

COALITION OF FAMILIES OF KOREAN & COLD WAR POW/MIAs



SPRING “We will find our own loved one only by searching for them all.” 2018

The Right to Human Rights

It is generally accepted that simply being human carries certain rights; more of these rights are held in some cultures, less in others. This being given, it follows that at some point a person’s human rights will end. When that might be becomes an issue. Is it with our last gasp of breath? Once dirt fills the grave? Or do they extend beyond life itself – to closing our stories, resolving any unknown endings?

Soldiers have gone off to battle in far-away lands for centuries. They have been enslaved or died without word ever reaching home. Their families have been left to live their lives without knowing what happened to their son, brother, husband, or father. They have carried a wound of their own, a wound that never heals, the wound of not knowing where, when, or how a loved one was lost.

Extending human rights to include the explanation of their death brings depth to the uniqueness of life, and is worthy of worldwide agreement. It therefore follows that among the human rights of soldiers deemed missing-in-action is to have their fate be known, and that it is among their families’ human rights to know.

The spotlight then falls on who is responsible for pursuing these unknown answers to unknown endings, particularly when they belong to the world’s wars. The role calls for an organization charged with resolving humanitarian issues, is well funded, staffed, globally positioned, and importantly, has access to the nations of the world.



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The United Nations fills all those roles. Who would say no to the U.N.?

Well, a lot of countries; yet the mission is universally humanitarian and well suited to one of the stronger missions the U.N. already represents – international cooperation on human rights. In this case, it would be the human rights of the world citizen’s missing from its wars.

A starting place can be the mysteries surrounding M.I.As from the Korean War. The remains of more than 5000 unknown Americans alone still lay beneath North Korean rice paddies and corn fields. Numerous accounts have men alive, in adversaries’ hands, following the war. Families still wait for these loved-ones to be brought home; to have the endings to their stories known. There are other soldiers of the world there – Turks, Australians, Brits, North Koreans, South Koreans, Chinese, and more. Korea

was fought in part beneath the United Nations flag. The U.N. is a natural fit to resolve the fates of its soldiers’ stories.

Other issues stemming from that conflict remain unresolved. Pursuing the human rights attached to the war’s missing soldiers can offer inroads toward resolving political issues, as well.

There is a deeply human experience involved in the unknown loss of a soldier, human enough to have it be a *right* to uphold, universal enough to call on the United Nations to accept the role of advocate.

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President's Corner

What if

What ifs are a part of life: What if a relationship had gone differently? What if another career path had been taken? What if a missing loved one had come home from war?

My family recently moved our mom into long term care. Many folks go through this heartbreaking life change. As we help Mom struggle down this final path – fighting to regain balance that had once been so graceful; straining to distinguish between present and past realities, imagined fears and anxieties - my missing father will come to mind. He is still the youthful, strong, vital man from scalloped edged photos, looking on from somewhere undefined. He is surely pleased to see his children caring for his wife, filling the shoes he once assumed would be his own.

What if he had come home, a father who went on to have a past that went beyond twenty-six years old;



*The Taedong River
North Korea*

a man who reached into his own old age? Like with my mother, we would be catching hold of him when his equilibrium failed, indulging his puzzling dance with realities that seem real but he knows are not.

Maybe he is doing this somewhere else, alone, or with someone at his side. Probably not, but you never know. That's an issue itself.

Either way, this is another phase of life we missed sharing with loved ones who remain missing-in-action. They have become extraordinary through their unknown losses, superheroes who never lived through the everyday challenges that come with a full lifetime, including the indignities of old age, a normal sunset to a lengthy life.

What if he had come home? We would love to slip him in beside my mother, frail, forgetful, dependent; and do so with appreciation of how special it would be that he was there, fulfilling an end we never will share.

Rick Downes, President

(Lt. Hal Downes, father - MIA 1952)

Special Remembrance Ceremony

A *Reading of the Names*, honoring the men missing-in-action from the Korean War, will be presented by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at The Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC.

The reading is scheduled for this date so that families of the missing men who attend the DPAA annual briefing (August 9-10) can be involved. The names will be read throughout the day by dignitaries, families, veterans, and other supporters. Family members who wish to take part, including reading the name of their missing loved one, are honored invitees.

If you would like to be involved, contact James Fisher, Executive Director, Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, at 703-740-7596 or by email at: jrfisher1121@verizon.net.

