 2) a check or money order for \$15.00, payable to New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles; 3) A completed application which may be obtained by contacting your local chapter or writing to New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles, Special Plate Unit, 25 South Montgomery St., Trenton, NJ 08666.





**NURSING HOME DEDICATED AT HINES VA HOSPITAL**

On October 22, 1982, Thomas and Marge Welsh represented the American Ex-Prisoners of War at dedication ceremonies of a new nursing home to be operated by the Veterans Administration on the grounds of Hines VA Hospital, Hines, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. In his keynote address, Dr. John Mather of Washington, D.C., pointed out that with the aging of the veteran population the VA must be prepared for an ever-increasing number of patients and that within twenty years, two out of every five male veterans will be 65 years of age or over. There will therefore be an increasing need for the type of care and treatment which will be given to aged veterans in this new facility. The 120-bed nursing home is one of the first of its kind in the nation and the first in the Chicago area. In addition to the care and treatment of patients, this will also be a research and training facility to provide new knowledge of the problems of aging and to train nurses and other staff personnel in order to prepare for the staff needs of future facilities similar to the Hines nursing home, which was expected to be fully occupied within 60 days.

**WANTED:** Civilian ex-prisoners of war information. If you have any information of any reunions, conventions, groups, etc., please advise Nat'l Dtr. Frank B. Hawkins, 9000 S. Shartel 104, Oklahoma City, OK 73139.

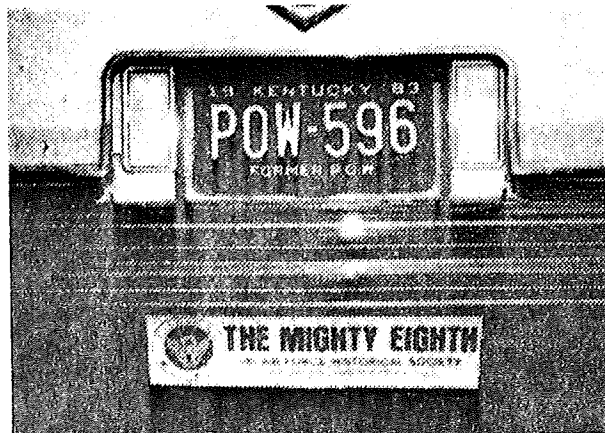
**EX-POW LICENSE PLATES UPDATE**

At the August meeting of the Dakota Plains Chapter of AXPOW, Cmdr. Vasiljevic read a letter from Lt. Gov. Sands on the subject of POW license plates. It was recommended from the floor that the surviving spouse of the ex-POW continue to have plates issued to her as long as she remains a widow. The motion was seconded and carried.



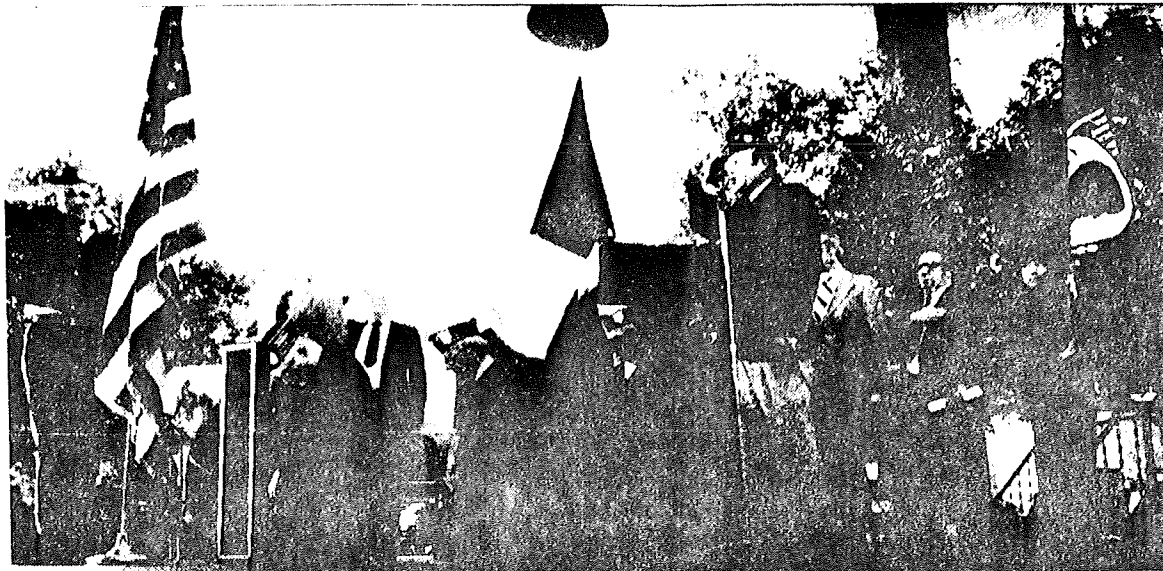
Pictured is George E. Toomey of Virginia, with his free set of ex-POW license plates. Toomey served in the 8th Air Force during WWII as a radio operator and was held prisoner by the Germans for 16 months.

Incorrect information was submitted to the BULLETIN last spring regarding the renewal cost of Former POW plates for Kentucky residents. The renewal fee is \$2.00.



Pictured is the 'Former POW' license plate of Kentuckian R.L. Hulsey [above]; below, State Rep. Virgil Pearman, Charles Frost and Hardin County Clerk David Logsdon with the first Kentucky POW license plate.





**Men kneel during the Pledge of Allegiance to symbolize that prisoners of war are not**

**permitted to recognize the American flag. Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

**POW/MIA AWARENESS DAY**

October 24, 1982, was proclaimed POW/MIA Awareness Day in Raymore, Grandview, Kansas City, Raytown, Independence and Belton, Missouri, and Wichita and the State of Kansas. In Belton, the city siren sounded and a color guard preceded three 'prisoners' shackled by a chain of red ribbon. Guests and dignitaries followed. The program opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The 'prisoners' bowed their heads but did not join in the pledge; it was explained that they were in the hands of the enemy and not allowed the privilege of honoring the flag of the United States. Ex-prisoners, family members and friends shared experiences with the public; other speakers urged support of efforts to account for the 2,500 servicemen who are still missing in Southeast Asia. The program was brought to a close by everyone joining hands and singing 'God Bless America.'

The Belton program was conducted by the Air Force Sergeants Association and the City of Belton with the aid of VFW, American Legion, AXPOW and other individuals.

The Sioux Land Chapter of AXPOW organized and participated in a silent parade in conjunction with the local DAV chapter and other veterans organization in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Four former prisoners of war, tied together with a red rope and approximately 30 other men marched silently through a busy shopping mall in that city. DAV Cmdr. Gene Murphy of the Sioux Falls Chapter stated, 'If each American took five minutes to write their Congressmen and Senators to say if you don't get these boys (MIAs in SE Asia) back, we won't vote for you. Even if one comes back and asks you, 'What did you do to get me back?', what are you going to tell him?'

**JUDICIAL REVIEW BILL PASSES SENATE**

A bill that would give veterans the right to court review of VA benefit decisions has been passed by the U.S. Senate. Under current law, veterans and their families do not have the right to seek judicial review of the VA's decisions on such benefits as service-connected disability compensations, nonserviceconnected pension, and others. The decisions of the VA's Board of Veterans Appeals are final. Sponsored by Sen. Gary Hart (D-Colorado) and co-sponsored by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-California), the bill, S-349, would also require the VA to publish new rules and regulations, and would lift the current \$10 ceiling on the fee a veteran may pay a private attorney for representation in a VA claim.

**MAUMEE VALLEY CHAPTER GROWING**

The Maumee Valley Chapter of AXPOW, formed in June 1981, now numbers over 100 members. The chapter held a benefit dance on October 16 at the Christ Dunberger Post #537 of the American Legion in Oregon, Ohio. The dance was well attended.



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The November 1982 listing of ex-POW license plates offered throughout the United States failed to list Connecticut. The bill providing plates in that state was passed in 1982; the only charge is \$1.00 for life. It is hoped the bill will be extended to widows of ex-POWs.



Pictured is Ed Giering with his Connecticut plate, 1 POW.

CONNECTICUT IS THE NEWEST STATE TO GIVE EX-POWS CAR TAGS.

KANSAS HAS NO VETERAN BENEFITS. TEXAS GIVES THEIR POWS CAR TAGS, DOES NOT CHARGE INCOME TAXES, AND THE WOUNDED POW GETS PROPERTY TAX "BREAK" ON HIS HOME.

OKLAHOMA GIVES THEIR POWS CAR TAGS; A STATE MEDAL, THE CROSS OF VALOR; AND FREE FISHING LICENSES.

KANSAS SHOULD HONOR THEIR COMBAT VETERAN POWS WITH CAR TAGS!

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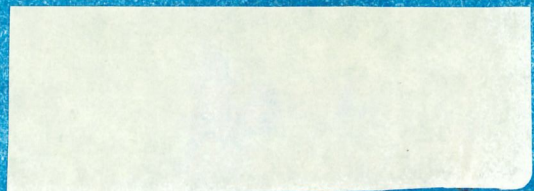
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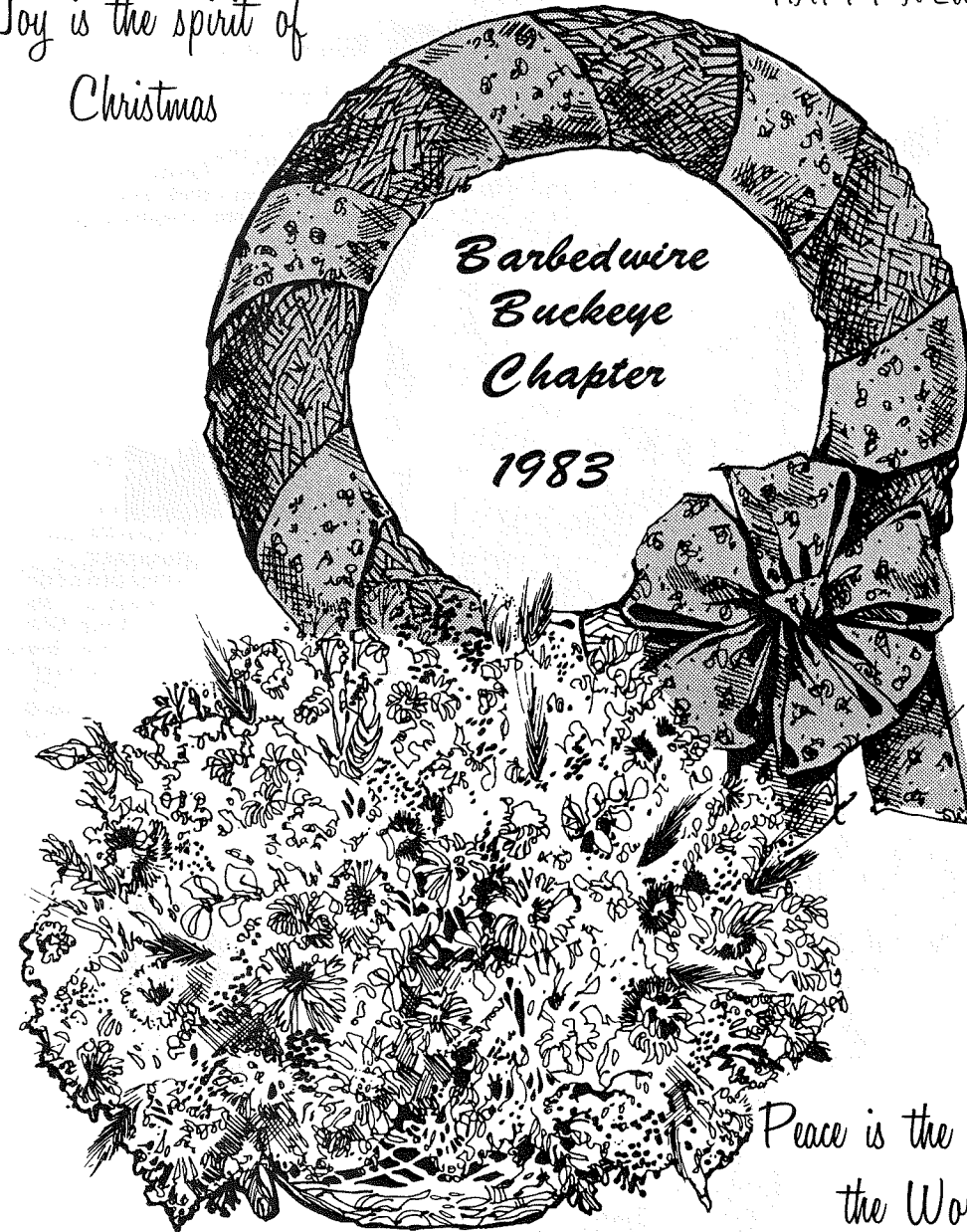
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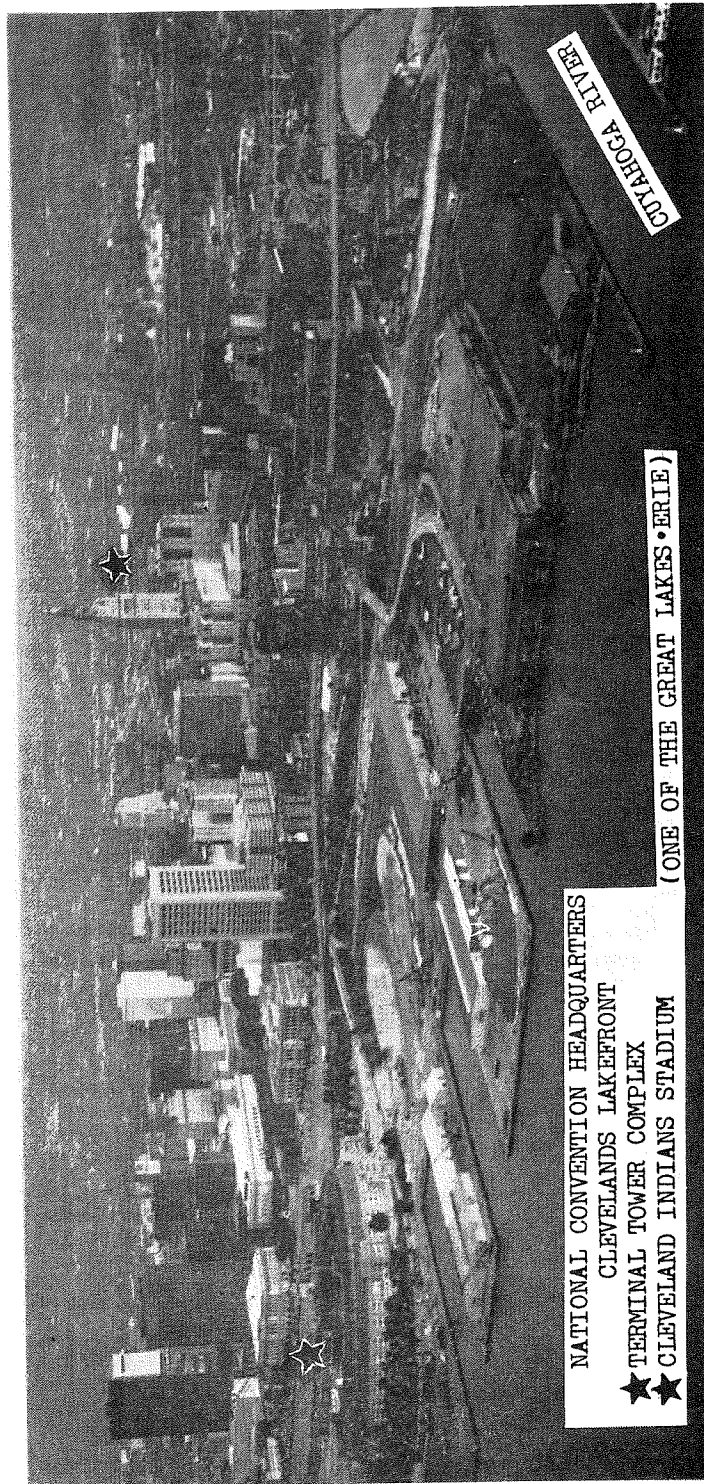
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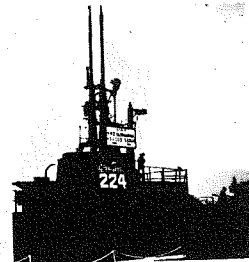
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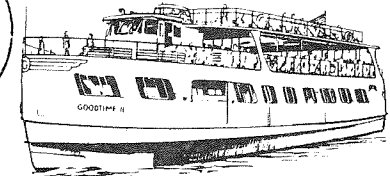
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**NATIONAL  
COMMANDER  
CHARLES MILLER'S MESSAGE**



My recent trip to Washington State proved both rewarding and, I feel, beneficial to our organization. PNC Harold Page was my escort and he kept me on the run. We attended meetings with the Lions Club, Elks, DAV, VFW, VA Medical Center, Seattle (VAMC) and VA Regional Center, and at each function I was afforded an opportunity to speak so was able to thank the various organizations for their support of AXPOW. It was my privilege to be Grand Marshal of the Auburn, Washington, Veterans Day parade and I can tell you, it was an experience which keeps ever fresh in my mind how great a country we live in. You need not worry about the future of our land if the response I felt at the parade is any indication; the streets were lined with parents waving or applauding and little children waving American flags as we passed.

