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DPMO Secures Agreement for Recovery Operations in North Korea

U.S. and North Korean officials reached agreement on November 18 on a framework to investigate locations and recover the remains in 2005 of American servicemen who are missing from the Korean War.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Jerry D. Jennings led the two-day talks. His negotiating team included representatives from the Department of State, the U.S. Pacific Command and the United Nations Command.

This joint humanitarian mission is our obligation to the fallen servicemen and their families," said Jennings. "Wherever it takes us, this we must do to honor the sacrifices made by these American heroes."

Next year's operations in North Korea will mark the 10th consecutive year that U.S. specialists have carried out remains recovery missions in the country. Specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command have recovered remains



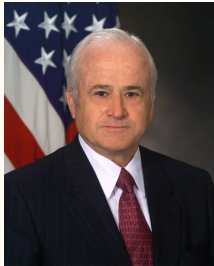
DASD Jennings (left) leads the U.S. delegation as talks begin with North Korean officials on 2005 recovery operations.

believed to be those of more than 200 soldiers since 1996.

The arrangement calls for U.S. and Korean People's Army teams to work in two areas in North Korea where more than 2,000 soldiers and Marines are believed to be missing. Their missions will take place April-October in Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, and at the Chosin Reservoir in the northeast part of North Korea.

The arrangement also includes details on matters relating to safety of the teams, to include rehearsals of medical airlift should an emergency arise.

Of the 88,000 Americans missing from all conflicts, more than 8,100 are from the Korean War.



Message from the Honorable Jerry D. Jennings

I hope the holiday season finds you well, and the early arrival of our winter edition of the Torch is a pleasant surprise.

As 2004 concludes, I am proud of the achievements we made in the last two months of the year. From our talks with the North Koreans on recovery operations in their country to the meetings I had with Republic of India government officials to establish a framework for World War II recovery operations in that country, we have been busy. Meanwhile, accounting efforts continued with recovery operations in Burma, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. I am hopeful that these efforts will identify many of our lost heroes and that we will be able to publicly announce their identification like their comrades listed on page seven of this newsletter.

I look forward to a productive 2005. Our activities in North Korea remain on track as we prepare to commence on a full schedule of excavations in the new year. We continue to make progress on our recovery efforts, and we will continue repatriating remains recovered in North Korea across the demilitarized zone at Panmunjom.

During the new year, we will continue to work hard to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost in past conflicts. In the Spring, DPMO will sponsor the third annual Personnel Accounting Conference of government officials from around the nation who contribute to the POW/MIA accounting effort.

In May, my office will once again host two days of briefings in the Washington, D.C. area for relatives of those missing from the Korean and Cold Wars. In June, we look forward to providing government briefings for relatives of those missing from the Vietnam War. I strongly encourage family members to take advantage of the Department of Defense-funded transportation to attend one of the meetings and to take advantage of the opportunity to discuss individual cases with knowledgeable officials.

We will continue to keep our brave young men and women in harm's way in our thoughts as we celebrate the holidays in the embrace of our friends and family. I wish you a safe and prosperous New Year!

Near Record Turnouts for Portland and Orlando Family Update

DPMO hosted its most recent family update meetings in Portland, Oregon, on October 23 and Orlando, Florida, on November 20. A total of 132 family members attended in Portland and 109 attended in Orlando—near record numbers. The vast majority of the families (60%) represented Korean War cases followed by Vietnam War (27%) and World War II (13%).

U.S. Government specialists presented information on various topics including: the challenges in recovery and identification of

war missing, archival research efforts, analysis, research in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and the use of DNA in the identification process. At the end of the day, had the opportunity to sit down and discuss their loved ones' cases with some of the more than 25 government experts assembled for the meeting.

The next family update will be held on January 22 in Reno, Nevada. A complete listing of the schedule for 2005 is listed on page eight.

DASD Jennings Leads Delegation to Moscow

Honorable Jerry D. Jennings, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs, led a delegation to Moscow from September 18 to 23. He went to Russia in two capacities. As the DASD, he has responsibility for an office in the American Embassy in Moscow that supports the work of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs in



DASD Jennings (center), with his staff, addresses members of the Russian side of the U.S. - Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs.

the Russian Federation. His second capacity during this visit was as the newly appointed U.S. Chairman of the Joint Commission. President Bush appointed Mr. Jennings Chairman of this Commission in June 2004.