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United States

The White House

A reported 210 sets of U.S. servicemen's remains have been unearthed across North Korea in the years since the war ended. North Korea's offers to return them have been declined due to political differences. Talks continue with both governments, but bringing the two sides to agreement is like pulling the arm of a Las Vegas slot machine then coming up Bar/Bar/Lemon, Lemon/Bar/Bar. The negotiations will go on until one day, the bars will slot in place, the lights will flash, bells will ring and the remains of American servicemen will be allowed to come home.



Department of Defense

Policy decisions on POW/MIA issues are made at the White House and the DOD/Secretary level, yet news of the mission rarely appears in press releases coming from either level. Any outcome of discussions is routinely left to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to report. Currently their releases focus on remains identifications.

The Korean War ids, always welcome news, are coming from unknown remains disinterred from the Punch Bowl cemetery in Hawaii (see John Zimmerlee's article, page 6), remains brought out of North Korea during joint recoveries in the late 1990s through 2005, and remains returned unilaterally by North Korea in the early 1990s (K-208).

China - There is little optimism that investigation of U.S. air losses near the China/NK boundary will be allowed soon.

Russia - The annual USRJC plenum (conference) took place again last year. Russia continues to pursue select cases submitted for research. The USRJC is the only form of military interaction between the two nations. The next plenum is scheduled for the U.S. in the fall of 2018.

DPAA

New Director - If word hasn't made it your way, the Defense Department selected Kelly McKeague as the new director of DPAA. He is a retired USAF major general, who was the initial Deputy Director of the newly established DPAA, and before that was Commander of the former Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

DPAA's 2018 Annual Korean/Cold War family briefing will take place in Washington, DC, on August 9-10. The government pays airfare for two family members to attend. (More info will be coming.)

The 2017 Annual Briefing took place last August. Highlights featured a well rounded, insightful presentation on North Korea by Mickey Bergman of the *Richardson Center for Global Engagement*, a heartfelt, formal dinner presented by South Korea's MPVA honoring family members of the missing men, and a presentation by the Russians. Colonel (ret.) Andrey L. Taranov shared (in Russian) that they are no strangers to missing loved ones. Almost every Russian family has someone MIA, dating back to World War II, including their ten year war in Afghanistan during the 1980s.

DPAA broke from a staid format in this meeting, and was successful. The refreshing content, plus the always moving emotional sharings, deepening friendships, and dedicated government presenters (if clinging to some old habits), made the briefing one of the better government meetings. There's a fresh curiosity about what will come this year.

Declassification Lawsuit - Family members Bob and Lois Moore held a press conference to announce their lawsuit addressing the release of classified documents relating to missing men from the Korean War, especially those taken to the former Soviet Union. Fellow family members joined them, holding pictures of their missing loved ones.

Disinterments - Two Korean War Unknowns were disinterred from the Punchbowl cemetery on January 8. There are 19 disinterments pending for March and April.

Congress

- * **Senate Bill 120** - *The Bring Our Heroes Home Act* (in Committee) will declassify decade's old P.O.W. debriefs, intelligence reports and other files withheld by agencies across the government. (Senate sponsors are needed; see p. 5)
- * **Senate RES. 61** - calls for intensified efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States.
- * **The House passed H. R. 2061**, including an amendment focused on remains repatriation from North Korea and reuniting Korean Americans with their relatives in North Korea.
- * **The House passed H.RES. 129**, calling for intensified efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States.

Our Collective Voice Coalition News

*** New Board Members**

The *Coalition* welcomes new board members Jorja Reyburn, Amy Goynes, and Jean Waite! Jorja's father is MIA Korea, Army. Amy's father is MIA Korea, Air Force. Jean's brother is MIA Korea, Army. All three new directors are long time members of the *Coalition* and active with issues on Social Media. We are looking forward to moving the mission forward together!

* **X-Files** - The records containing information on 700+ unknown Korean War remains still interred in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) are referred to as the X-Files. They remained classified until the *Coalition* collaborated with the U.S. Army casualty office to have them released.

We will soon be making them available online! Accompanying them will be comprehensive research done by John Zimmerlee that associates files with possible matches among the missing men. (Please read John's article on page 6.) Family member *Mike Badzioch* has also collaborated on this effort. Keep an eye out for the announcement!

* **Fundraiser** - The *Coalition's* first fundraising week took place last August. Donations were made directly by local businesses (special thanks to *Bournival Jeep* of Portsmouth, NH), family members and supporters, as well as through an online auction and the *Missing Man* concert.

Lessons were learned and in the end, we came out ahead!