Miss Joan E. Kanyuck, Associate Director, VAMC, met with our AXPOW group (seven of us) in a very receptive, friendly attitude. She allowed me to explain in detail the procedures followed and the benefits we derive from our San Diego VA therapy group for former POWs. We then were escorted through the facility and it was explained to us that when the new hospital (under construction) is complete, how the service to veterans will be greatly improved. We left with the feeling that POWs have the support of the VAMC, Seattle, and that it won't be too long before a therapy group is part of that support.

In addition to the meetings mentioned, thanks to National Director Reed, we visited the battleship Missouri where we were joined by about 18 members of the Kitsap and Tacoma Chapters. One day was spent visiting with the Columbia River Chapter in Portland, Oregon, where its members were working on a float for a Veterans Day parade. I have been reminded by our recent trips just how close some members of our organization are, and I'm looking forward to a time when all our chapters work in such close harmony.

Because of recent surgery, National Galloway was unable to attend any of the functions with us, but we did get to visit with him and Charlotte briefly and to see that he is doing fine and keeps on smiling.

Our thanks go to all those who made this trip a memorable one: PNC Page and Virginia, JVC Galloway and Charlotte, NW Region Directors Reed and Senften, State Cmdr. Meyer and Bob, to name but a few.

Published below is a letter from 'Bill' Gore, Supervisor, DAV San Diego, which is self-explanatory.

October 25, 1982  
Dear Commander Miller:

On reading your Ex-Prisoners of War Bulletin of October 1982, I see your organization is now a Chartered Veterans Organization and are embarking upon a National Service Officers Program.

We have always worked very closely with our many friends in this area who are Ex-Prisoners of War - our entire office staff desires to donate \$100.00 for the benefit of your Service Officers Program.

We wish you well and please continue to call upon the Disable American Veterans for any assistance.

Sincerely,  
W.L. 'Bill' Gore  
National Service Officer  
Supervisor

On behalf of our entire membership, I sincerely thank Bill and his office staff for their generous donation to our National Service Officers Fund. Many of our members have requested and received assistance from the DAV and we can be assured of continued support from them.

In closing, Kay and I wish all of you a Healthy, Happy Holiday Season.

**CORREGIDOR,** 6-83  
**The End of the Line**  
by Eric Morris

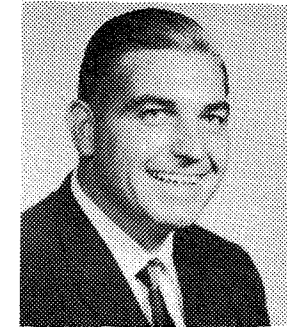
This book is about the Army (Infantry, Tanks, Artillery), Support Units, Air Corps, Navy, Marines, Philippine Scouts and Philippine Army in the battles fought in Bataan & Corregidor and the islands of the Philippines. This is a true story as told by surviving members of these units. This book is a must for all members and their families.

Books are available from: William Sniezko  
2701 E. Brookside Ave.  
Orange, Ca. 92667

Book is priced at \$19.95 plus tax.  
Our price is \$17.00 plus \$1.10 postage. (Total \$18.10)



**NATIONAL  
SENIOR VICE  
COMMANDER  
EARL DERRINGTON'S MESSAGE**



Greetings and my very best wishes to each of you and your family. It is my sincere hope that the new year will bring you good health and much deserved happiness. As your national officers strive to meet your needs, please be ever mindful that we are deeply concerned about you.

Because of the benefits being made available, our organization continues to grow in membership. We do have some good laws with provisions for our medical needs; however, it behooves us to be aware of the bureaucracy in getting the laws implemented on a local level. Usually, the problems are administrative and can be worked out with the cooperation of the hospital director. Some hospitals are fortunate to have a doctor appointed as Medical Coordinator for the POWs. This too, could be detrimental, should the coordinator be insensitive and naive to the aftereffects of incarceration and malnutrition. Hopefully, the POW Advisory Committee will come up with some guidelines for use by the VA hospitals.

The most recent legislation affecting the POWs is the passage of the national charter. Several people have inquired about the charter prohibiting political support. This is true. However, we have never advocated endorsing any political candidate or party. You are strongly encouraged to study the candidates, the issues, the party, and then vote your choice. As good citizens, we should urge everyone else to do the same.

This little bit of Kriegie humor came out of Stalag Luft III and might be appreciated by some who were there and remember. The source is unknown and, not recalling the original title, I'll call it...

**KRIEGIE CHRISTMAS**

Christmas comes but once a year,  
Wish I didn't have to spend it here.  
If Santa comes, we'll sing and shout,  
But if he comes in here, HE WON'T GET OUT!

Your attention is called to a bill (S-349) that would give the veteran the right for judicial review of VA benefits decisions. This bill has passed the Senate. Presently, the decisions by the VA's Board of Veterans Appeals are final. The new bill, if passed, would remove the \$10.00 ceiling allowed a veteran for legal services. While this may sound favorable, I wish to caution you of the hazard of the way in which the final bill could be written and interpreted. Certainly, the concept of Judicial Review is acceptable, but wording is important if it is to benefit the POWs.

As Budget Chairman for the coming year, I am becoming painfully aware of the lack of spendable monies available for the National Office to use in meeting its obligation to members. In reviewing the service funds of a much smaller sister organization, I am reminded of the expedient need for a fund raising project on a national level. According to our Ways and Means Chairwoman, Pauline Brown, several excellent ideas for fund raising have been proposed. As a local pilot project, the Department of Mississippi undertook the sale of our national flower, the daisy, during the month of November. Silk daisies with plastic stems, suitable for pinning on a lapel, were procured for \$.049 each. We attached a label on which was printed: American Ex-Prisoners of War, 'We exist to help those who cannot help themselves.' We obtained permission and sold them in the VA hospital and local shopping areas. The net sale by one chapter was in excess of \$800.00 in six hours with a total of fourteen people working. This I believe is proof positive that this one endeavor could significantly increase the operating fund of our chapters, state departments and National Office. Each chapter will forward a percentage of their sales to the state department and to the National Office and the balance will be retained for the chapter's use. Hopefully, in the next issue of the BULLETIN, I can provide you with the total statewide results of this pilot project.

May each of you have a joyous holiday season.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you to Bob Taylor of the San Antonio Chapter for sharing this with us.**

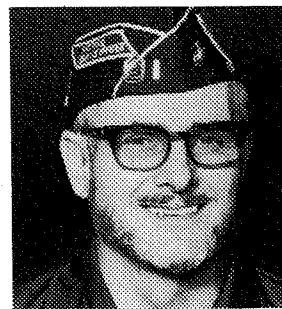


**NATIONAL  
JUNIOR VICE  
COMMANDER  
CENTRAL  
REGION  
ORLO NATVIG'S MESSAGE**



As we prepare for the holiday season, we must be grateful for the accomplishments and gains of the past years. With this in mind, we must also acknowledge that this puts more responsibilities on our members' shoulders as we look for ways to procure the necessary funds to do the work that so desperately need to be done

**NATIONAL  
SERVICE NEWS  
BY NSD TOM NIXON, PH.D.**



On September 20, 1982, V. Ivalene Powers was named as National Service Officer, representing AXPOW at the Roseburg, Oregon, VAMC. Ivalene is the spouse of ex-POW William D. Powers of 1295 S. Calapooia, Sutherlin, OR 97479. Both are longtime life members of AXPOW; Ivalene may be reached at (459)673-7567 or home 459-5716.

Ivalene comes to us as an experienced service representative, since she has assisted Bill for several years in his work as a DAV Service Officer at the Roseburg VAMC. Ivalene has already established an office at the VAMC, and has sent a letter to all of the area ex-POWs that she could locate, to let them know that she is ready, willing and able to help them in their claims. In addition to her past service in helping Bill prepare claims, Ivalene has been a hospital volunteer, helping those who needed it most - the disabled veteran.

We are indeed fortunate to have Ivalene join our Service Officers Program. This gives us an expansion of available services for the Oregon area, since we have Fred Liddell representing AXPOW at the Portland VARO, and working from his home at 3416 SE Kathryn Court, Milwaukie, OR 97222, PH: (503)654-9295.

NOW. We need funds for our Service O to go out and help the needy POWs as endeavor to secure what is rightfully theirs according to Public Law 97-37. We do not have the luxury of time for inaction, as our WWII POWs have a life expectancy of approximately fifteen years according to a Life Insurance Actuarial Table. That tells us the time for action is NOW. Surely some of our members have access to, information of, or control of monies that could be donated by grants to the American Ex-POW organization for exclusive use of our Service Officers. We need your help. Please write or call me if you are in a position to come to our aid.

My prayer for you is a 'Blessed Holiday' and a 'Healthful and Prosperous New Year.' Let us work together for those who need our help.

I must not forget to mention that in addition to doing volunteer work for the VAMC, Ivalene's four children also do volunteer work, and since Bill's retirement, he has over a thousand hours of volunteer service. My congratulations to Ivalene and her family for their unselfish dedication to our veterans, and to her, especially, as an AXPOW National Service Officer. Although Ivalene is our first woman to be appointed as an AXPOW NSO, we have others who are currently being processed. Let us all give our special thanks to the AXPOW wives and widows who have always been supportive of us, the former prisoner of war who, in a manner of speaking, has made his spouse a prisoner in her own right, since she has lived with us and experienced our trauma through association and 'osmosis' and certainly deserves our thanks for her very special dedication. Our ladies have earned their right to full membership in our organization by being so supportive in our years of need. I know that this expresses my personal sentiments.

Welcome to the ranks of the NSO, ladies.



Bill and Ivalene Powers



**NATIONAL  
ADJUTANT/  
TREASURER  
SALLY MORGAN'S MESSAGE**



Last month I goofed. My letter did not reach our Editor in time for publication. So this month, you get two in one.

The big item at National Headquarters at this time of year is RENEWALS! It is not a hard job or a complicated one. But it is very tedious and our system is not the greatest. In our process of sending out renewal notices we inadvertently mailed some to Life Members. Please, Life Members, just disregard them. Also, we may have missed out on some Annual Members. So, to the Annual Members, 'please mail in your dues even though I did not send a notice to you.'

As of November 9, 1982, we have processed 2,862 renewals. This does not include our new

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**WISCONSIN AND NORTH CAROLINA  
HOLD STATE CONVENTIONS**

The Dept. of Wisconsin's 6th Annual Convention was held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, WI on October 8-10, 1982. Nearly 200 members and guests attended. The MedSearch seminar, chaired by Chairman Stan Sommers, was held Saturday morning and panelists represented the VA Regional Office, Milwaukee VA hospitals, Commandant of Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, and recently retired Wisconsin Secretary of Veterans Affairs John Moses. The banquet speaker was Wisconsin Senator Robert Kasten, Jr. Wisconsin membership has grown from 342 to 524 in the past year, and the number of chapters has increased from 3 to 7. Nat'l JVC Orlo Natvig and his wife, Ruth, represented the national organization. Other visitors came from Ohio, Minnesota and New Mexico. Cloren Meade was elected the new state commander.

The Dept. of North Carolina held their 6th annual convention at Fort Bragg, NC, on September 23-26, 1982. Approximately 250

people. We still have a long way to go.

Since taking over the National Headquarters, we have chartered 7 new chapters and several more to be processed. With our new chapters we are getting orders for vests. To avoid a delay in processing the vests, I need your help. I realize the order blank in the BULLETIN does not give you the room that is necessary to list all the information that I need, so on a separate sheet of paper please list:

- Size - Men, chest measurement  
women, blouse size
- Long or short
- Name for front
- Chapter's name for back

With all this information included with your order, your vests can be processed much faster.

Some of you have ordered brooch pins and life membership patches and have not received said items. Don't worry, we have a file on all of you. As soon as our next shipment of merchandise comes in, we will mail them out to you. We have not forgotten you.

May we here at National Headquarters take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Blessed Holiday Season from all the Morgans!

people attended, many of them from chapters and states outside North Carolina. New officers were sworn in by Nat'l JVC Irving Rittenberg at a banquet at which Capt. Norman McDaniels, a 6½ year former prisoner of war of the Vietnamese, was the keynote speaker.



Pictured are the new North Carolina officers taking the oath of office. They are [standing only] left to right: Adj/Treas. Robert J. Noah, Sr.; JVC William C. Chuber; SVC Ron Dickson; and Cmdr. William D. Tippet.

## REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

by Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn [USAF, Retired]  
Chairman of the Advisory Committee

General John P. Flynn, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, reports that his Committee held its third meeting with representatives of the Veterans Administration. This meeting was held at the VA headquarters in Washington, D.C. on September 29 and 30. Flynn commented that he was most impressed with the in-depth knowledge, expertise, and dedication of the Committee members as well as that of the Veterans Administration staff members in attendance. He further stated that he was confident that the VA has every intention of insuring major emphasis on the implementation of Public Law 97-37 (Former Prisoners of War Benefits Act of 1981) but first, major roadblocks must be ironed out.

These problems stem from the following: 1) the long awaited passage of PL 97-37 excited the expectations of the former prisoner of war community, especially after the commendable out-reach efforts made by the VA to publicize the bill; 2) the VA is not geared for instant reaction by its very nature, and with its competing priorities still has a way to go in publishing all of the pertinent directives for implementation of PL 97-37, and because of that; 3) reception, examination, treatment and adjudication varies from satisfactory to unsatisfactory in the various hospitals and field activities within the VA system.

The Committee believes the most critical element that emerged from the above chain is two-fold. FIRST, educating and sensitizing the lower levels of the VA some of whom are still not knowledgeable as to the unique needs and circumstances of the former prisoners of war, and the provisions of PL 97-37 on the POW's behalf. In this connection, the VA committed itself to a completed video-tape which describes the proper reception and treatment of former POWs. This fine indoctrination and training documentary is scheduled for distribution later this year to all VA facilities.

SECOND, and even more important, is the production and distribution of a medical protocol (checklist) which spells out in detail how and what the examining physicians must do and look for when examining the former prisoner of war.

Also, in regards to the responsibilities of the examining physicians, it was unanimously concluded by the Committee that each medical jacket (record) of a former prisoner of war must include a resume which identifies location, length and condition of imprisonment of the individual veteran, and that this resume or history be required to be reviewed by the examining physician prior to reaching a final diagnosis.

The Committee was advised by the Medical Sub-Committee that it was strongly supportive of expanding the list of diseases considered to be presumptive of service-connection in the former prisoner of war. In fact, they will be pressing hard for those diseases which are readily identifiable as serious candidates.

Separately, the Medical Sub-Committee is also structuring recommendations for an in-depth study which will serve as a basis for expanding the list of presumptive diseases where sufficient evidence may be available but, as yet, has not been identified. It is expected that much new knowledge from the field of Malnutrition as it affects people who have suffered from long term incarceration will come from this study. This will also have obvious advantages in terms of expanding the present body of knowledge associated with the latent effects of the prolonged nutrition and stress which is characterized by the POW experience, and could help to improve health care and possibly expand compensation to these veterans.

The Committee expressed its grave concern about the slow progress in implementing PL 97-37. The Committee further resolved that this will obtain until the Committee is satisfied that the provisions and spirit and intent of PL 97-37 are understood and practiced by the field (VA personnel) and by VA physicians in their examinations of former POWs. The Committee further resolved that a final determination of a former POW's claim for treatment or compensation for service-connection for disability which was acted on after the effective date of PL 97-37 (1 October 1981) should not be made until the POW had the opportunity to be examined under the new protocol being established and the other procedures being put into effect. All such claims will be reconsidered at that time.

The Committee also strongly expressed its judgement that until the examining physicians are educated to the unique circumstances of the POW experience and the results of those

examinations are properly documented, the Rating Boards and Review Boards lack complete medical evidence to adjudicate the cases properly. The adjudication process is critically dependent upon the physician's diagnosis which in turn is affected by his own knowledge of the medical after-effects of the prolonged imprisonment.

General Flynn emphasized that former POWs whose claims for service-connected disabilities attributable to their POW experience continue to be denied will be able to appeal such denials, and that the Service Officers representing the POW should apprise his Committee of particularly complex cases. Flynn further cited the need for patience and cooperation on the part of the former POW lest, hasty adverse actions place the entire program in jeopardy. 'In an effort to solve these problems which still exist, there must be a positive attitude of cooperation and understanding between the ex-POW community and the VA, for nothing can be gained by an adversarial attitude toward the VA,' said Flynn. He emphasized that should unjust circumstances become evident, they should be immediately brought to the attention of the responsible offices of the particular ex-POW organization of Service Officer serving the reporting party.

Miss Dorothy Starbuck, Chief of the Department of Benefits, Veterans Administration and ex-Officio member of the Advisory Committee, continually stressed the fact that the VA was and is continuing to monitor cases of former

prisoners of war to determine the extent to which the spirit and intent of PL 97-37 is being implemented. She advised the Committee of the continuing efforts of the VA to educate and train personnel responsible for handling POW cases. This education and training includes the members of Rating Boards as well as persons assigned to the Adjudication sections. Of particular importance was the fact that the VA Central Office stresses the special needs of the former POW and the uniqueness of their problems. Miss Starbuck has gone on record as stating, 'there will be no decision made on a former POW's case at the regional (VA) level until the case has been thoroughly reviewed by a senior staff member at that regional office.' General Flynn commended Miss Starbuck and her staff for their protective and positive attitude in working with the former POW and his problems.

Miss Starbuck took the opportunity to introduce the newest appointee to the Committee. He is Mr. Robert J. Schinaman from Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Starbuck advised the members of the Committee that the Ranking Minority member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee had advised the Administrator, Mr. Nimmo, of the fact that in developing PL 97-37 it was Congress' intent that membership on the Advisory Committee should include a disabled veteran who was not a former prisoner of war. Mr. Schinaman is a former member of the United States Marine Corps who was severely wounded in Vietnam.