As the DASD, Mr. Jennings held a series of meetings at the American Embassy with the Ambassador and other American officials whose support of DPMO's work in Russia is critical. DASD Jennings also met with DPMO's Moscow staff and discussed with them the work they are performing in the former Soviet Union.

As the U.S. Chairman of the Joint Commission, Mr. Jennings met with a number of senior Russian officials, including high-level representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Security Council, the Russian parliament (the

State Duma), and the Russian side of the Joint Commission. In these meetings, Mr. Jennings asked for support for the Commission's work, and he offered American help in scientifically identifying the remains of MIA Russian servicemen from the Soviets' war in Afghanistan.

In separate meetings with two Russian veterans' groups, he sought support for the Commission's work and offered to facilitate closer cooperation between Russian veterans' organizations and their American counterparts. From these meetings, we expect that the Russian veterans will help American researchers find and interview Soviet veterans of the conflicts in North Korea and Southeast Asia, and the Russian leadership of these veterans' organizations agreed to advocate for the Commission with President Putin and other senior Russian Government officials.

Tentative plans are being made now for the 19th Plenum of the Joint Commission to take place in Moscow soon after the 60th anniversary celebrations of World War II.



DASD Jennings (foreground), as Chairman of the U.S. - Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs, leads the U.S. delegation as talks begin with the Russian side of the Commission in Moscow.

DPMO Analysts Working in Central Europe

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office supports the U.S. – Russia Joint Commission on POWs through the Joint Commission Support Directorate (JCSD). The JCSD World War II Working Group has been very busy from September to November. Following its challenging expedition this summer to the Russian Far East, the group has also been working hard to resolve several cases in Central Europe, where it maintains a high level of activity. In addition to having nearly 200 active cases in the Russian Far East and in other parts of Russia, JCSD has developed more than 60 cases across Central and Eastern Europe.

During the months of September and October WWII analyst Navy Chief Petty Officer Michael Allen spent seven weeks tracking down cases in Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Hungary. Chief Allen's recent field research reflects the long and determined reach of the group's effort to resolve the numerous WWII cases still in existence.

Chief Allen traveled extensively throughout the Balkans and Central Europe, establishing valuable new ties within national archives, museums, libraries and with individual historians throughout the region. JCSD researchers eagerly undertake this difficult but necessary legwork in order to seek out new ways of efficiently acquiring information to aid the mission. The Chief received excellent advice for new research avenues and much appreciated help in coordinating critical research contacts in other parts of the country. In one instance, he worked with a senior Slovenian official within the Maribor People's Liberation Museum to acquire new documentary evidence that helps clarify the fate of one MIA airman and received valuable assistance in pursuing new leads on three other cases.

One of Chief Allen's major stops in the Balkans was to identify the location of the burial site of a WWII serviceman. His experience there served to illustrate the difficulty often



Navy Chief Petty Officer Mike Allen interviews a Bosnian craftsman for information on a missing American

encountered in field research. In Bosnia and Herzegovina Mike's research led him from the war-torn capital of Sarejevo on a long trek through the country's mountainous regions, finally reaching a small town nestled in the valley of Duvanjsko Polje. The Chief's destination was a Franciscan monastery thought to hold information on the fate of the crewman of a downed American bomber. Among those he interviewed were the local monks, to include Father Ivo, a kind man in his 70s who was a seminarian in the nearby town during the war. Although Father Ivo did not witness the burial, he led Chief Allen to the monastery's "Mother Book". The thick volume at one time sought to capture information on all burials in the town cemetery. The Chief had hoped the Mother Book would definitively pinpoint the grave site in this holy resting place that contains several unmarked graves from many different time periods. Despite an extensive search, however, the crewman's exact location remains elusive for now. The

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working group remains certain it has found the right cemetery and will continue working to uncover the information that will locate the missing crewman.

In Hungary, a country in which JCSD has spent considerable time developing very strong local contacts and resources, Chief Allen's efforts proved highly fruitful. He traveled to eight sites, two of which are already scheduled for recovery on the 2005 JPAC (Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command) operations plan. Chief Allen worked extensively with local authorities and historians from the Hungarian Institute of History, the Hungarian Military History



Hungarian villagers pinpoint the location of a possible crash site for DPMO WWII analysts.