Thank you all, with special tip of the hat to Steve and Karen Goddard for coproducing the event, and their routinely generous nature.

* **Social Media** – The *Coalition's Facebook* page is now more than 334 members strong (www.facebook.com/groups/2307893609/). There are also 208 folks/organizations following us on *Twitter* (@*KoreanWarMIAs*).



Please join us on both these platforms for updates and latest news. Our ongoing thanks to family member Jan Curran for keeping identifications current through Facebook postings.

* **Petition** – This *Coalition* petition calls on the governments of the U.S., Russia, China, North Korea, and South Korea to resolve long standing Korean and Cold war P.O.W./M.I.A issues. (See page 10.)

There are 1100+ signers to-date! Help us reach 1500! Please copy the petition, pass it around to family and friends, take it to gatherings then mail completed signature pages to the *Coalition*! We'd like to thank all family members who have done so to-date, with a special acknowledgement to Lorna Akima for her ongoing campaign!

Coalition's Korean/Cold War P.O.W./M.I.A. Agenda

We will only learn the answers to the missing men's stories through persistent action - individually and as organizations. The *Coalition's* agenda focuses on issues central to learning these answers. Please use it as you will in your actions!

- * Resolve U.S. Korean/Cold War P.O.W.s last known alive cases
 - * Full, transparent accounting for Cold War losses
- * Declassify former P.O.W. debriefings, intelligence reports, and other unnecessarily protected files (S. 120)
 - * Retrieve U.S. remains already unearthed and offered by North Korea
 - * Resume joint U.S./North Korea remains recovery operations
- * Approve search teams to locate U.S. air loss sites spread across North Korea
 - * Disinter and identify Korean War Punchbowl unknowns

Congress is one of the mission's true advocates! Please keep your Congressional offices informed. They represent you and welcome your issues. The following websites will provide contact info for the local and DC offices of your Senate and House representatives:

www.senate.gov/senators/contact/

www.house.gov/representatives/find/

(Find the Representative for your district at: http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/mcapdir.aspx)

The Coalition's Washington Meetings

The *Coalition* leadership made five trips to Washington, DC, in 2017. There were meetings with Congressional offices, the State Department, and a White House national security advisor, plus seats on several conference panels produced by nongovernmental organizations also supporting the Korean War POW/MIA mission.

Featured issues included declassification legislation (Senate bill 120 / BOHHA), North Korea's offer to return up to 210 sets of unearthened remains, and an amendment to congressional legislation calling for alternative paths of engagement with North Korea that include resuming joint U.S. /North Korea recovery operation and reunification of Korean-Americans with their families living inside the DPRK (NKHRRA - H. R. 2061 and S.1118).

* **DPAA** - The *Coalition* met with DPAA Director Kelly McKeague, who was candid, forthright, and engaging.



* **Nongovernmental Partners** – The *Coalition* works with dedicated nongovernmental organizations pursuing missions to engage North Korea in humanitarian pathways, including POW/MIA issues. Our work together has helped broaden awareness of our collective missions and facilitated meetings with high ranking members of the government.

We would like to acknowledge the *Richardson Center for Global Engagement, National Committee on North Korea, American Friends Service Committee/Korea Peace Network, Council for Korean Americans*, their extended networks and supportive individuals for embracing the POW/MIA accounting mission as their own.

* **Congress** - The *Coalition* met with the following Congressional offices/committee staffers during trips to Washington this year: (alphabetically by state)

U.S. SENATE

Sen. Isakson (GA)	Sen. Joni Ernst (IA)	Sen. Todd Young (IND)
Sen. Rand Paul (KY)	Sen. Angus King (ME)	Sen. Jean Shaheen (NH)
Sen. Maggie Hassan (NH)	Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (ND)	Sen. Hoeven (ND)
Sen. Dean Heller (NV)	Sen. Corker (TN)	Sen. Mike Enzi (WY)

U.S. HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Ed Royce (CA)	Rep. Brad Sherman (CA)	Rep. Ted Yoho (FL)	Rep. Peter King (NY)	Rep. Eliot Engel (NY)	Rep. Mike Turner (OH)
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To Do List

Senate Bill 120 – Bring Our Heroes Home Act / Declassification

This legislation will mandate the release of unnecessarily classified former P.O.W. debriefings, intel reports, and other relevant documents holding information about M.I.A.s from the Korean War, Cold War and other modern conflicts. *The current session of Congress will likely be the last shot at getting the bill passed!*