### ALLEN AWARDED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE



AXPOW National Director, Northeast Region, Edward Allen was presented an award for public service. Presenting the award which honors citizens of the greater Cleveland area for their outstanding assistance to veterans and their dependents, was VA Dtr. Ralph E. Smith.

### NBC BATAAN DOCUMENTARY

The NBC documentary, BATAAN, THE FORGOTTEN HELL, is scheduled to air Sunday, December 5, as this issue of the Bulletin goes to press. This is the fifth date given by NBC; other dates were August 6, December 15, December 3 and December 4 and August 15. Those members who viewed the program may express their views about the newscast by writing to Jean Wilson, NBC News, Room 1239, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, NY 10020.

**CORRECTION:** It was reported in the Ex-POW Bulletin that new VA Deputy Administrator Everett Alvarez, Jr., was the longest held POW of the Vietnam War. This information, taken from VA press releases, is apparently incorrect. While Deputy Administrator Alvarez was held for 8½ years, Colonel Floyd J. Thompson, a Special Forces officer, was held in POW captivity for eight years, 355 days.



**VAVS REPRESENTATIVES**

Biloxi, MS, Gulfport Div., VAMC  
 Veda Thomas, representative  
 Ellen Blocker, deputy  
 Frankie Petty, deputy

Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital  
 Charles Farnham, representative



Pictured is VAVS Nat'l Dtr. Tillman Rutledge and Ed Rose, Director of Voluntary Services, at the 36th Annual National VAVS Advisory Committee Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, in October 1982. [Rutledge is on the left].



**VAVS REP ISSUES CHALLENGE**

Pictured are VAVS Rep. Bill Youmans and VAVS Deputy Rep. Pauline Youmans, who have been volunteering their time and service for three years. Pauline works in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at the Gainesville VAMC; Bill works in the nursing home. They need help badly and Bill has issued a challenge to all area AXPOWs to come out and help them.

**VAVS NEWS AND VIEWS**

by Nat'l VAVS Rep. Tillman Rutledge

We are looking for a 'working' National VAVS Deputy Representative, preferably in the areas where most VAMCs are located. If you have any recommendations, please send them to me for review and possible recommendation to Nat'l Cmdr. Miller for appointment.

Did you know that chapters with relatively smaller membership appear to be more involved in VAVS than larger chapters? Do not know nor understand why. Many people ask who are Reps/Deps are. Well, we have two PNC, Joe Upton and Mel Madero; Nat'l Chaplain John Romine, Past National Directors, National Director, Past Department and Chapter Commanders, Chapter Commanders, several husband and wife teams, and families involved in more than one VAMC such as George and Katherine Morris at Bay Pines, FL, with son, Scotty, at Oklahoma City. Occasional volunteers are valued assets also. Many of our members and non-members are still working but willing to assist on an occasional basis. Check these resources out. Wichita, KS, Livermore, CA; Seattle, WA; St. Louis, MO; both John Cochran and Jefferson Bks Div.; and Tomah, WI, are prime examples of this, with Wichita leading the pack.

At our national convention in Colorado Springs, I was very fortunate to finally meet many of our volunteers. I love every one. Some of our Reps/Deps have inquired as to obtaining media coverage. I supplied what I have learned the hard way and am pleased with the results they have gone out and obtained. However, we now have a highly qualified National Media Director/Chairperson, Kit Newburey. So, if any of you Reps/Deps desire any advice or guidance in this area, I know Kit will be glad to advise if you will write to her.

Our VAVS pins/hour bars are on order, so you Reps get the names/hours in to me as per request in October Bulletin.

I have noted that several VAMCs have requested that you update your mailing lists on their VAVS Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Please insure that corrections are made ASAP to reflect National Commander Miller, National SVC Derrington, and myself as you national recipients. THIS IS IMPORTANT. I read every one I receive before filing in the respective VAMC file. National Commander Miller and I are very pleased to report to you that we now have 51 VAVS units in 27 states. Thanks to you, because you are making it happen. Keep it up and we will keep getting stronger in community involvement.

**MONTOYAS MOVE TO ALBUQUERQUE**



When Ben and Mary Montoya moved from Dallas, Texas, to Albuquerque, New Mexico, Ben's work as a VAVS representative moved from the Dallas VAMC to the Albuquerque VAMC. Ben was in the 200th CA, captured on Bataan in April 1942. They are AXPOW Life Members and active past members of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter.

**EX-POW MUSEUM PLANNED AT ANDERSONVILLE**

The East Alabama Chapter recently made a visit to Andersonville National Cemetery and Civil War Prison site. Twenty members and their families were provided a special guided tour of the former prison site and cemetery. The Andersonville National Historic Site is administered by the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Presently there is a museum of Civil War Andersonville POWs that exhibits a great deal of material and memorabilia of that era. The site is professional and the grounds well kept.

The chapter was informed that the national park plans to construct a museum to commemorate all American ex-POWs of all wars at some time in the future. The National Park Service has particular interest in the input of World War II ex-POWs as to what the proposed museum should include. Though the National Park Service has an immense amount of material from the Civil War, it has little from World Wars I and II. Much of this material remains with family members; the Park Service is particularly interested in acquiring this type of material.

The East Alabama Chapter concluded their visit with a picnic on the Andersonville grounds.

**EL PASO CHAPTER'S APPRECIATION NIGHT & ANNUAL PICNIC**

One hundred forty-two members of AXPOW were honored and entertained by members of American Legion Post 58 at their second annual American Ex-POWs Appreciation Night in El Paso on September 28, 1982. Post Cmdr. John Marino welcomed the honored guests, El Paso Alderman Pat Haggerty and Dept. of New Mexico Cmdr. Donald C. Harris. Dinner, dancing and warm fellowship made it an evening to cherish and remember. Pictured, left to right, are Board Member Dolores Frias, Adj. Eva Moore, SC Nat'l Dtr. Milton Moore, Mrs. Willem Downey, Vice Cmdr. Willem Downey, Mrs. John Marino, American Legion Post 58 Cmdr. John A. Marino, Mrs. Cezar Sibal, and Cmdr. Cezar Sibal.



On October 1, 1982, the El Paso Chapter #1 held their annual picnic and dance in conjunction with a celebration of the 34th anniversary of the chapter. New officers were installed by Dept. of Texas Cmdr. Jose A. Hinojosa. Guests included American Legion Post 58 Cmdr. John Marino, Mrs. Jose Hinojosa, Art and Ann Bressi from Tucson, Arizona, and Tommy and Vee Dawn Romero and son Jaime from Las Cruces, New Mexico. Pictured, left to right, are State Cmdr. Jose Hinojosa; Board Directors Jonathan P. Burns, Edward C. Sharpe, Michael Madarchick, Hubert Griffith, Sally Azares; Sr. Dtr. Cezar Sibal; Treas. Jose Ramirez; Dtr. Alfonso Natera; Adj. Lorenzo Frias; and Cmdr. Richard Heil. Not pictured is Vice Cmdr. John Ritchley.

NEW CHAPTERS

The newly organized Yavapai Chapter in Prescott, Arizona, installed their first slate of officers during their October meeting. ND Ed Stokes presided during the installation ceremony. Those taking the oath of office were Cmdr. Garnet Brawley, Adj/Treas Ann Richey, Service Officer Merton Dorsey, and Chaplain June McKibbon. Vice Cmdr. Harlow Yaeger was unable to attend. Patrick Mitchell, a senior aide to Sen. Dennis de Concini, presented the chapter with a flag that had flown over the United States Capitol Building on September 16, 1982. Other guests in attendance were: Milton Stahmer, Prescott City Councilman; Donald Pratt, Associate Director of the Whipple VA Hospital in Prescott; Edward Parry, Veterans Representative at the Whipple Hospital; and Ted Shoemaker and Earl Hail, American Legion Commanders from two local posts.



Patrick Mitchell [right] presents an American flag to Cmdr. Brawley.



ND Edward Stokes administers the oath of office to Yavapai Chapter officers [from left] Chaplain June McKibbon, SO Merton Dorsey, Adj/Treas Ann Richey, and Cmdr. Garnet Brawley.

New chapters have been chartered in North Dakota, Arkansas, Colorado and Tennessee. Cmdr. Pershing Y. Carlson heads the Dakota West Chapter in Bismarck, North Dakota. Nat'l

Chaplain John Romine is commander of the Northwest Arkansas Chapter in Rogers. In Denver, Colorado, the commander of the dMile High Chapter is Walter J. Fox. The Mid-South Chapter is located in Memphis, Tennessee.

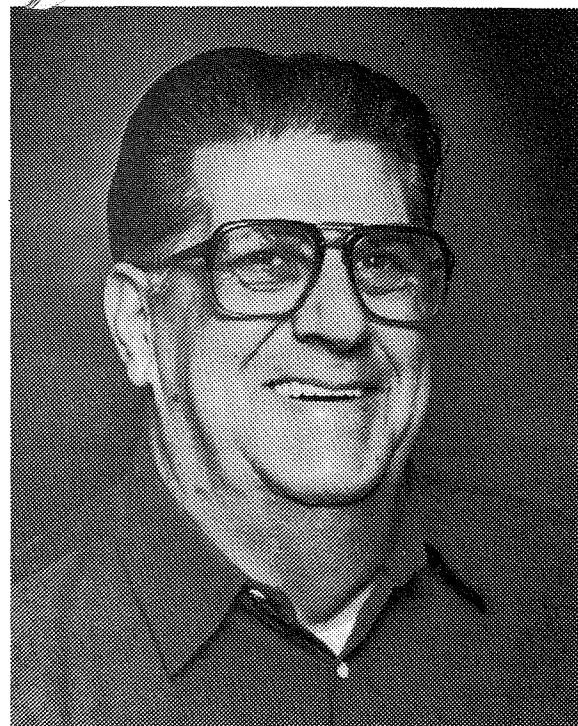
Fifty-five ex-prisoners of war and their guests from the Riverside and San Bernardino county, CA, areas gathered recently to make tentative plans for another new chapter of AXPOW. Hosting the event were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curry. A special guest was Marian Squires, one of a team to assist ex-pows who seek medical care at the Jerry Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda. In appreciation for her help, Ms. Squires was presented a plaque by Southern California Chapter No. 1 Cmdr. George Christoff. Nat'l Cmdr. Charles Miller explained PL 97-37 to the gathering.



Pictured left to right are George Christoff, Marian Squires and NC Charles Miller.



Pictured is Northeast Iowa Chapter Cmdr. Allen Kellogg [left] accepting the chapter's charter from Nat'l JVC Orlo Natvig.



WISCONSIN EX-POW KEEPS ON GIVING

Most ex-POWs, having seen combat, have been shot at, poked with bayonets, hit with rifle butts, suffered diseases, malnutrition, parasite infestation, and been wounded with loss of blood. They have given much for their fellow man. One such ex-POW is Barbwire

Chapter Cmdr. Raymond Lauters, Port Washington, WI, who just may have set a record for donating blood. Ray has been a blood donor since 1940, and by his own confession, it is his hobby. Everyone in the Southeast Wisconsin Blood Center knows Ray on a first name basis, for he has donated a record 20 gallons of his life sustaining fluid to 'the man who cannot help himself,' much of it before our organization adopted that motto.

Ray is one who takes his hobby with him when he travels. He has given blood in Florida, Las Vegas, Fort Worth, Boise, Fresno, Utah, France, Germany, and the list goes on.

Being wounded in a 1943 bombing mission over sub-pens in the North Sea, 40% disabled, and now age 60, has been no deterrent to Ray's giving so others might live. Nor did he stop giving while a POW, but gave blood to seriously wounded men in prison camp, where he spent 699 days.

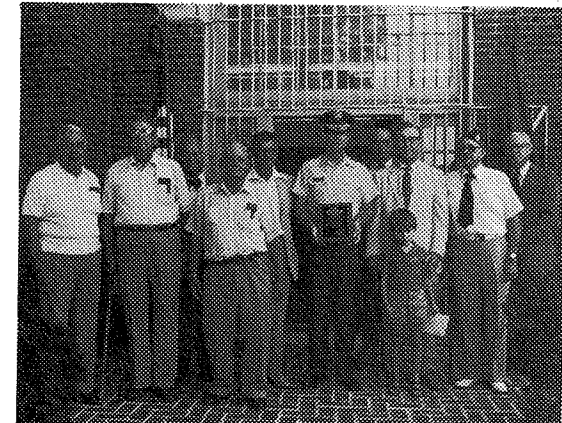
Ray, not a man to complain, states that while in some years he gave as much as 8 pints, he is now restricted to 5 pints per year. He continues in his friendly, modest manner to reach for his hobby's goal of 25 gallons. Ray Lauters received feature article prominence in the MILWAUKEE SENTINEL recently, and was given special recognition at the Wisconsin State Convention. Ray is a living symbol of the AXPOW motto.

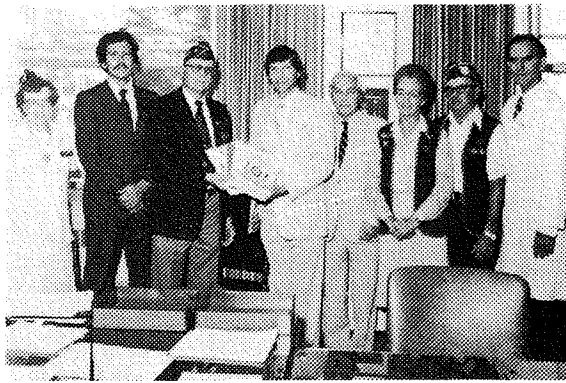
KENTUCKY'S FIGHTING 192ND TANK BATTALION HONORED

August 21, 1982, was a memorable day for Kentucky's Fighting 192nd Tank Battalion. On that day a plaque was given to General Buster of the Kentucky Military Historical Museum, by Major General Billy G. Wellman of the Kentucky National Guard, to be placed in the military museum at Frankfort. Authorized by Gov. John Brown, the plaque commemorates the battalion made up of companies from Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Kentucky, which, with the 194th Tank Battalion, played a major part in the defense of the Philippines and saved Australia and New Zealand from being invaded.

Members of the 192nd Tank Battalion who attended the dedication ceremony at the Kentucky Military History Museum are, left to right: Sgt. John Aldred, SSG Ernest Sampson,

Maj. [Dr.] Alvin Poweleit [standing to the rear], TSgt. Maurice 'Jack' Wilson, SSG George Chumley [standing to the rear], MG Billy G. Wellman, Maj. Horace Cull [standing to the rear], Maj. Edmund Rue, Rue's grandson Edwin Allen, Sgt. Elmer Bensing, and CW4 Claude Gritton [standing to the rear].





**WISCONSIN PRESENTS MORE PACKETS**

Pictured at the presentation of MedSearch packets #2,#3,#4,#8,#9 & #10 to the Madison, WI, VA hospital are, left to right: Mrs. Vera Meinhardt; Jerry Getsel, Chief, Voluntary Service; Cmdr. Meinhardt; T.I. Stronova, Hospital Director; John Reynolds, VAVS Deputy Rep., AXPOW; Mary Pope, Deputy Rep., AXPOW; Ralph W. Pope, Rep., AXPOW; and Dr. Paul Ebling of the hospital staff.

**VA MEMO ON FORMER POWS**

The following is from a VA memo on the guidelines for performing autopsy examination of former prisoners of war, written by Dr. Carl Hughes, Assistant Chief Medical Director for Professional Services.

1) A special Registry was established in 1980 at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) for pathological material from former POWs of WWII, the Korean conflict and Vietnam era.

2) It is estimated that approximately 96,000 former prisoners of war from World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam era were still living in 1980. Follow-up studies on former prisoners of war have documented not only the rate and type of morbidity and disability, both psychological and physical, but have detailed as well the differences in disease patterns between those held prisoner in the Far East and those held captive in the European theater of operations. Each POW group had a mortality ratio higher than that of a matched control group. The experience of both European and Pacific prisoners of WWII suggests a positive association of stress in prison with later mortality. Mortality ratios have been greater in the Korean and Pacific (Japanese) prisoners than in prisoners from the European and Mediterranean areas of WWII. Sequelae of POWs are both physical and psychiatric but these sequelae have been more prevalent in the Pacific and Korean POWs than in the European POWs. Parasitic diseases, tuberculosis, cardiovascular-renal disease, gastrointestinal and liver disease, as well as neurological disorders have all been major causes of disability. Many of these former POWs have been left with permanent impairments. Review of injuries, illnesses and psychiatric disorders among POWs of the Vietnam era indicates the most common

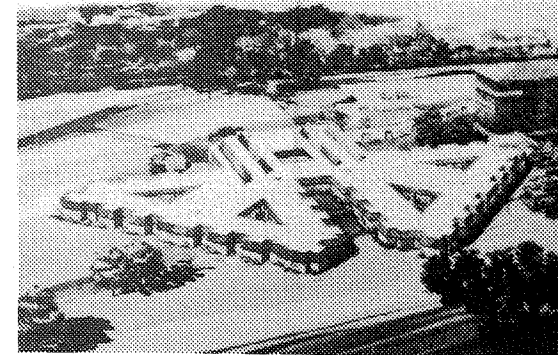
physical illnesses diagnosed in Army POWs on repatriation were helminthiasis, avitaminosis, bacterial skin infections and dermatophytosis, peripheral nerve injury, hearing loss, diseases of the retina and optic nerves, malaria, amoebiasis, acute upper respiratory infections, dental problems and compressed fractured vertebrae. Some of these former POWs are considered to be at risk because of the extended period of time during which they were subjected to protein, calorie and vitamin malnutrition. The term 'premature aging' has been applied to prisoners who were in their teens when captured. Late adolescence is a vulnerable time to undergo the stress of malnutrition.

