



POW/MIA Update

Soldier Missing From Korean War Is Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Pfc. Billy M. MacLeod, U.S. Army, of Cheboygan, Mich. He was buried Saturday in Cheboygan.

Representatives from the Army met with MacLeod's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process, and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

MacLeod was a member of Company B, 32nd Infantry Regiment, then making up part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division, operating along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. From Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1950, the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces overran the U.S. positions, forcing their southward withdrawal. Regimental records compiled after the battle indicate that MacLeod was killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950.

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Between 2002 and 2005, three joint U.S.-Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated an area with two mass graves on the eastern shore of the Chosin Reservoir. They were believed to be burial sites of U.S. soldiers from the 31st RCT. The teams found human remains and other material evidence. Analysis of the remains subsequently led to the identifications of eight individuals, including MacLeod.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of MacLeod's remains.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.

KWVA Management Information System



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KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Information

Fellow KWVA Members,

It has been almost a year since the last listing of KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Information was published in *The Graybeards*. Those of you with computers are able to view daily up-to-date listings of this information by logging on to our KWVA website at www.kwva.org and clicking on the link: List of Depts/Chapters.

If you are a KWVA member and have not joined a KWVA chapter, this listing should be of particular importance to you! Do you know where there is a chapter near you; near enough for you to attend meetings? Most chapters meet once a month. The meeting day, time and place can be found on the internet at the website and link listed above, or you may contact the Chapter president as shown in the following listing by phone or US mail.

I hear and see the question often asked, "What does KWVA do for me besides provide me six issues of *The Graybeards* each year and the ability to vote for National KWVA officers?" The short answer is, "You get what you want to get and what you look for!" But, if you have a computer, you can get much more, simply by visiting

the KWVA website and viewing the various links that are available.

You will be surprised at the volume of current and archival information, to include many old issues of *The Graybeards*, that is available and of interest to veterans and, in particular, Korean War and Korea Service veterans.

Of equal, if not of more, importance, The Korean War Veterans Association has provided the framework for the development of over 230 chapters and 16 departments nationwide. These KWVA units provide an opportunity for you to meet and associate with veterans of similar interest. They serve as a support group to those of us, in our older age, as we deal with the rigors of our past service and in our retirement years.

So, if you are not a member of a chapter, seek out one from the list on the following pages and visit one of their meetings. If there is not a chapter near you, contact one of the national officers listed on the inside front cover of this magazine for the possibility of your being involved in the organization of a Chapter in your area.

Of the 17,000+ KWVA members, there are almost 7,000 of you who do not belong to a chapter. So, why not take the next step and join a Chapter? Try it, you might like it!

Yours for a better KWVA,

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