The Senate's majority and minority leaders, as well as Members on the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee (HSGAC) will need to support the legislation. The following Senators are key: (Alphabetical by state)

Sen. McCain (AZ), Sen. Harris (CA), Sen. Carper (DE), Sen. McConnell (KY), Sen. Paul (KY), Sen. Peters (MI), Sen. McCaskill (MO), Sen. Daines (MT), Sen. Heitkamp (ND), Sen. Hoeven (ND), Sen. Hassan (NH), Sen. Schumer (NY), Sen. Portman (OH), Sen. Lankford (OK), Sen. Johnson (WI), Sen. Tester (WY), Sen. Enzi (WY)

If you live in these Members' state, please contact their office (local or Washington) to tell them how important declassification may be to your case and that it's important that they cosponsor S.120! Contact info can be found at:

www.senate.gov/senators/contact/

(For content of S.120 go to: www.congress.gov/115th-congress/senate-bill/120)

Missing Airmen Who Obviously Match Unidentified Remains

The Korean War has been over for almost 65 years . . . or has it?

For the families of any war, we expect our loved ones to come home or be told when and where they died . . . and when to expect their remains to be returned if possible. Most of the Korean War families of the Missing were essentially told, “Our government doesn’t know what happened to them, so stop asking questions and forget about him!”

Some of us did not accept that answer and we now have the forensic files on more than 800 unknown remains which clearly identify some and will lead to the identification of others.

N-17156 was found at location CT126649. That code narrows down the location within 500 feet. The



remains was so badly damaged that the race, height and age could not be determined or even estimated. Yet, it was found with aviation parts included. Duh . . . a plane

crash! A quick study of air losses in that vicinity indicates that Willie Wall went down within 2.5 miles . . . and Thomas Helton, John Maniatty, and Bernard McManaman all went down within 2 miles of where this remains was found. Perhaps, the families would like to know?

N-17152 surfaced from CT869718. There were no ID tags but aircraft parts were included. Remains were Caucasian and over age 30. Only two missing airmen fit location . . . Walter Clinnin and Marce Dunn, but only Walter was over 30. If anyone knows his family, please contact me.

N-17157 surfaced from CT154636, Caucasian, age 22-24, no ID tags but AF vest included. Ideal candidates include Robert Gross, Charles Gunther, Ernest Oliphant, Joseph Ratti, and William Roy. Only families of Oliphant and Ratti could be found.

N-17121 was found at BU869452. It was determined to be Caucasian, approx. 68.5” tall, and age 25-30. It was shipped as unknown but an oxygen mask and a/c parts were included. Only two airmen come close . . . Elwood Brey (23 years old) and Joseph Collins (29).

N-17110 surfaced from BU467631, undetermined race, but over 30 years old, and included aircraft parts.

John Zimmerlee

Only two come close . . .

Lyle Moore (27) and Herbert Smith (35)!

N-17111 was found at BU471625. Just by location that narrowed the candidates down to just Edgar Gray, Lyle Moore, and Herbert Smith. Yet, the age was 30 plus. Only Herbert was that old and his estimated crash site is less than a mile away from the remains! Like most, I haven’t found any family members to share this with!

N-17118 was found at BU729552, Caucasian, 68-70” tall, age 28-32. There were no ID tags or teeth, but included flying suit and Mae West. Another . . . Duh! That fits Henry Dixon, Robert Finch, or Alan Hoff!



N-17134 surfaced from CU021039, Caucasian and over 27 years of age. Originally associated with Royce Carruth, a Navy pilot, but could not be confirmed. The only other likely candidate is Eric O’Briant. Fortunately, I was able to contact his nephew who is requesting disinterment and DNA testing.

N-17124 surfaced from CU494753, Caucasian, age 22-26. Only three are close . . . John Lush, Cordice Teague, and Alfred Ziegler.

N-17126 surfaced from CU519528, Caucasian, age 20+, no ID tags, but included flying suit. Closest matches are James Anderle, James Hughes, Richard Jackson, and Harold Podorson. Unfortunately, I have no family contacts for these.

Please note my frustration. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency calls me a “Hobbyist”. Well, if a Hobbyist can pull together this much information, just think what an agency with a 130 million dollar budget should do!!!!

Please share this with other family members and encourage anyone and everyone to contact me at john.zimmerlee@gmail.com for more information on those missing from the Korean War.

Together we can . . . and will get answers!