3) The wide range of diseases, deficiencies and disabilities to which all POWs were exposed, emphasizes the importance of extending the medical follow-up in these patients whenever possible. Obtaining permission for autopsy examination on former prisoners of war is therefore strongly encouraged.

...Familiarity with the spectrum of diseases likely to affect former prisoners of war will enable the pathologist to render a more complete medical assessment of patients in this select group.

4) All pathological material (surgical, cytologic and autopsy) from POWs will be examined and reported in the customary manner at each medical center. In addition, a duplicate set of slides, blocks and representative wet tissue will be forwarded to the AFIP. All material for shipment to AFIP will be packaged in the usual manner and addressed to the Director, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, 'Attention Former POW Registry.' The packaged specimens may be further identified by affixing a POW label (VA Form 10-5558). This label measures 2½ x 5/8 inches and has the letters POW in green on a white background.

June 18, 1982



**NURSING HOME DEDICATION AT HINES VA HOSPITAL**

On October 22, 1982, Thomas and Marge Welsh represented the American Ex-Prisoners of War at dedication ceremonies of a new nursing home to be operated by the Veterans Administration on the grounds of Hines VA Hospital, Hines, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. In his keynote address, Dr. John Mather of Washington, D.C., pointed out that with the aging of the veteran population the VA must be prepared for an ever-increasing number of patients and that within twenty years, two out of every five male veterans will be 65 years of age or over. There will therefore be an increasing need for the type of care and treatment which will be given to aged veterans in this new facility. The 120-bed nursing home is one of the first of its kind in the nation and the first in the Chicago area. In addition to the care and treatment of patients, this will also be a research and training facility to provide new knowledge of the problems of aging and to train nurses and other staff personnel in order to prepare for the staff needs of future facilities similar to the Hines nursing home, which was expected to be fully occupied within 60 days.

**WANTED:** Civilian ex-prisoners of war information. If you have any information of any reunions, conventions, groups, etc., please advise Nat'l Dtr. Frank B. Hawkins, 9000 S. Shartel 104, Oklahoma City, OK 73139.

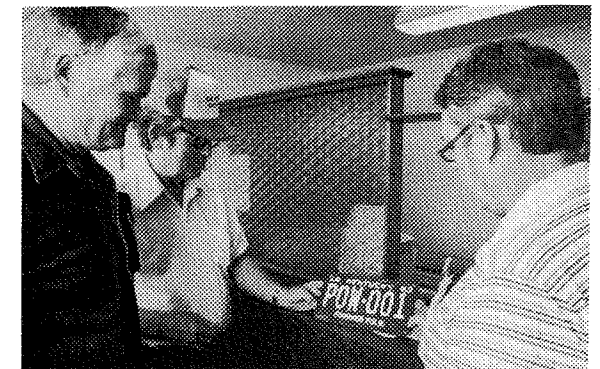
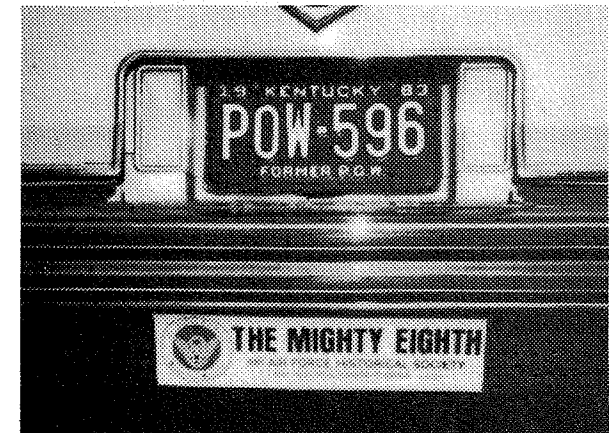
**EX-POW LICENSE PLATES UPDATE**

At the August meeting of the Dakota Plains Chapter of AXPOW, Cmdr. Vasiljevic read a letter from Lt. Gov. Sands on the subject of POW license plates. It was recommended from the floor that the surviving spouse of the ex-POW continue to have plates issued to her as long as she remains a widow. The motion was seconded and carried.



Pictured is George E. Toomey of Virginia, with his free set of ex-POW license plates. Toomey served in the 8th Air Force during WWII as a radio operator and was held prisoner by the Germans for 16 months.

Incorrect information was submitted to the BULLETIN last spring regarding the renewal cost of Former POW plates for Kentucky residents. The renewal fee is \$2.00.



Pictured is the 'Former POW' license plate of Kentuckian R.L. Hulsey [above]; below, State Rep. Virgil Pearman, Charles Frost and Hardin County Clerk David Logsdon with the first Kentucky POW license plate.



Men kneel during the Pledge of Allegiance to symbolize that prisoners of war are not permitted to recognize the American flag. Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**POW/MIA AWARENESS DAY**

October 24, 1982, was proclaimed POW/MIA Awareness Day in Raymore, Grandview, Kansas City, Raytown, Independence and Belton, Missouri, and Wichita and the State of Kansas. In Belton, the city siren sounded and a color guard preceded three 'prisoners' shackled by a chain of red ribbon. Guests and dignitaries followed. The program opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The 'prisoners' bowed their heads but did not join in the pledge; it was explained that they were in the hands of the enemy and not allowed the privilege of honoring the flag of the United States. Ex-prisoners, family members and friends shared experiences with the public; other speakers urged support of efforts to account for the 2,500 servicemen who are still missing in Southeast Asia. The program was brought to a close by everyone joining hands and singing 'God Bless America.'

The Belton program was conducted by the Air Force Sergeants Association and the City of Belton with the aid of VFW, American Legion, AXPOW and other individuals.

The Sioux Land Chapter of AXPOW organized and participated in a silent parade in conjunction with the local DAV chapter and other veterans organization in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Four former prisoners of war, tied together with a red rope and approximately 30 other men marched silently through a busy shopping mall in that city. DAV Cmdr. Gene Murphy of the Sioux Falls Chapter stated, 'If each American took five minutes to write their Congressmen and Senators to say if you don't get these boys (MIAs in SE Asia) back, we won't vote for you. Even if one comes back and asks you, 'What did you do to get me back?', what are you going to tell him?'

**JUDICIAL REVIEW BILL PASSES SENATE**

A bill that would give veterans the right to court review of VA benefit decisions has been passed by the U.S. Senate. Under current law, veterans and their families do not have the right to seek judicial review of the VA's decisions on such benefits as service-connected disability compensations, nonserviceconnected pension, and others. The decisions of the VA's Board of Veterans Appeals are final. Sponsored by Sen. Gary Hart (D-Colorado) and co-sponsored by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-California), the bill, S-349, would also require the VA to publish new rules and regulations, and would lift the current \$10 ceiling on the fee a veteran may pay a private attorney for representation in a VA claim.

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**MAUMEE VALLEY CHAPTER GROWING**

The Maumee Valley Chapter of AXPOW, formed in June 1981, now numbers over 100 members. The chapter held a benefit dance on October 16 at the Christ Dunberger Post #537 of the American Legion in Oregon, Ohio. The dance was well attended.

**VIRGINIA CHAPTER FORMED**

September 18, 1982, was a day of reunion as ex-POWs, their wives and guests from western Virginia gathered to be charter members of AXPOW Shenandoah Valley Chapter. The ceremony took place in Chandler Hall on the campus of James Madison University, with an address by ND W. Curtis Musten and a flag posting by the JMU corps of cadets. It was decided that, owing to the diversification of locations of the ex-POWs, a newsletter would be the best means of conveying information to members, which Cmdr. Bob Frakis began.

Application for national charter was formalized and quarterly meetings in Harrisonburg are planned.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Family and friends gathered at the Kingsland, Texas, American Legion Post home to witness the marriage of Highland Lakes Chapter Cmdr. Allen Hancock and Faye Arthur of Amarillo. After the ceremony all enjoyed wedding cake and champagne. Best wishes and much happiness from all members who could not be present. Pictured is Cmdr. Hancock accepting the chapter charter from (then) Cmdr. Morgan

**A Star For Our Daddy**

by Mrs. Guy Massey  
December 24, 1944

There's a Star in our window this Christmas Eve.  
A Star hanging there is hard to believe,  
A Star for our Daddy so precious and dear  
A Daddy we've seen only once in a year.  
We know that our Daddy who's over the foam  
Is fighting for freedom and longing for home.

Our home is sad this Holy night,  
Where the Christmas Star in the heaven shines bright.  
But we have hope in that Star above,  
That God will take care of the Dad we love.  
And may the ache in our hearts be made mild,  
For born this night was the Holy Child.

We hope that soon this war is done,  
So we can be with our darling one.  
To vanish all the tears and fears,  
That war has caused us these past years.  
In the window hangs your Star of blue  
For Daddy, there's none as fine as you.

So on this Christmas Eve we're waiting  
Until this strife, with all its hating,  
Is gone, forever in the past,  
And you'll be with us, home at last.  
God speed the day of Victory  
When all mankind will be set free.



After reading your 'Brings Back Memories' in the October (1982) Bulletin, I recalled the Christmas of 1944 when my three children and I were home alone with my husband overseas. As I sat that evening, my thoughts were of him and what he was going through. I wrote this poem of some of the thoughts that night. I know there are other wives and mothers that had those same thoughts and 'stars' in their windows.

# INFORMATION

Millard Hileman, 309 S. Third St., Dayton, WA 99328, is looking for any survivors of **Sgt. Wally Kinder**, formerly of the 745th Ordnance Co., at Clark Field. Kinder escaped Bataan with six companions on April 10, 1942. He was last seen alive by Hileman at the Pilar-Bagac Road on about April 14, 1942. It is said that Kinder was killed in the hills of northern Luzon by the Japanese.

Any relatives of **Orlow Heinzman**, of the 698th Ordnance Co., please contact Millard Hileman, 309 South Third St., Dayton, WA 99328. Hileman knows where Orlow's burial spot is on the Gu Mein River in Pampanga. He has pictures of the site and will be visiting in Pampanga on or about December 28, 1982.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts or having information on **Royal Green** from Amarillo, Texas, please contact Bill Rhodes, 218 So. Reed Ave., Reedley, CA 93654, PH: (209)638-4712. Royal was in the 306th Bomb Group, 367th Squadron, and was a POW in Stalag SVII-B in 1943-45.



Cmdr. Charley J. Skidmore, P.O. Box 696, Shallowater, TX 79363, would like to hear from anyone who remembers the prison camp pictured. It was a Catholic church, high upon a mountain, Siegburg, Germany.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following information was submitted by John K. Jones, Sr., of Milford, OH. Thank you.

The poem, 'God's Minute', appearing in the October '82 issue on page 21, was often recited by the philosopher-poet Bill Bone. I heard him a few times during the thirties when I was a teenager. My impression was that all his recitations were originals of his.

Stalag Luft IV former prisoners of war will be interested in the following, no doubt. A friend of mine who lives in Kolobzeg, Poland, visited by family this summer. This city is approximately 20 kilometers from the site of Stalag Luft IV at Tychow during World War II (Grossytchow was the German name of the town). A railway station is still there, but all the camp buildings are gone. A marker has been erected which relates that on this site there had been a POW camp.

## PHILIPPINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

By GASEI



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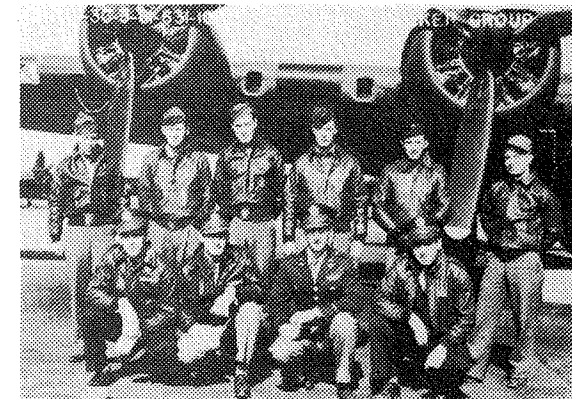
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# INFORMATION

Wiley W. Sloman, 8700 Broadway #1150, Houston, TX 77061, would like to locate **SAMUEL W. RAYMOND** USMC, who was taken prisoner of war on Wake Island in December 1941; first taken to China and later to Japan.



Gena D. Hawthorne, 4217 S. Broad St., Yardville, NJ 08620, would like to hear from anyone who knew her husband, **Fred Hawthorne**, as a POW in Stalag XVII. This photograph is from his scrapbook, taken in Grand Island, Nebraska. Across top of photo: (S18AB-3C-3-81-631-10-26-1310), crew 17, Walker Group. Lower row, left to right: Pilot 2nd Lt. Alvin Shuering, Co-pilot F.O. Barney Price, Nav. Hamilton, Flood. Standing: A. Eng. F. Hawthorne, Assit Ben Ambler, Radio Mickey Carmonniski, Asst Leon Currie, A. Gunner Henry Ashley, Asst. Tail Bergen.

**HELP!** Rosindo Tiritilli, 2918 South Pacific Ave., Santa Anna, CA 92704, PH: (714)549-0529, would like to hear from former prisoners of war about the diseases caused by malnutrition that have affected them or other POWs in the camps in which they were held. He would also like sketches and/or photographs of prisoners of war showing the effects of malnutrition. Mr. Tiritilli is completing work for a Ph.D. in malnutrition and needs this information for an article he is writing.

George MacDonell (Mac), originally from Jamaica, L.I., N.Y., now residing at 1847 S.W. Buckskin Trail, FL 33494, PH: (305)287-8302, would like to hear from anyone with information about two ex-POWs who were with him in Stalag VIII-A and IV-B and on the march from Belgium to Germany. They are **Henry R. Clemens**, last known address, Route 2, Jamestown, ND Tel 14F; and **B.M. Lester**, last known address 1219 Funston Ave., California. They served in the 18th Calv. Recon. and were captured Dec. 16, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge.

Lanham Reeder, Rt. 8, Box 158, New Braunfels, TX 78130, would like to locate an ex-POW named **Riley**, believed to be in the Texas National Guard, who made the Bataan Death March, was held in the Philippines and then went to Manchuria. Riley was from around Texarkana and worked with Reeder in the oilfield around Corpus Christi, 1946-48, for Allen-Moris Drilling Co.

Sam Landers, P.O. Box 9792, South Lake Tahoe, CA 95731, would like to locate a fellow ex-POW friend of WWII, held in Stalag III-A, Luckenwalde, Germany. His name was **Hal [Harold] Schneringer**.

Norb Moran, 1431 Oakglen St., Pittsburgh, PA 151204, PH: (412)922-3530, would like any information concerning former crew members of his B-17 while in the 97th Bomb Group, 341st Bomb Sqdn. They are: **Lt. William J. Gray**, pilot; **Lt. Irvin S. Taylor**, navigator; **Joseph A. Conway**, tail gunner; and **James Earle**, photographer. Their crew was shot down over Linz, Austria, during WWII, were POWs together and liberated from Moosburg, Germany.

The members of **Arbite Kammando 1637**, Burtzen, Germany, are trying to locate all ex-POWs who were with them between March 1944 and May 1945. The group holds annual reunions. Contact either Robert Abrahamson, 9 Edwards Ave. Rt. 6, Westford, MA 01886; or Ralph Ammon, Jr., 215 Market St., Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **George Wicks**, or any of his relatives, please contact Millard Hileman, 309 S. Third St., Dayton, WA 99328. Wicks was formerly with the 698th Ordnance Co., stationed at Clark Field in the Philippines at the start of WWII. It is believed that Wicks stayed in the hills and was active with the guerrillas until removed by submarine late in 1944 or early 1945.

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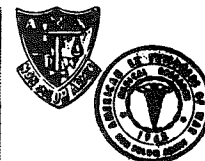
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The members of the National Medical Research Committee wish to extend to all of you a Merry Christmas...may the spirit of Christmas bring peace and joy to you and may the new year bring you bountiful blessings.

Sept. 24, 1982, will be a day never forgotten, as I was given the honor of being an official delegate for the State of Wisconsin Medal of Honor presentation at the Arlington Memorial Display Room at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in honor of the 25,000 Wisconsin men and women who gave their lives defending our freedom. While standing there with bowed head, I offered a silent prayer on behalf of all former prisoners of war who made the supreme sacrifice, for who, cherished freedom more. I had a feeling that our departed comrades heard this prayer.

POW Advisory Committee Action - Since the passing of Public Law 97-37, we still find that many VA employees in the field are not fully aware of these benefits. To help eliminate this and as a result of action taken by the full POW Advisory Committee, in agreement and coordinated with the VA Central Office, an audiovisual item explaining PL 97-37 and its many benefits granted ex-POWs is now being produced by the VA to be shown to all VA personnel in the field who come in contact with us.

Many thanks to the State Department of Wisconsin for their annual \$250.00 donation to MedSearch, to all chapters and individuals for your continued support of MedSearch through memorials and extra donations. This truly lifts our spirits and shows the wonderful support we have from the full membership.

The following article was sent in by MedSearch member Otto Schwarz. It is by Dr. David Hinder, M.C., B.S., D.O., F.R.A.C.O., an ophthalmologist with practice in Sydney, Australia. As a POW of the Japanese for 3½ years, Dr. Hinder was in the same camps that we were in and believes it is medically impossible to recover completely from the untreated diseases and hardships such as a prisoner of war suffered.