(Capt. John Zimmerlee, Jr. - MIA)

(For the complete article visit John’s blog at: www.coalitionoffamilies.org/john-zimmerlee---blog)

**What Too Many People Don't Know
About The Korean War**

by
Donna D. Knox

The twenty-five-year-old Air Force Lieutenant held his pregnant wife's hand and leaned to kiss her cheek as they rode west by train, en route to San Francisco, where the Lieutenant would report for duty. It was late summer in 1951. Months earlier, the Lieutenant had been an All-American goalie after the University of Michigan crushed Brown in the NCAA hockey championship. But that was a lifetime in the rearview mirror. Before he'd had a chance to sharpen his pencils at the new job after graduation, the Reserves had called him up and he was on his way to Korea.

From the 8th Bomb Squadron's base in Kunsan, South Korea, the Lieutenant wrote love letters home by day and flew B-26 missions over enemy territory to the North at night. He operated SHORAN, a beacon navigation and bombing system that the U.S. had...and the Soviet Union wanted. Using a computer, the operator could guide the pilot over target with precision in the dark. Fewer casualties...for the most part.

The Lieutenant took off with three others one frigid night in January of '52. It was to have been a short run: an hour and a half up; ten minutes over target; an hour and a half back. Things didn't go that way. When the aircraft failed to return to base, Search and Rescue went looking for it, but found nothing. The crew had disappeared.

The Lieutenant's wife got the call, staggered back and wet her pants. Their baby girl was born two months later, to a despondent mother and a three-year-old brother who clung to the front door screen and cried for his daddy.

Three months later came news of germ warfare confessions. The Lieutenant's pilot and navigator had been captured and likely tortured into admitting they had dropped germ-laden bombs upon North Korea. Broadcasts of the confessions aired on Peking radio. (China had entered the war in the fall of 1950.) There they were, the two prisoners, sitting at a microphone—one of them smiling and smoking a cigarette. Just another fun day in captivity.

But there were only two of them. Still nothing about the Lieutenant or the 4th crew member. Soon articles appeared in a pro-communist Swiss publication. It quoted the two captured crew as saying the others had died when the plane went down. Or maybe when it was hit. Or something.

The Lieutenant was listed as Missing in Action. His name appeared on the '944 List'...men who hadn't been



Inside "Perm 36" in Russia

accounted for but, given circumstances of loss, should have been. The enemy had two of the four crew; it had the plane. Why didn't they report having the other two men, or at least their bodies?

The Lieutenant's family waited in despair. He wasn't dead; he was MIA. There is a big difference. When a loved one dies, you are devastated. You grieve.

Eventually you pull yourself together and move on. When someone you love is *missing* you don't say goodbye. You don't move forward. You keep waiting for news. You keep hoping one day you'll open the door and he'll be standing there.

So where was the Lieutenant?

There was no further word for the next year and a half. Every time the phone rang or there was a knock at the door, the Lieutenant's wife stiffened. Would this be it?

In September of 1953, after the Armistice ending the Korean 'Conflict' was signed, POWs were exchanged at Panmunjom, just north of the border between the two Koreas. The men came across a bridge as cameras captured a glimpse of them. The Lieutenant's wife stood before a tiny television, clutching herself, searching the faces as they passed from captivity into freedom.

When the last man had come over, and her husband hadn't, she sank to her knees. Her two children cried with her, though they likely didn't know why.

The Lieutenant's two crewmates did come back. They were debriefed. Their stories differed from communist reports during the war. The two men had been captured by Chinese troops shortly after hitting the ground. They were interrogated in a cave, in a farmhouse and at several other spots along the way to Camp 2, where they would be interned throughout the war. They had been shown the muddied flight jacket of the fourth crew member and told his parachute hadn't opened.

But there had been no mention of the Lieutenant. The survivors didn't know what had happened to him, because he'd been sitting in the aft compartment of the aircraft, separated from them by the bomb bay, and they didn't know if he'd gotten out or not. They did know the aircraft hadn't exploded on impact so, if the Lieutenant had gone down with the plane, his body would've been found. But, there was no such report.

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In fact, the Air Force sent a telegram to the wife in September of 1953 stating that information available to the enemy about some missing American personnel had not been provided, and a list of those personnel had been presented to the Communists with an urgent request for them to provide more information. The Lieutenant's name was on that list.

There was an inquiry of sorts, or at least the pretense of one, for the next few months. Gradually, interest waned, as did headlines, and the Lieutenant's wife was left in limbo. In February of 1954, for reasons that became known only decades later, the military made a presumptive finding of death for the Lieutenant and other MIAs.