Taken from 'The Limbless Soldier', September, 1977, Australia.

The following letter was written by a Sydney doctor, Dr. David Hinder, and has appeared in a number of ex-servicemen's journals. It should appear in every ex-service magazine in the nation. We reprint it with the doctor's permission.

Mr. Editor:

From your comments, and those of others in the magazine (THE NINETEENTH), it is obvious that some ex-POWs think that they have been badly treated by the repatriation department. I sympathize with them, but do not know what can be done about it. This personal account of mine might be of assistance to some, or to their own doctors in preparing their appeal, but I must point out that I could not get my own disabilities accepted myself, so I am not of much help.

As you know, but the general public does not, POW (J), may mean anything from POW Singapore to POW Thailand, Burma, Borneo or Japan and all stops in between, for at the end of the war we were spread out over 3,000 miles of Asia from Singapore to Manchuria, but in the public mind we are all POW Changi because, I suppose, Changi was the biggest camp and more came back from there than anywhere else.

The conditions of life, work and health, I presume, differed in all camps and areas. Each one of us only knows of the conditions in his own camp, and I have no knowledge of what happened in Singapore for the last two years of the war or in Thailand for the last 12 months after we had left for Japan. I only know of the conditions encountered by the fit, so called, working parties to which I was attached, and my experiences as a POW are confined to these groups.

It is my belief that our life on POW working parties could have prepared the way for the onset of degenerative diseases that appear with age. Some of my colleagues agree with

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me, others do not, for there is no proof or evidence one way or the other.

I am, of course, biased, but if I were not, I would not be human and, in this, any scientific detachment I have is overshadowed by my own experiences and the trial and tribulation of others.

At different times I have been asked to help ex-working party POWs in their claims to the repatriation department, and I have always expressed the opinion, knowing the conditions of the various camps, that the privations, diseases and hardships we experienced could have contributed to any organic disability occurring in later life.

The arguments I have put forward are that under POW working party conditions starvation did not only mean starvation in quantity, but also and more important, it meant starvation in quality and, except possibly C, gross deficiency in all vitamins, proteins, and fat, leading to 1 Chronic Beri-beri, complicated by Chronic Untreated Pellagra.

In this chronic debilitated anaemic state with a pathology induced low blood pressure, complicated by chronic untreated malaria, complicated by chronic untreated diarrhoea and dysentery, amoebic and bacillary, and in many cases, harbouring hook-worm, intestinal parasites and worms and suffering also from tropical ulcers, POWs were not at rest in bed at hospital, as they would have been in any civilized country, but were doing hard manual work seven days a week, month after month, for 3½ years, under the supervision of guards who, themselves, were the victims of a medieval feudal system.

All these complaints and diseases mixed up in varying degrees in every individual for two years in the tropics, then culminating in the last grim hungry starving years in Japan, in the coldest winter they had had for sixty years.

To me, it has always been surprising not that so many died, but that so many survived. Very few in our camp would have lived another year in Japan, and we were undoubtedly saved by the atomic bomb. Medical text books give a good prognosis for the complaints we suffered from, if they were all treated early, and they stress early; if neglected or untreated they all exact their own mortality. There is no prognosis given for any of these conditions, complicated by each other untreated, or all

untreated together, if they continue without treatment for any length of time, and in an individual doing hard manual work for seven days a week for some three years.

There is no prognosis because such a sorry state of affairs is not known to the writers of medical texts, and such a possibility of it happening has never entered their heads. It has never happened until it happened to us, or if it has, there are no medical records.

Granted that these conditions and diseases are endemic in Asian countries - the sufferers are at least free and can have some rest, receive perhaps home treatment, and are not driven out to work by armed guards, many of whom were sadistic, racial fanatics. If this period of our lives did us no harm, it seems to me that we are wasting a lot of time and money on our health services. Why do we emphasize a proper quality diet? Why bother about beri-beri, pellagra, malaria, dysentery? Treatment does not matter and those who have survived have not done themselves any lasting harm. If this is right, surely we could do away with drugs, close the hospitals and treat the sick and starving with work, and perhaps the survivors will suffer no ill effects.

In 1963 I had a coronary occlusion and it was found then that I had had an undiagnosed occlusion two or three years previously. Contributing factors to coronary occlusion recognized the world over are: 1) high blood pressure; 2) overweight; 3) smoking; 4) high blood cholesterol; 5) sedentary occupation. There also appears to be a family incidence. Coronary occlusions are a popular and fashionable complaint and some of us will be lucky enough to die from one.

I did not report these episodes to repatriation department or put in any claim, but continued working under medical supervision. I thought of putting a claim to the department, but decided against it because I felt well and was able to work, and I considered repatriation benefits should be reserved for those who were really in need of them. Six years later, in 1969, I had a left central vein thrombosis, and have since become totally blind in this eye. This rather alarmed me and, supported by advice from my colleagues, I put in a claim to the repatriation department that POW experiences had caused or contributed to my heart and eye disabilities. The appeal was rejected. I put in another appeal and pointed out the transition from a period of starvation to one of overeating

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and excessive cigarette smoking which began at the end of the war, when we were supplied with Western food and cartons of cigarettes by parachutes dropped by the Americans.

I pointed out the rapid gain in weight of everyone, and that this overweight and excess smoking persisted with me until my second coronary occlusion, when I got my weight under control and stopped smoking. This appeal was rejected. This made me annoyed because I had heard that some had had their coronaries accepted as due to their POW experiences and that some had not. I also felt that the repatriation department thought I was trying to put something over them.

I decided then to try and get the most authoritative opinions I could, and so wrote to three professors of medicine, one professor of ophthalmology and one director of eye care; gave them the facts of POW life such as our group found them, and asked for their opinion. This, of course, was not a fair question, but I was curious to see what answers I would get. From one I have not heard a word to this day. Three were sympathetic - one said it was outside his field as it was and would rather not comment. One said he would help if he could, but it was a difficult question and he doubted his opinion would carry much weight. The fourth said 'It was difficult to make a general statement on groups of people which can carry any weight at all' and 'I have given the written opinion that there was little or no evidence that Changi, etc., was liable to induce vascular disease.'

This was disappointing, but was an honest opinion given on the evidence which was virtually nil, since there does not appear to be any previous records. The fifth professor, to whom I am eternally grateful, restored some of my self confidence, rang me immediately, arranged an appointment and gave me a complete cardiac examination. He afterwards wrote to me a letter in which he stressed the following points:

- 1) I had high blood pressure on joining the army. I should not have been accepted in the first place.
- 2) Suddenly and dramatically in Japan, at the end of the war, our food intake was increased, gain in weight was rapid and I remained overweight until by occlusion.
- 3) I began smoking cigarettes in Malaya and resumed this habit at the end of the war and continued smoking until my occlusion.

On sending this letter into the repatriation department, I was notified within a week that my appeal had been accepted, and I have been granted an 80% pension for my two occlusions and loss of sight in my left eye. I felt vindicated in finally getting my appeal accepted, but it was not what I wanted, which was recognition that our period as POWs working parties had contributed to the degenerative diseases of age.

My appeal had been accepted on proven medical grounds, which could have happened had I stayed at Victoria barracks for the duration of the war. POW conditions and diseases did not even get a mention.

Apparently my 3½ years of hell as a POW did me no harm, but the period of heaven after the war paved the way for two coronaries, one of which nearly killed me and lost me the sight of one eye. The whole exercise still seems most extraordinary to me. There is evidence that a low food intake is beneficial to the heart. We dig our graves with our teeth, and the best exercise you can take is to push your chair back from the dinner table, two medical aphorisms that are old and well known. This low food intake is emphasized by those commenting on heart disease and POW life, but they overlook the fact that starvation was in quality as well as in quantity; that starving men were working while suffering from beri-beri, pellagra, malaria and dysentery; that they were anemic and were not receiving any treatment, nor were they allowed any rest; and they were in this state, not for a few days, but for months and years.

When I was put in hospital with my coronary, I was put on an 1100 calorie diet. This is a starvation diet, but the hospital dietitian saw to it that it was a well balanced diet with protein, fat, carbohydrates and vitamins. There was no lack of modern drugs. There was no complicating disease, and if there had been, it would have received immediate attention. There was constant supervision by doctors, sisters and nurses. I was not hounded out of bed to work, but was compelled to stay there longer than I wished. In other words, I was treated in a civilized manner, not in a barbaric one.

It is said that there is no greater incidence of coronary disease among POWs than there is in the general population. This may or may not be so, but it is a fallacious argument, since POWs were a selected fit group in the equivalent group of the general population, who had not passed a medical examination. Again, many

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POWs died - had they returned they might now be showing a greater incidence of degenerative diseases. POW existence undoubtedly lowered our blood pressure, but this was the result of malnutrition and disease, and is only further evidence of a sick body. Such a method of lowering the blood pressure with disease is not at all desirable.

I think that POWs working parties are fully justified in putting in a claim for any degenerative disease that may develop. In my own case it was coronary and loss of sight in one eye. In others it could be arthritis, stomach ulcers, colitis, diabetes or any organic disease. While still the responsibility of the army, we had a long period of hardship followed by a dramatic and immediate return to overeating and over indulgence. This latter period of affluent heavenly complaints is better known and documented and appreciated by our medical science than our 3½ years of hardship.

POWs and their doctors should not overlook this period of heaven, as it is a time when the foundations of later disabilities could have been laid.

All POWs with an organic disability should put in a claim to the repatriation department for that is the only way their complaints will be put on record, even if their claims are not accepted. Some affluent POWs may not be inclined to do this, but it is important for the record that they should do so, for without these claims being made, nobody will ever know what finally did happen to the POW(J), and if we did show any increased incidence of any particular disease. I do not know what records the repatriation department keeps, but in my own case, the department never knew of my coronaries until six years after my second one, and if I had not lost the sight in one eye, they might never have heard of it at all. There must be other POWs with similar stories, and there are some

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already dead, whose cause of death is unrecorded at the repatriation department.

POWs owe it to themselves, their fellows and to medical science to make their claims known, because we are, in a sense, a group of human guinea pigs, and our experiences have never happened before and they may never happen again. There is no previous scientific evidence of the late results of POW existence as we knew them, and only we can supply it, by putting in our claims for any proven organic disease. We are all the evidence, and if we do not make our complaints known, be they favourable or unfavourable to our appeals.

I could not do much when a POW and I cannot

do much now. When we were POWs the Japanese were callous and indifferent to our sickness. Now our scientific colleagues demand evidence that our illnesses did us any harm, and only we can supply the evidence. I feel we are once again up against a brick wall and it is up to the POWs to help each other by putting in their appeals. They helped each other in the past, and they can do it again.

I have had my bleat, but one thing I would like to say is this - I am a fourth generation Australian, and I have never been so proud of being one, before or since, as I was when a POW of the Japanese, for as you know, our boys were on their own.

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Past members of Hq. and Hq. Sdqn., 5th Air Base Group, are asked to contact Walt Regehr, 5137 Elbert Way, Sacramento, CA 95842, PH: (916)332-3671, concerning that Association's 1984 reunion.

The 12th Armored Division Association will hold a reunion July 7-10, 1983, in Nashville, TN. For further information, contact Warren E. Maue, 4320 Germantown-Liberty Rd., Germantown, OH 45327.

The 8th annual reunion for Korean War ex-POWs was held at Louisville, KY, August 6-8, 1982, and was attended by 216 former POWs with their families and friends, bringing total attendance to over 450 individuals. A project has been undertaken to arrange a 're-visit' tour for the members of this group interested in returning to Korea for a visit under more pleasant circumstances. Contact project chairman Gordon Madson, 1610 12th Ave., Manson, IA 50563. The 9th annual reunion for ex-POWs from the Korean War will be held at Dayton, Ohio, during the weekend of July 22-24, 1983. This date was selected to allow those members attending the AXPOW National Convention in Cleveland, OH, to also attend the Korean War event before returning to their homes. All former Korean POWs not on the mailing list are encouraged to contact William K. Norwood, 5013 Ormand Road, West Carrollton, OH 45449, or Hazel Long, 717 East Line Street, Calhoun, GA 30701. A special event is being planned in 1983 to celebrate the release of prisoners from the North Korean camps 30 years ago.

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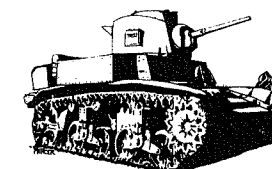
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# War Story With Twist

**Common Bond Turns Enemies Into Friends**  
by Holly Hamor, ITEM Staff Writer

Two men who fought in World War II reminisced over each others' scrapbooks in September, talking about fond and painful memories of war. Both men were in the air force, and both were prisoners of war. But John Northrup was in the United States Air Force. Martin Pietsch was in the German air force.

They met after the war, and a lasting friendship evolved from the common experiences as airmen and POWs.

Northrup, who retired as a master sergeant, was sent to Kaufburen, West Germany, in 1956, with five colleagues to start an air traffic control school. He taught two classes before going to Landsberg-am-Lech as an advisor to the German air force. Pietsch (pronounced Peach) was in one of those classes. In Landsberg, Northrup had to select one of the students training there as the non-commissioned officer in charge. Although he didn't know Pietsch well, he was impressed with him as a military leader and selected him for the job. It wasn't until 1958, shortly before he left Landsberg, that Northrup discovered Pietsch had been a prisoner of war in the United States, just as Northrup had been captured and held in Germany.

Through letters and visits over the years, Northrup and Pietsch, who retired as a chief master sergeant, developed a strong friendship that bridges not only the physical distance but also the gap created between them by the war.

As the men told the stories of their captures, each broke off time to time to ask the other a question: Do you remember where that was? Did that happen in May or June? Often neither of them knew the answer, and they consulted their wives, Mariean Northrup and Irmgard Pietsch, or their history books.

'In 1940, I was a PFC and became a pilot. Shortly after, when I was nearly perfect,' Pietsch said, smiling, 'I came to KG (squadron) 76 and during flying I have had 248 missions.' Two hundred of those missions were in Russia, the rest in North Africa and Sicily.

'I was three times shot down, two in Russia, and the last time captured,' Pietsch continued. Of the four men in the plane on that mission

near Sicily, he was the only one who survived. Pietsch landed in the Mediterranean Sea on July 17, 1943, at about 1:30 a.m. He swam for 14 hours before Allied aircraft spotted him and sent a rescue ship. 'The ship came, but I was too weak to climb the ladder. Two sailors came down and helped me aboard,' Pietsch said.

'The Captain asked me if I wanted a drink, and I said yes, I want it,' he continued. 'So the Captain gave me a quart of whiskey. In my mind I think, because his eyes became bigger and bigger, he didn't expect me to drink the whole thing.' He was later taken to Algiers and held there in what he called a horse box. 'But it was a clean box,' he said. 'They gave me 50 cigarettes, a coat, a spoon, knife, fork, and also food.'

Pietsch also recalls an escape attempt which he and two other prisoners engineered in northern Africa. His two friends had already gotten out of the prison, but when his turn came to escape they brought the men back. The next day they were put on a ship to the United States. During the time he was held in the States, Pietsch became a crew leader among the prisoners and picked cotton and dug potatoes in California, one of the places where he was held until the Allied victory in Europe.



**Martin Pietsch, above left, as a sergeant in the German air force in 1940. Above right, the picture that appeared on then Staff Sgt. John Northrup's German prisoner of war card after his capture in 1944.**

While Pietsch was being returned to Germany, he had to be examined in England, 'to see if I was democratic enough.'

'The examiner asked me, 'Why didn't you fight against Hitler as you did at the front? I see you have a lot of medals.' And I said, 'I was 15 years of age when Hitler came in power, and why didn't you fight against Hitler?' That cost me one more year in England,' Pietsch said.

The memories of capture are still as fresh for Northrup as they are for Pietsch. 'On April 27, 1944, I was shot down on my tenth mission over the coast of Belgium,' Northrup said. His plane was hit as he returned from a bombing mission. It started down, a wing came off, and it exploded. 'I was blown out of the plane,' he said. Of the 10 men in the plane, three got out alive. 'The radio operator crawled to the rear door and grabbed a waist gunner and jumped with him,' Northrup said. 'Then he pulled the waist gunner's ripcord, and let go of him and dropped a little way before he pulled his own ripcord.'

Northrup landed in a plowed field with a broken leg and was captured. The Germans took him to a hospital in Brussels, where the fracture was set, and then to the Dulag Luft to Frankfurt for interrogation.

Over the next year, Northrup was held in two prison camps. While he was held in Stalag Luft IV, located 10 miles from the old Polish Corridor, the Russian advance came so close to the camp that it was evacuated, and the prisoners were taken to Stalag Luft I in Barth.

The trip to Barth took nine days. 'The only water I got was when we got out of the boxcars to relieve ourselves. We would eat snow, and then we all got dysentery,' he said.

Northrup remembers well the day the Russians took Stalag Luft I. On May 1, 1945, the prisoners were listening to the Hit Parade radio program being played over loudspeakers when Russian troops arrived in Barth. The program was interrupted within minutes with news of Hitler's death. 'Three minutes later the number one Hit Parade Song was played - 'Don't Fence Me In', he said.

The names of the prison camps where Northrup was held include the word 'luft', which means they are run by the German air corps for enemy air force prisoners. This distinction was important, Northrup said. 'I can't say about the army or the navy, but there is an element of fairness to the air corps. We had a different type of war compared to the army or the navy. I think we had more respect for each other.

'We didn't have fighter escorts for all the way into Germany,' Northrup said. 'If a plane was hit and we knew we couldn't make it, the crew would lower the landing gear, close the windows, pull in its guns and lower its flaps so the Germans would know we were going to crash and we weren't fighting. The Germans would fall in on our wing and escort us down so nobody would shoot at us,' Northrup said.

Pietsch agreed. 'We treat our enemies fairly,' he said, 'and I was always treated well in the U.S.A.' The special respect the two men sensed between their air forces exists between them as well. As he recalled the lack of food and water, Northrup said, 'Now I've made Martin mad.'

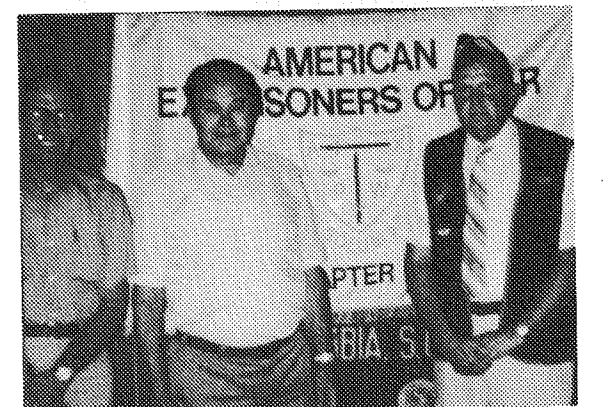
'No, no, I am not mad,' Pietsch replied. 'But you must remember the German population had not too much either.'

Perhaps the best example of their friendship is the story of Pietsch's wings. When he was rescued in the Mediterranean, his uniform and medals were taken from him. Everything was returned except for his trousers and one medal: his air force wings with its special insignia for flying on more than 200 missions.

Before Northrup left Germany in the '50s, a friend gave him a small collection of German military trappings - medals, pins, braids, and a set of air force wings bearing the 200-mission insignia.

'There could not be a hundred medals like that in all of Germany,' Pietsch said.

'I didn't want to give it up, but I knew Martin would want to have it,' Northrup said. 'It's just funny that he had to come all the way to America to get it.'

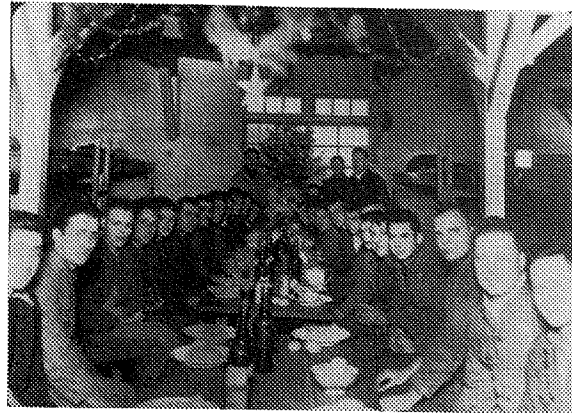


**EDITOR'S NOTE: Pictured left to right are John Northrup, Martin Pietsch and Cmdr. Ferris Joyner at the September meeting of the Palmetto Chapter of AX-POW.**

## Christmas 1943



Pictured left to right are Lt. [jg] Leahman Nestle, Second Lt. Bill J. Marrs, Second Lt. Dan J. Beyer, Second Lt. Milton Woodside [standing], Lt. [jg] Charles Sloan, Captain William Dineen [standing], First Lt. John Burns, First Lt. Robert Jenkins, Captain William Nell, and unknown. Umeda Bunsho, Osaka, Japan.



Christmas dinner was a large portion of rice, a piece of Diakon, and a bottle of beer. Standing in the rear by the Christmas tree are Second Lt. Woodsides, Captain Dineen and First Lt. Robert Jenkins.



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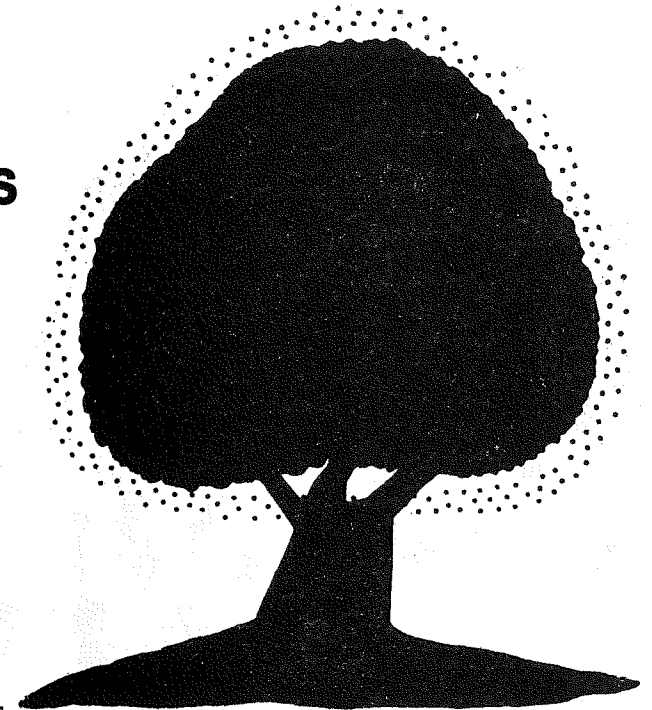


Gathering around a fake fireplace.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The owner of these pictures would like to have the names of any individuals recognized. Please contact Chester Alderman, 301 Colwyn Pass, San Antonio, TX 78216, or PNC Charles Morgan.

## Christmas Cards Record Memories

by Jack Weaver, Sun-News Editor



### Mango tree and fireflies... 'a work of God'

Those who receive Christmas cards from Ike Garrett of Deming receive a unique message of a moving individual experience, dramatic national history and stirring personal inspiration.

In 1941 Garrett was with the 200th Coast Artillery of the New Mexico National Guard, assigned to the Philippines. After the Japanese invasion he suffered the infamous Bataan Death March, a sea trip to Manchuria and three and one half years in prison at Mukden Camp before he was liberated.

During the late 1970's, with the magic of the Christmas season, he began to share his real life experiences. His cards tell of seeing the work of God through an impossible situation and of his own work to keep the spirit of Christmas alive among hopeless men.

One card deals with Christmas 1941 when Garrett was in the little town of Hermosa on Bataan. Garrett recalls on the card: 'The night before we had retreated from Clark Field and before we left we had made wure we had all the trimmings for a real Christmas dinner. Our cooks had worked through the night and morning preparing the meal and just before the meal was ready a Jap bomber had dropped part of his bombs in a water buffalo wallow right next to the kitchen. No one had been hurt, but it sure ruined our Christmas dinner. My

Christmas feast consisted of a handful of prunes and a piece of cheese.

'That night I walked back up the road toward Manila and off to the right was a mango tree with a swarm of millions of fireflies, over, under, around and through with none over two feet from the tree.

'I stood for quite awhile and admired the work of God. It sure made a wonderful Christmas tree,' Garrett writes. The card includes his drawing of the mango tree.

Another card is a reproduction of a card he made at the Mukden war prison on Christmas 1944. It is a silhouette of three figures on camels approaching Bethlehem. It looks like many of the cards we see, but it is not the product of commercial artists and modern printing techniques.

Garrett explains that in 1944 he made such a card for the prisoners in his section at Mukden. Using a broken razor blade he cut a stencil out of a playing card. He used a tooth brush for his painting and tooth powder thickened with red and black ink to finish the work. A red pencil was used to make a star.

Garrett signs his Christmas cards with his prisoner of war number, 623.

# SURVIVAL



A prewar gathering of Philippine Packing Corporation pioneers, photographed in 1935. Front row: Tom Warne, Jack Warne, Nicky Caldis, Dick Wadsworth, Kenzie Nicoll, Gary Nicoll, Florence Phillips. Seated: Douglas Warne, Dorothy Warne, Joan Taylor, Frances Taylor, Maria Caldis, Marge Speir, Betty

Brown, Vi Wadsworth, Elsie Nicoll, Praxides MacGregor, Mabel Phillips. Back row: P.D. Caldis, Norris Wadsworth, Ian MacGregor, B.B. Brown, Frere Pipe, Robert Warne, Clyde [Tiny] Taylor, Jim Nicoll, Robert Dye, Frank Speir, Lawrence [Merc] Phillips, Ivan Brown.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following story is reprinted from SHIELD, the official publication of Del Monte Corporation, June/July 1981. The Del Monte Air Base was pioneered by the Fifth Air Base Group. At that Group's reunion in September of this year, Violet and Norris Wadsworth were guests and made honorary members of the Fifth AB Group Ass'n. Our thanks to SHIELD for letting us use this story.

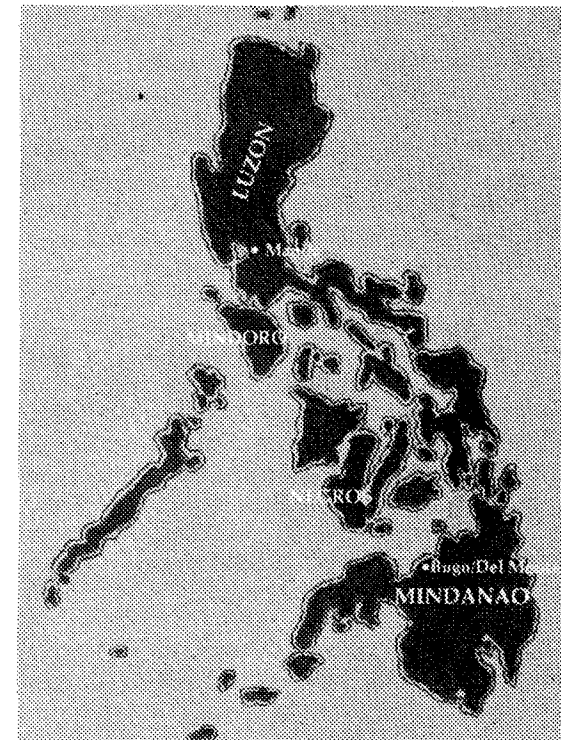
Philippine Packing Corporation, the sickly offspring of Calpak's early depression years, had, by the beginning of World War II,

matured into one of the Company's largest and most prosperous operations - a business comprising several thousand acres of pineapple plantings, a modern cannery equipped to produce more than a million-and-a-half cases of fruit and fruit juices per year, and a self-sufficient plant community with utilities, housing, schools, stores and health facilities for some 2,500 workers and their families. The Del Monte compound, located on the Company plantation 15 miles inland from the port of Bugo on the Island of Mindanao, was home to a closeknit group of Calpak expatriates including

Philippine Packing Corporation President and General Manager, Neil Crawford, his wife and three children; Assistant General Manager Norris Wadsworth, his wife and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Curren; Hugh Curren; Howard Dennison; Mr. and Mrs. John Hilstrom; Fred Lambert; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence 'Merc' Phillips; and Mr. and Mrs. Max White.

Although the Del Monte-Bugo complex was some 500 miles removed from the Island of Luzon, the primary theater of operations in the Battle of the Philippines, this remote enclave was involved in the fight from start to finish. On December 8, 1941, only a few hours after news of the attack on Pearl Harbor reached Del Monte by shortwave radio, Japanese fighters strafed a U.S. air base and supply depot that had recently been built on Philpak property. From that point until April 1942, the airfield compound, and cannery came under repeated aerial and naval bombardment.

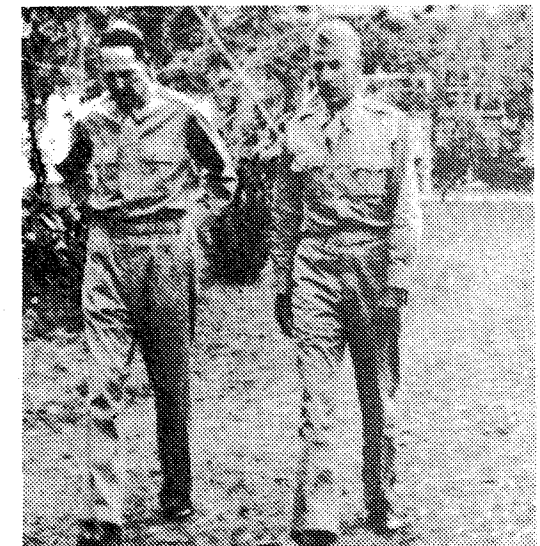
Soon after the bombings began, the cannery was shut down and the families of American and Filipino employees were moved to safer ground in the hilly interior of Bukidnon Province. Norris Wadsworth and a few other stalwarts set up temporary camp in a canyon near the plantation, from which they continued to ride circuit day after day in an effort to protect Philpak's properties from the renegade bands that had been looting and pillaging all over the island since the outbreak of war.



During this interim period, the Del Monte airstrip, one of the few active airfields in Mindanao, served as an outpost and supply depot for the embattled allied forces. When General MacArthur was ordered to leave the Philippines after the fall of Bataan, he and his wife and son, together with President Manuel Quezon and other Philippine leaders, escaped by PT boat to Bugo and stayed at Del Monte for several days before being evacuated by air to Australia.

In early April Japanese ships began landing troops at Bugo and, as Norris Wadsworth recalls, 'We were advised by the army commander to get out fast, because fighting would be joined shortly in the area between Del Monte and Bugo, and the bridges would be blown, cutting us off from our families in the interior.'

They escaped, but only temporarily. One May 6 the last U.S. resistance on the islands collapsed with the fall of Corregidor, and General Wainwright, who had replaced MacArthur as allied commander in the Philippines, ordered all U.S. military and civilian personnel to surrender. Crawford and the majority of Philpak's American contingent turned themselves in on May 10, 1942, and were interned at a former U.S. Army base hospital at Impalutao, Bukidnon. The Filipino employees had dispersed into the hills by this time. Many joined up with guerrilla units and continued to resist the Japanese occupational



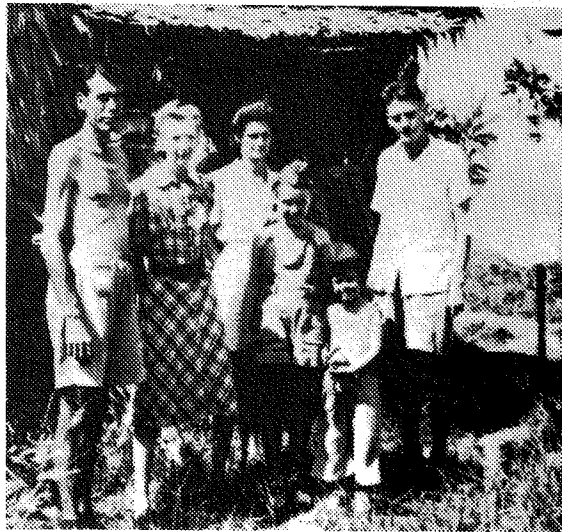
After the fall of Bataan, General MacArthur [left], his family and military entourage stayed at the Del Monte compound in Bukidnon for several days before being evacuated to Australia.

forces through the remainder of the war. Thirty-eight of them would die in the defense of their country.

Missing from the group interned at Impalutao were the Whites, the Phillips, the Hilstroms, and Fred Lambert. Lambert had been in Manila when the war broke out. He attempted to return to Bugo aboard an inter-island steamer, but his ship struck a mine, exploded, and sank while still in Manila harbor, taking hundreds of victims with it. Lambert, a strong swimmer, was rescued from the water several hours later. He was taken prisoner when the city fell to the Japanese in January 1942.

The Hilstroms and the Phillips had the good fortune to be on leave in the States when the war broke out. Phillips subsequently joined a special forces unit of the Army, volunteering to return to the Philippines and help organize Filipino guerrilla forces. After a period of training in Australia, he was landed by submarine on the Island of Mindoro in the central sector of the Philippine archipelago. There his luck ran out; a party he was leading was ambushed by a Japanese army detachment and Phillips was killed.

In February 1942, about two months before the Crawford party was interned, the Whites made a dash to the Island of Negros, some 200 miles from Bugo, where White hoped to find safety and proper medical care for his wife, Polly, who was eight months pregnant. Mrs. White died in childbirth a short time later, but the child, Douglas, survived. After hiding in the



Santo Tomas prison, 1944. Philpackers Joe and Helen Brooks [left] pose with Violet and Norris Wadsworth, their daughter Terry [center], and an unidentified friend outside the Wadsworth's makeshift living quarters.

mountains of Negros for three months, W and his infant son were taken prisoner in June 1942 and were eventually sent to the big civilian prisoner-of-war camp set up by the Japanese on the walled campus of Santo Tomas University in Manila.

The main body of the Philpak prisoners was split up soon after their internment. The Crawfords were sent directly to Santo Tomas, while Wadsworth and the others were moved from one primitive, makeshift camp to another, forced to scavenge for food, clothing, and shelter, exposed to public humiliation, and, at one point, confined in an airless, rat-infested ship hold where, for three days, they subsisted on nothing but seaweed.

The Wadsworth group was reunited with the Crawfords and the Whites at Santo Tomas in January 1944, the beginning of their last and most terrible year of confinement. In the spring of 1944 the gates of Santo Tomas were closed to the Red Cross and other organizations that had been supplying food to the captives, and rations were reduced from 2,400 calories to 800 calories per day. Fortunately, Japanese security was slack, and the leaders of the various POW groups were occasionally able to scrounge enough food from outside sources to keep their people from starving. Lacking cash or valuables to pay for this contraband, Crawford and Wadsworth used markers written on the 'full faith and credit of California Packing Corporation' to borrow pesos, which were shared with other camp groups through a 'Community Loan Association.'