The Lieutenant's wife said goodbye. She was a widow...at least that's what she believed at the time. It was the 1950s. People (especially women) didn't challenge the government then. They didn't demand

declassification of intelligence documents. They didn't call their president a liar. As we now have reason to believe, they should have.

It wasn't until the early 1990's that then-Russian President Boris Yeltsin admitted the Soviets had transferred POWs out of the Korean theater of conflict. The Soviets had been behind the war from the beginning. They flew MiGs dressed in Chinese uniforms. They sat behind false walls listening while POWs were interrogated. With the jolt from Yeltsin's admission, families of the missing rose from their ignorance and demanded information. Then came congressional hearings, creation of a DoD missing personnel office and the birth of a movement to account for the more than 8,000 men who remained missing from the Korean War...not a conflict, it was a *War*.

In 1994, Lt. Col. Phillip Corso testified at a hearing chaired by then-Congressman Bob Dornan of California. During the Korean War, one of Corso's duties had been to keep track of enemy POW camps in North Korea. He'd overseen investigation of the estimated number of U.S. POWs held at each camp. Immediately after the war, Corso was an advisor to President Eisenhower on matters of National Security.

At the Dornan hearing, Corso testified that hundreds of American POWs had been left behind after the Korean War; that Eisenhower knew this but had kept the information from families and the American People because there would be outrage and a demand for action, which he was not prepared to take. It was, at least in part, dirty warfare and dirty politics.

Over the next 20+ years, through countless Freedom of Information Act requests, too many hours of research to count and determined advocacy with every branch of government, the families gathered considerable evidence that men had, indeed, been held back. There were live sightings and reports from various sources. Internal White House memos and other once-classified Intelligence, even contemporaneous congressional hearings, all spoke of the situation and what to do about it. There was no good answer. The Government surely didn't want to leave men behind but, for some reason, concluded that nothing short of war would get the men back. And a war between the U.S. and the Soviet Union would have had dire consequences.

So, the missing Americans were abandoned. Written off then, and for decades to come. For any who were alive, the torment they must have endured defies words. But these men have not been forgotten by their families or the veterans who fought alongside of them. The anguish, different but very real, has lived with those who loved them and were never given information with which to heal the wound.



After (how many?) presidents have parroted the words 'America Leaves No Man Behind,' when in fact this country has left some 80,000 American Servicemen behind and unaccounted for since World War II, the U.S. Government is now tasked with finding out what happened to these men.

The accounting effort came about only after a glimpse of the truth flickered through the maze, such that families united and demanded answers. There would be no more lying down to the disinformation. The men who fought and gave their all, then disappeared without explanation, deserve more.

The Lieutenant is my father. But he could be anyone's dad; or husband; or son; or brother.

Cold War Losses

Thirty-nine U.S. military and civilian aircraft were either shot down or otherwise lost on the periphery of communist countries, primarily the former Soviet Union, while flying intelligence missions during the Cold War (1946-1991). One hundred twenty-six U.S. service members remain missing.

Membership and Funding!

The *Coalition of Families of Korean & Cold War POW/MIAs* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to accounting for the thousands of American servicemen who are still missing from the Korean and Cold Wars. Their stories should be told, their remains brought home, identified, and closure found for their families.



Coalition officers have met with government officials in North Korea and former Soviet bloc countries. They have collaborated with Congressional offices to introduce legislation, secured the release of the Korean War's X-files, and effected changes in government policy.

These accomplishments are achieved on family membership donations and work done almost entirely on a volunteer basis. So much more will be done when the *Coalition* has a fully operational budget that supports broader projects and salaried officers. We invite all of you to join us in reaching out to other organizations in order to develop broader financial support. Extended funding, large and small, will make a difference!

Thank you to all long-standing supporters for renewing your memberships, adding-on donations, supporting individual projects, and increasing contributions through online shopping at links on the *Coalition's* website.

(<http://www.coalitionoffamilies.org/merchant-partners.html>)

Together, we can broaden the effort to learn the stories of missing American servicemen who not only sacrificed their lives in service to their country but knowledge of their endings. Thank you!

Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs
National Membership Application

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Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
 (Associate Membership / Non family member – please check here: _____)
 Relationship to missing service member: _____
 Service member's full name: _____ Service # _____
 Branch of Service/Unit or Group: _____
 Date & Area of Loss: _____

Annual Membership Donation - \$25. Please make checks payable to: Coalition of Families.

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