Despite these measures, the situation in Santo Tomas had grown desperate by January 1945, when U.S. forces landed on Luzon and the battle of Manila began. In the last few months of the war, hundreds of inmates died of malnutrition and the remaining prisoners faced the prospect of starving or being shot by their guards before they could be liberated.

One morning in early February, Wadsworth remembers, 'someone reported seeing a tank near the camp, but no one paid any attention because we knew the Japanese had no tanks in Manila. A short time later we heard small arms fire outside the walls. We rushed to the main gate and found a mob of prisoners hugging and shaking hands with four or five American soldiers. Everyone got a little hysterical. We couldn't believe they were real.'

These soldiers were the vanguard of a First Armored Cavalry tank unit that had broken through the Japanese defenses into the heart

Manila in an attempt to secure Santo Tomas and hold it until relieved by the main body of the Allied army.

Fighting in and around the walled camp continued for another three weeks, but for the survivors of Santo Tomas, February 5, 1945, the date of the First Cavalry's valiant rescue mission, was their day of liberation - the end, or rather, the beginning of the end of a three-year ordeal that had tested their courage and stamina as few American civilians have ever been tested. Of the 17 Philpak people taken prisoner in 1942, all survived, including the infant Douglas White - though several were so weakened by malnutrition and disease that they required lengthy hospitalization.

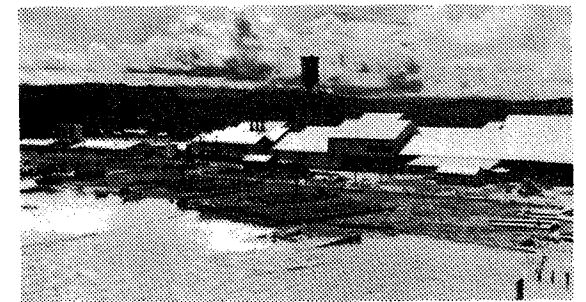
In August 1945, before fighting on Mindanao had officially ended, a team of Calpak personnel under the direction of Clyde 'Tiny' Taylor was dispatched from San Francisco to Bukidnon to begin restoration of the plantation, cannery, and living quarters. This contingent was welcomed at Bugo by scores of returning Filipino employees, including the former Del Monte postmaster, Restituto Villaranda, who brought with him a box full of postage stamps and cash receipts he had been safeguarding since the base was evacuated three years earlier. After lengthy convalescent leaves, Norris Wadsworth and Howard Denison returned to Bukidnon in April 1946. Neil Crawford and Max White joined them and the Taylor group several months later.

The first returnees found a Philpak complex ravaged by war and neglect. All company housing had been destroyed; the harbor at Bugo was strewn with the wreckage of sunken ships; the cannery had been stripped and shelled into rubble; the fields had reverted to jungle. But, remarkably, many of the prewar pineapple plantings had survived. And from the slips of the old plants, workers obtained enough seeding material to begin replanting. Under Field Superintendent Calvin Crawford\* the job of clearing and replanting continued through 1947, by which time nearly 10,000 acres were in cultivation. A new and larger cannery was built in Bugo. It was completed in early 1948, in time to handle the first harvest from the postwar plantings. The Company packed about a million cases that year.

By mid-1948 new permanent quarters for the staff, field and cannery workers had been completed and Philpak was back to normal - bigger, stronger and more vigorous than it had been before the war. Among the structures that rose from the ashes of the old Del Monte

compound was a new hospital built in memory of Philpak's lone American casualty of World War II, Major Merc Phillips. The rest of the reborn complex - the cannery, the staff quarters, the neat rows of worker cottages, the rich green fields of pineapple - will serve as a fitting memorial to the survivors. If such a monument required an inscription, these words from St. Matthew would do: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

\*Later president of Philippine Packing Corporation. No relation to Neil Crawford.



The restored Philpak cannery at Bugo, 1948.



Cottages built for Philpak plantation workers and their families after the war.



Regeneration. These hardy young pineapple shoots are the offspring of plants that grew wild during three-and-a-half years of wartime neglect.



**NATIONAL  
CHAPLAIN  
JOHN ROMINE'S MESSAGE**

As Christmas draws near, one of the greatest things I see is the radiant expectation of our children. It is with great anticipation they wait and really expect good and great things to happen. If we grown-ups, all who believe in God, would live our lives each day with some of the radiant expectancy of our children, what a wonderful world this would be. I have been involved with so many people lately who expect to fail, and they did. They expect the worst and

it happens. They look for unhappy times they find unhappiness. Let us all use this holiday season to expect the very best and go about finding it.

LET US PRAY...

ALMIGHTY GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HELP US TO TURN TO THEE TO FIND THE WISDOM TO LOOK FOR THE BEAUTIFUL IN THIS LIFE. AND AT THIS VERY SPECIAL SEASON MAY WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS AND PRAISE THY HOLY NAME BECAUSE WE KNOW ALL GOOD AND GREAT THINGS COME FROM THEE. COMFORT THE FAMILIES OF THE MIAS AND CAUSE US TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED US IN SOME SPECIAL WAY. MAKE US A BLESSING TO GLORIFY THY HOLY NAME AS WE HELP THOSE WHO CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES. AMEN

Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year!  
John & Vera



**Taps...**

**Dr. Charles Thomas Brown**, 76, of San Antonio, Texas, died September 17, 1982. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the Army, a 1924 graduate of the Texas Military Institute, and a personal friend of General Douglas MacArthur. He was a 1932 graduate of Baylor Medical College. He was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and was a prisoner of the Japanese for 3½ years. He was a recipient of many decorations by the United States and of the Republic of the Philippines. Dr. Brown was awarded the Freedom Foundation award, and George Washington Medal of Valley Forge, PA, for 1980. He was a member of several veterans' organizations, including American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. He wrote numerous papers on the after effects of incarceration. He is survived by his wife, Katie, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

**Darrell E. Little**, 60, passed away November 1, 1982. He served with the Army in Europe with the 28th Div., 112th Inf., and was held prisoner of war at Stalags VII-A, XII-B, and Arbetes Kommando 4071 Rosenheim, Germnay. A member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, he is survived by his wife, Phyllis, two sons, a daughter, two brothers, and grandfather. He was preceded in death by a son.

**Robert W. Smythe**, 64, of Forest, Mississippi, died of cancer September 28, 1982, at the VA hospital in Jackson. Bob was a member of Hq & Hq Sqdn, 27th Bomb Group, and was on Bataan at the time of surrender. He is survived by his wife, Miriam.

**Joseph White**, of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, passed away September 14, 1982, of cancer of the pancreas. While attending the AXPOW National Convention in Colorado Springs when he became ill. He had been a prisoner of war of the Germans, held in Stalag XVII-B, Barracks 39A. He leaves his wife, Melba.

**Paul LeRoy Browning**, 66, of Port Orchard, Washington, died October 13, 1982. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and survived two years in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. He was the recipient of numerous medals and citations. He was a life member of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., and a member of the AXPOW Kitsap Chapter and the 19th Bombardment Ass'n. A son and a brother preceded him in death. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, three brothers, a sister, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**John T. Adams**, of San Bernardino, California, died September 1, 1982, following illnesses. He was a member of 'A' Battery, 60th Coast Artillery, on Corregidor. He leaves his wife, Jennie.



**Taps...**

**Thomas Bailey Lee, Jr.**, 72, passed away October 30, 1982, at his home in Boise, Idaho, following a long illness. Most of his working life was spent in the construction industry with nearly 30 years in the Dam Division of Morrison Knudsen Company. While with Morrison Knudsen on Wake Island, he was captured by the Japanese during World War II and spent 44 months in Japanese prison camps. He was a member of the Survivors of Wake-Guam & Cavite. He leaves his wife, Bernice, a son, a daughter, a stepson, a stepdaughter, a sister, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Lt. Col. Robert K. Boggs**, (Ret., U.S. Army), of Orlando, Florida, died November 4, 1982, in Orange Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. He was 61. He joined the 200th Coast Artillery Battalion just prior to World War II and served in the Philippines, where he was captured by the Japanese. He spent the war in a prison camp in Japan. He is survived by his wife, Helen, a daughter, a grandson, his mother, two brothers, and four sisters.

**Fred A. Sneed**, LM 3109, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, passed away November 5, 1982, at the Oklahoma City VAMC. Fred served in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II. He was shot down on June 22, 1943. He spent 23 months in Stalag XVII-B as a prisoner of war. Fred is survived by his wife, Mary, a daughter and son-in-law, and two grandchildren. Fred and Mary have been very active in AXPOW for the past four years. Graveside rites were conducted by the Central Oklahoma Chapter.

**John F. Marr, Sr.**, 58, of Milton, Pennsylvania, died September 27, 1982, of a heart attack. He served in the 338th Bomber Group and was a member of that organization. He was also a charter member of the Susquehanna Chapter of AXPOW. He had been held prisoner of war in Germany at Stalag XVII-B for 13 months. He leaves his wife, Burdell, son John F. Marr, Jr., and two grandsons. He was in the process of putting a book together about his war years which he intended to give to his grandsons. John Marr, Jr., would like to follow through with the book and would appreciate any information members can give him. Contact John F. Marr, Jr., 3527 Glen Ave., Easton, PA 18042.



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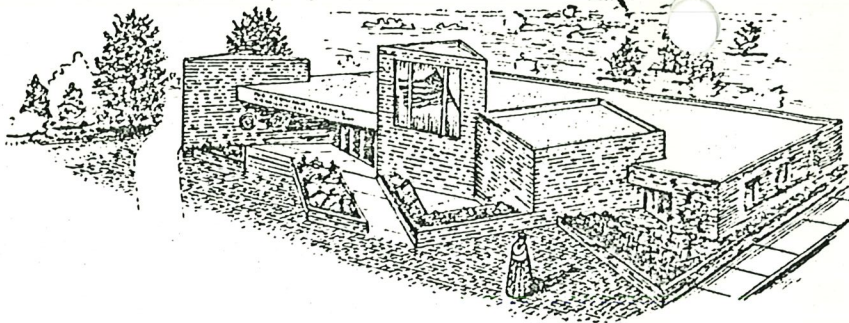
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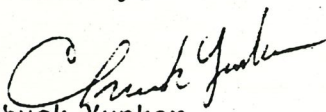
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Dear Dr. Fyler,

Thank you for the material you sent me concerning license plates for Ex-POW's. I have a copy of HB 2069 on my desk and am willing to do everything I can in support of its passage. The Kansas American Legion Legislative Committee has been, or will be, instructed to support this bill by our Department Adjutant Floyd J. Rogers.

I have written my representative, however if there is anything else I can do to support this bill's passage, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Yunker  
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Dear Dr. Fyler:

Thank you for your letter concerning American Ex- Prisoners of War. I also feel Kansas should honor its ex-prisoners of war by issuing a special license plate. This is why I have supported a bill to do so in the past, and will continue to support it in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

Ronald R. Hein  
 State Senator

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February 8, 1983

The Honorable Rex Crowell, Chairperson  
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Dear Representative Crowell:

Pursuant to the questions of your committee, I have asked departmental staff to review administrative cost estimates relative to the implementation of House Bill 2069, providing for free vehicular registration plates for former prisoners of war.

The original fiscal note was prepared in anticipation of the establishment of a new, distinctive vehicle registration class, i.e. "P.O.W.". When a new class of plates is created by law, it is preferable that the new class be computerized. This satisfies several important concerns, namely:

- (1) Vehicle registration information is computerized to comply with federal and inter-state agreements which enable law enforcement officials to gain access to needed vehicle information.
- (2) A specifically programmed vehicle class for POW plates would eliminate potential confusion for the law enforcement officer who attempts to check a POW plate which is programmed in another registration class.
- (3) A specifically programmed registration class (as opposed to its inclusion in an existing class) satisfies the need for flexibility if future legislatures desire to modify statutes relating to such a class of registrations, as has happened in the past.

It was felt, for the above reasons, that the Legislature would desire that a new "P.O.W." registration class be truly distinctive, in a practical, as well as a visual, sense. Our data processing needs in establishing a new registration class, are as follows:

- I. Data Entry Programs. (14 programmer days, 7 analyst days)

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For each of the following, experience has shown that it takes two programmer days (per program) to revise, test, install a new program and remove the existing program. Additionally, per program, analyst time would average one day for program review, documentation and dissemination, and notifying users of the change. These programs include:

Corrections	Renewals
New Records w/Hold Codes	New Records & Transfers w/Title
Lost Tags	Revocations & Reinstatements
New Records w/No Title	

II. Direct Inquiry Update Programs. (36 programmer days, 6 analyst days)

These programs enable system users (law enforcement, county treasurers, etc.) to access needed vehicle registration information. These are on-line programs, and are much more complicated than are data entry programs. A new registration class requires 6 programmer days per direct entry program to change edits and information passed between programs. Analyst time would be as described above. In some cases this affects the method by which records are accessed. These programs involve the interaction of communications systems and include:

Special File Inquiry	Master/Special File Update
Transfer File Inquiry	Batch File Inquiry
Law Enforcement Inquiry by Name	Law Enforcement Inquiry by Vehicle Type/Tag Number

III. Batch Processing Programs. (78 programmer days, 28 analyst days)

Nearly all 32 batch programs will require re-programming time due to the size critical nature of these programs to the operation of the system. An average of three programmer days will be required to code, test and implement the new version. Analyst time would be as described above. These programs include:

Edit Transactions	Reformat Transactions
Update Master/Specials File	Issue Title Dates
Title Print	Expiration Code Check
Reorganize/Load Specials File	Reorganize/Load Transfer File
Reorganize/Load ID Number	Reorganize/Load Name File
Reorganize/Load Batch File	Record Selection
Update Batch	Update Transfer
Update Name	Update ID Number File
Create County Renewal Tape	List Lost Tags
List Weight by Vehicle Type	Decal Check
Zip Code Correction	Pre-Renewal Totals
Non-Automobile Pull	Renewal Print
Auto-Renewal/Special File	Pre-Renew Auto/Special File

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IV. D.I.S.C. (3 central processing unit hours)

It is imperative that all programs be thoroughly tested before implementation. An improperly functioning program could create disastrous consequences to the system. The reliability and accuracy of the files and information contained therein must be maintained.

V. Annually Recurring Costs. (2 programmer days/year, 1 analyst day/year)

Annual time will be required for the additional processing, monitoring, maintenance, compile and test time. This minimal expenditure will ensure accuracy of information relating to this new registration class.

Summary

The committee should be aware that our Department's original proposal was designed to assure that a new POW vehicle registration class would be responsibly maintained, and at the same time, be accurate for the registrant's purposes and readily accessible to other system users. Additionally, the estimate was predicated on the concern that a new registration class be flexible enough for modification, if desired, on the part of future legislatures.

I have reviewed these particulars with Department staff and can present another option that, while sufficient, may not necessarily be the most desirable approach.

House Bill 2069  
Low-Cost Option

The Department proposes no change to the existing POW license plate design, with the registrant affixing said plate to the rear of the vehicle.

The POW registration class would be computer consolidated with the existing "Disabled Veteran" class. Registrant qualifications and statutory provisions would remain separate and distinct; but for computer programming purposes, the POW registrations would be maintained within DAV computer files. A block of numbers for exclusive assignment to POW registrants would be established. POW and DAV plate numbers would be separate and easily discernible by law-enforcement personnel.

Law enforcement personnel would be provided instructions directing them to access DAV class files when desiring information on POW registrants.

The advantages to this proposal are strictly in terms of time and dollars saved.



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The disadvantages include:

- (1) The Department will need to issue new plates, utilizing the new numbers, to current POW registrants.
- (2) Confusion and some inconvenience may occur to both the registrant and the law enforcement officer should needed registration information be improperly requested, due to the POW registration being in the DAV file system.
- (3) Prohibitive data processing related costs will be incurred if, in the future, amendments are made to statutes authorizing the POW-license plate.

To implement this option, 34 programmer days and 6 analyst days would be required to modify, test and implement 3 batch programs and 4 communication entry programs. Additionally, 15 hours of DISC time for testing and compiling such modifications would be needed.

Annual expenses would be minimal. Five programmer days and two analyst days, plus seven hours of DISC time would be required.

Administrative costs are detailed as follows:

House Bill 2069  
Administrative Costs  
Low-Cost Option

	One-time Costs <u>FY 84</u>	<u>Annual Costs</u>
I. <u>Salaries and Wages</u>		
Programmer IV 4 days @ \$114	\$ 456.00	\$ -0-
Programmer II 30 days @ \$93	2790.00	-0-
Analyst II 6 days @ \$106	636.00	-0-
Programmer IV 1 day @ \$114	-0-	114.00
Programmer II 2 days @ \$93	-0-	186.00
Analyst II 1 day @ \$106	-0-	106.00

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II. Contractual Services

DISC, Test & Compile 1 hr. @ \$1168	\$1168.00	\$ -0-
DISC, Test & Compile 1/4 hr. @ \$1168	-0-	292.00
143 license plates mfg. @ \$1.60	<u>229.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$5279.00	\$ \$698.00

Other Issues

Relative to Committee questions on the Kansas Highway Patrol's adoption of new license plates, it is important to note the method by which those plates are accounted for.

The K.H.P. plates are recorded and the records are maintained in the computer file system that holds all state vehicle plates. Thus, the adoption of new plates did not require re-programming of the existing system. A minimal administrative expense was incurred for the data entry of numbers and their assigned vehicles.

The Department has billed the KHP for the cost of manufacturing these new plates.

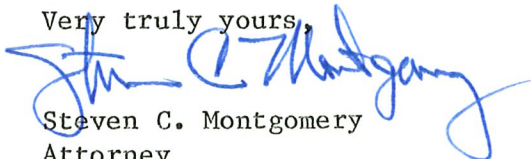
Cost-Plate

Labor	\$ .8562
Materials	<u>.7400</u>
TOTAL	\$1.5962 x 723 tags (ordered FY 83) = \$1154.05

As to the source of funds and spending authority relative to the KHP plate purchase, I can only advise you that the Department does not maintain such information on purchases made by other departments, nor does the Department monitor the authority under which such purchases are made.

If you or your committee members have any other questions or require additional information regarding vehicle registration plates, and the related administrative issues, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

  
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## KANSAS LICENSES FOR 1982

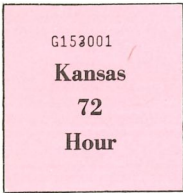
Beginning in 1975 and every five years thereafter the Kansas Division of Vehicles will issue one registration plate for every type of vehicle which is required to be registered. In the interim four years the Division will renew the registration by means of a year validation decal. The location of the decal is in the lower right hand corner of the plate with the blue background and the upper right hand corner of the plate with the white background. The registration plate is required to be displayed on the front or rear of all vehicles not specifically exempt from registration.

Exempt vehicles are: Municipally owned fire trucks; school buses owned and operated by a school district when the name of the municipality is plainly painted thereon; farm tractors, road rollers, road machinery temporarily operated or moved upon the highways; self propelled cranes and earth moving equipment, equipped with pneumatic tires, which is being moved to a job location or to and from storage or repair; and farm trailers with a load not exceeding six thousand pounds and all other trailers not exceeding two thousand pounds gross weight.



As of January 1, 1982, per legislation, the Division of Vehicles will begin issuing the plate which you see full fronted on 1-13. This plate is composed of reflectorized materials and will be issued *only* for new vehicle purchases and replacement plates such as lost, stolen, etc. The plate shown in back will also remain valid for the remainder of the 1980-1985 issue period.

\* Note: Due to the staggered registration issuance system, a prefix alpha letter has been left out and replaced by an open line on the replica of plate No. 1.



**KANSAS FIFTEEN DAY TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT—\$2.00** W077426

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE OR I.D. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_  
 POST OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ KANS. STYLE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM \_\_\_\_\_ SAFETY INSP. PERMIT No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

This permit is for the purpose of granting the purchaser of the vehicle described to operate said vehicle in the State of Kansas for a period not exceeding fifteen days from vehicle purchase date. This includes use for intrastate purposes of vehicles purchased in Kansas by non-residents.

This Copy to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ ORIGINAL \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed if issued by Dealer: \_\_\_\_\_ THIS PERMIT EXPIRES \_\_\_\_\_ To be completed if issued by  
 Form Name \_\_\_\_\_ County Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dealer No. \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Rev. 9-82) NOTE: Insurance information on reverse side of copy No. 3, must be completed. AFFIX TO REAR WINDOW OF VEHICLE



NO.	USE	COLOR	INITIAL DATE OF RENEWAL	EXPIRATION DATE
1.	<b>PASSENGER</b> ..... Regular Issue. See B, C & D next page.	Gold & White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Gold & Blue on White	Staggered in 1982 and 1983	Year & Month Shown on Plate
2.	<b>TRUCK</b> ..... For non-prorate trucks, truck-tractors, and buses. See A, C & D next page.	Gold & White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Gold & Blue on White	12M LBS OR LESS, Staggered in 1982 and 1983 OVER 12M LBS, January 1, 1982	Year & Month Shown on Plate December 31, 1982
3.	<b>TRAILER</b> ..... For non-prorate trailers & mobile homes towed on highways. See A, C & D next page.	Gold & White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Gold & Blue on White	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982
4.	<b>NON-HIGHWAY</b> ..... For mobile homes & travel trailers used as living quarters & not operated on the highway. See C & D next page.	Gold & White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Gold & Blue on White	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982
5.	<b>DISABLED VETERAN</b> ..... For disabled veterans meeting statutory requirements.	Gold & White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Gold & Blue on White	12M LBS OR LESS, Staggered in 1982 & 1983 OVER 12M LBS, January 1, 1982	Year & Month Shown on Plate December 31, 1981
6.	<b>SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLE</b> ..... For vehicles 20 years old, which have not been altered or modified from the original specifications except for safety requirements.	Gold & White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Gold & Blue on White	Staggered in 1982 and 1983	Year & Month Shown on Plate
7.	<b>DCO</b> ..... For vehicles used in driver training of disabled Kansas citizens.	Gold & White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Gold & Blue on White	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982
8.	<b>INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR SYMBOL</b> ..... Disabled Citizens Registration	Gold & White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Gold & Blue on White	12M LBS OR LESS, Staggered in 1982 and 1983 OVER 12M LBS, January 1, 1982	Year & Month Shown on Plate December 31, 1982
9.	<b>ANTIQUE</b> ..... 12. For vehicles more than 35 years old.	Gold on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Blue on White	Upon Request	Permanent
10.	<b>MOTORCYCLE</b> ..... For motor vehicles designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.	White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Blue on White	Staggered in 1982 and 1983	Year & Month Shown on Plate
11.	<b>MOTORIZED BICYCLE</b> ..... Any device having two tandem wheels propelled either by human power or helper motor or both. Limited to 50 cubic centimeters cylinder displacement and 2 brake horsepower with maximum speed of 30 m.p.h.	White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Blue on White	Staggered in 1982 and 1983	Year & Month Shown on Plate
13.	<b>AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR</b> ..... For Amateur radio operators. Call letters used in lieu of numerals.	Gold & White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Gold & Blue on White	12M LBS OR LESS, Staggered in 1982 and 1983 OVER 12M LBS, January 1, 1982	Year & Month Shown on Plate December 31, 1982
14.	<b>TRUCK, APPORTIONED</b> ..... For apportioned trucks & truck-tractors. See D next page.	REFLECTORIZED— Blue on White	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982
15.	<b>TRAILER, APPORTIONED</b> ..... For apportioned trailers & semi-trailers. See A & D next page.	REFLECTORIZED— Blue on White	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982
16.	<b>PRORATE BACKING PLATE</b> ..... For registration decals of prorate states. Plate additional to Kansas registration plate on Kansas based trucks.	White on Green	Issued as Required, Not Renewable	

17. <b>DEALER</b> . . . . . 25. For manufacturers or dealers in motor vehicles, motorcycles, trailers or semi-trailers. Prefix letter is D.	<b>REFLECTORIZED— Red on White</b>	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982
18. <b>DRIVE-AWAY</b> . . . . . For drive-away operators other than dealers.	<b>REFLECTORIZED— Blue on White</b>	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982
19. <b>PERSONALIZED</b> . . . . . 29. Combination of letters or numbers chosen by applicant.	<b>REFLECTORIZED &amp; NON-REFLECTORIZED Blue on Gold</b>	12M LBS OR LESS, Staggered in 1982 and 1983 OVER 12M LBS, January 1, 1982	Year & Month Shown on Plate  December 31, 1981
20. <b>STREET ROD</b> . . . . . For motor vehicles manufactured before 1949 which have been altered or modified and which are commonly referred to as "STREET RODS".	<b>REFLECTORIZED— Blue on White</b>	Staggered in 1982 and 1983	Year & Month Shown on Plate
21. <b>NATIONAL GUARD</b> . . . . . For passenger vehicles of regularly enlisted, warrant or commissioned members of the Kansas National Guard.	<b>REFLECTORIZED &amp; NONREFLECTORIZED Red &amp; Blue on White</b>	12M LBS OR LESS, Staggered in 1982 and 1983 OVER 12M LBS, January 1, 1982	Year & Month Shown on Plate  December 31, 1981
22. <b>EX-PRISONER OF WAR</b> . . . . . For any person held as a Prisoner of War while serving in the United States Armed Forces.	<b>REFLECTORIZED &amp; NONREFLECTORIZED— Red &amp; Blue on White</b>	Upon Request	Permanent
23. <b>FLEET UTILITY TRAILER</b> . . . . . For small two wheeled trailers owned by a rental company for rental to the general public.	<b>White on Blue REFLECTORIZED— Blue on White</b>	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982
24. <b>KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION</b> . . . . . For interstate, intrastate & private carriers of commodities.	<b>White on Blue (Common Carrier) White on Red (Contract Carrier) Black on White (Private Carrier)</b>	January 1, 1982	December 31, 1982
26. <b>CONSULAR OFFICER</b> . . . . . For passenger vehicles of registered consuls general, consuls, vice consuls and consular agents.	<b>Gold on Blue</b>	Upon Request	Permanent
27. <b>KANSAS OFFICIAL PLATE</b> . . . . . 28. For State owned vehicles.	<b>Gold on Brown</b>	Permanent	Permanent
30. <b>72-HOUR TRUCK PERMIT</b> . . . . . For trucks and truck-tractors only. Issued to interstate operators, motor vehicle dealers and locally registered truck owners for special trips.	<b>Black on Pink</b>	Upon Request Not Renewable	72 Hours from Issue
31. <b>REGISTRATION EXPIRATION DECAL</b> . . . . . Year validation decals, on plates required to display such, will indicate the valid registration year for such vehicle.	<b>Black on Yellow (’82 Truck, ’83 Auto) Black on Red—’83 (Issued upon renewal in 1982 of trucks 12M lbs. or less and vehicles initially entering the staggered registration system.)</b>	Staggered in 1982 and 1983	Year Shown by Large Numbers on decal, Month by Alpha Letter Following County Prefix on Plate or by Month Shown on Decal as in No. 32.
32. <b>MONTH EXPIRATION DECAL</b> . . . . . To be issued to all vehicles initially entering the staggered registration system.	<b>Blue on White</b>	Not Renewable	Month shown on Decal. Year, 1982
33. <b>15-DAY PERMIT</b> . . . . . For owners of newly acquired vehicles, to move such vehicles, from point of purchase to his/her home. Must be obtained within 15 days from vehicle purchase.	<b>Black on White</b>	Not Renewable	15 Days From Vehicle Purchase Date
34. <b>30-DAY TRUCK PERMIT</b> . . . . . For trucks or truck-tractors bearing Kansas farm or foreign state registration & operated in intrastate commerce.	<b>Red on White</b>	Upon Request Not Renewable	30 Days From Issue
35. <b>ONE-DAY PERMIT</b> . . . . . For non-highway vehicle owners to drive to the inspection station named on the permit by the most direct route.	<b>Black on White</b>	Not Renewable	24 Hours After Purchase

A—The reflectorized decal affixed to the lower center section of commercial plates indicates the class and maximum thousands of pounds gross weight (trucks) or number of passengers (buses) a vehicle is registered for. The gross weight, as used for trucks, indicates the combination weight of vehicle or vehicles and loads. Decals are also similarly affixed to trailer plates indicating the maximum gross weight the trailer is registered for. Gross weight, as used for trailers, indicates the combination weight of the trailer and load.

B—These regular 6" x 12" passenger plates have two perpendicular index letters which indicate the county of original issuance and a large single prefix letter which indicates the month of plate issuance to a registered owner under a staggered system of issuance.

C—Regular passenger license plates were issued for the 1980-1985 registration period. The year of registration expiration is either shown as

embossed on the license plate or is shown on the decal located in the upper or lower right hand corner of the plate. Vehicles initially entering the staggered vehicle registration system will be issued a year/month expiration decal, black letters on red background, to be located in the lower portion of the plate. The registration expiration date is on the last date of the month determined by the alpha letter following the county prefix on the license plate as follows: A—February, B—March, C—April, E—May, H—June, J—July, M—August, R—September, S—October, V—November, X—December. Trucks, with a weight greater than 12M pounds, trailers and mobile homes are issued registrations on an annual calendar year basis with an expiration date of December 31.

D—ALL METAL PLATES (Except motorcycle, motorcycle dealer and motorized bicycles) are 6" x 12", 9/32" holes are spaced 4 3/8" vertically and 7 1/4" horizontally. Motorcycle, motorcycle dealer and motorized bicycle plates are 4" x 8".

**FEES**

**Passenger Cars, Ambulances & Hearses**

3,000 Pounds or Under	\$13.00	4,000 Pounds to 4,500 Pounds	\$19.50
3,001 Pounds to 3,999 Pounds	\$16.25	4,501 Pounds and Over	\$26.00
		Special Interest Vehicle	\$20.00

**TRUCKS—12M Pounds or Less**

Regular	\$27.50	Farm	\$15.00
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Per legislation passed in 1981, any truck registered for a gross weight of 12M pounds or less or passenger vehicle, which is purchased or acquired with less than 12 months remaining in the registration period, will be charged a fee 1/12 of the annual fee for each calendar month remaining in the registration period.

**DEALER LICENSING FEES**

Manufacturers—First & Second Stage	\$200.00	Used Vehicle Dealer License (Autos, Trucks, Motorcycles, Trailers, Mobile Homes)	\$50.00
Factory or Distributor Branch	\$ 50.00	For Each Plate	\$10.50
New Vehicle Dealer License (Autos, Trucks, Motorcycles, Trailers, Mobile Homes)	\$ 50.00	First & Second Stage Converters	\$25.00

**MISCELLANEOUS FEES**

	ANNUAL FEES	SEMI-ANNUAL FEES
<b>Drive-Away</b>		
For license & one plate	\$39.50	N/A
For each additional plate	\$13.50	N/A
<b>Motorcycle</b>	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
<b>Motorized Bicycle</b>	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50
<b>Mobile Home—Non-Highway Registration</b>	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00
<b>Trailer</b>		
Plate issued for all trailers & mobile homes when operated on the highway		
Less than 2,000 pounds	Optional	
2,001 pounds to 8,000 pounds	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
8,001 pounds to 12,000 pounds	\$15.00	\$ 7.50
12,001 pounds & over	\$25.00	\$12.50
<b>Antique Vehicle</b> —Fee \$ 5.00, Letter Combination Choice of Department Fee \$30.00 Letter Combination Choice of Individual		
<b>72-Hour Permit</b> (paper)—\$20.00 Each Permit		
<b>Fifteen Day Permit</b> (paper)—\$2.00 Each Permit		

\* Semi-annual rate is the rate charged for vehicles purchased or brought into the state the last six months of a registration period.

**TRUCK FEES**

Trucks—Regular	ANNUAL RATE	ANNUAL RATE
12,001 Pounds to 16,000 Pounds	\$ 75.00	48,001 Pounds to 54,000 Pounds \$ 615.00
16,001 Pounds to 20,000 Pounds	100.00	54,001 Pounds to 60,000 Pounds 765.00
20,001 Pounds to 24,000 Pounds	150.00	60,001 Pounds to 66,000 Pounds 915.00
24,001 Pounds to 30,000 Pounds	235.00	66,001 Pounds to 74,000 Pounds 1,175.00
30,001 Pounds to 36,000 Pounds	285.00	74,001 Pounds to 80,000 Pounds 1,325.00
36,001 Pounds to 42,000 Pounds	360.00	80,001 Pounds to 85,500 Pounds 1,475.00
42,001 Pounds to 48,000 Pounds	460.00	
<b>Trucks—Local (and 6,000 Mile *)</b>		
16,000 Pounds and Under	\$ 47.00	48,001 Pounds to 54,000 Pounds \$ 315.00
16,001 Pounds to 20,000 Pounds	75.00	54,001 Pounds to 60,000 Pounds 360.00
20,001 Pounds to 24,000 Pounds	100.00	60,001 Pounds to 66,000 Pounds 440.00
24,001 Pounds to 30,000 Pounds	135.00	66,001 Pounds to 74,000 Pounds 575.00
30,001 Pounds to 36,000 Pounds	160.00	74,001 Pounds to 80,000 Pounds 675.00
36,001 Pounds to 42,000 Pounds	185.00	80,001 Pounds to 85,500 Pounds 775.00
42,001 Pounds to 48,000 Pounds	235.00	
<b>Trucks—Farm</b>		<b>Buses—Local Transit</b>
12,001 Pounds to 16,000 Pounds	\$ 21.00	8 to 30 Passengers \$ 15.00
16,001 Pounds to 20,000 Pounds	26.00	31 to 39 Passengers 30.00
20,001 Pounds to 24,000 Pounds	42.00	Over 39 Passengers 60.00
Over 24,000 Pounds	62.00	

NOTE: Truck tractors or combinations thereof limited to maximum of 42,000 lbs. gross weight on farm registration.

**Trucks—30 Day Registration \***

NOTE: Fee \$20.00 or 1/3 of regular fee whichever is larger.

24,000 Pounds and Under	\$ 20.00	54,001 Pounds to 60,000 Pounds	\$ 95.65
24,001 Pounds to 30,000 Pounds	29.40	60,001 Pounds to 66,000 Pounds	114.40
30,001 Pounds to 36,000 Pounds	35.65	66,001 Pounds to 74,000 Pounds	146.90
36,001 Pounds to 42,000 Pounds	45.00	74,001 Pounds to 80,000 Pounds	165.65
42,001 Pounds to 48,000 Pounds	57.50	80,001 Pounds to 85,500 Pounds	184.40
48,001 Pounds to 54,000 Pounds	76.90		

NOTE: \* The registration fees listed, except for 6,000 mile and 30 day, are reduced 1/12 for each calendar month elapsed beginning April 1st, if the vehicle is purchased or acquired after the end of March. Only annual fees are listed.

6,000 mile and 30 day registration fees are a set annual rate which is not prorated at any time.

As of January 1, 1982, per legislation, all plates are to be manufactured with reflectorized materials. A 50 cent fee will be added to the cost of plates issued after 1/1/82 to cover the cost of reflectorization.