Institute, and the Hungarian Aviation Historians' Association. He also conducted interviews with sixteen first- and second-hand witnesses to air losses. As a result of this trip, JCSD is recommending that JPAC investigate two more burial locations for which JCSD has acquired exact locations when JPAC performs recoveries on

two other JCSD cases. Additionally, Chief Allen's field research came very close to pinpointing the burial locations of two other airmen, and the WWII working group believes that further research will likely produce success in being able to submit these cases for JPAC recovery consideration in the near future. JCSD will return in March for further investigation of these and other cases.

In a promising case in Hungary, Chief Allen is confident he has pinpointed one bomber crewman's exact burial location after extensive historical and field investigation. The crewman's plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire over a small village in the northwestern section of the country. The Chief's historical data identified the town, and on-the-ground investigation eventually led him and his local research assistant, Nandor Mohos, to two first-hand witnesses to the event. The local men stated the crewman died after bailing out of the crippled aircraft and led JCSD to the burial location, which they indicated was near the crash site. The testimony of the witnesses and the location of the stated crash site correlate to other known facts surrounding this event. JCSD is submitting this case for review in the hope that JPAC archeological teams will examine the case in-depth when they travel to the region next year.

In early November, Army Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Sanchez, head of the JCSD WWII

Working Group, and Chief Allen traveled to Hawaii for a series of meetings with JPAC leadership, analysts and operators to discuss issues surrounding planning, JCSD operations in Russia and Eastern Europe, and specific JCSD cases under review. The meetings proved very useful in allowing analysts and leadership to clarify issues, exchange information and foster communication. JCSD is now processing the analysis of an aircraft crash site discovered in its summer expedition to the Russian Far East and two WWII cases in Hungary for JPAC review. The WWII Working Group continues to move forward and hopes to achieve resolution on these important cases.

JCSD is achieving considerable success across Central and Eastern Europe as it forges ahead in search of our missing servicemen from the Second World War. The World War II Working Group team members are working hard to exploit that momentum as they continue to develop the expanding number of cases in the region. Although the search and recovery process has significant challenges, by continuously refining information and maintaining strong communications with JPAC leadership, the goal of JCSD is to stay firmly engaged in the effort to bring our soldiers home by the most expeditious means possible. Despite the fact that almost 60 years have passed since the end of the Second World War, time has not lessened our commitment to bring home our fellow Americans.

Focus on a Precious Resource – Our Veterans

Interviewing Korean War veterans to obtain eyewitness accounts from those who were there is a priority for DPMO’s Northeast Asia analysts. Realizing that researching documents in the archives or studying published military histories could never fully document battle details or furnish information on individual American fighting men, several years ago the Research Directorate initiated an oral history program.

Each year, DPMO and JPAC analysts attend as many Korean War unit reunions as possible to interview veterans in the hope of obtaining new information on missing Americans. During the first eight months of this year, analysts were invited to attend reunions of the 1st Cavalry, 1st Marine, and 3rd Infantry Divisions; the U.S. Army 5th Infantry Regiment; the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment – 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment; the Chosin Few; and the U.S. Army Chapter of the Chosin Few.

Since the program began in 1996, more than 1,650 men have contributed information of value to DPMO’s effort. Analysts have found that the veterans are an invaluable source of facts on the circumstances of loss,

locations or potential locations of remains, and other casualty details: precious information that can guide recovery operations, focus identification efforts, and provide family members with new particulars regarding the loss of their loved one. An old, faded unit roster, for example, showing duty positions of a missing serviceman and his comrades, can be highly valuable. These details are passed on to family members during DPMO’s Family Update meetings and may be of use in identity efforts when multiple remains are recovered.

During September and October 2004, Northeast Asia research analysts continued the effort by conducting over three dozen in-depth interviews with Korean War veterans attending reunions of the 24th and 25th Infantry Divisions, the 32nd Infantry Regiment, the Korean War Ex-POWs Association, and the all-service Korean War Veterans Reunion. These interviews will be of great use as DPMO, JPAC, and the military services continue to expand their knowledge of what happened to the unaccounted-for in Korea. In 2005, the analysts plan to maintain an equally robust schedule of reunion attendance and look forward to meeting many more veterans.



DPMO Korean War analyst, Herb Artolla, takes notes as a veteran of the 3rd Infantry Division details information on one of his lost comrades during a meeting in Savannah, Georgia.



DPMO Korean War analysts, Lt Col Bill Woodier, USAF, and LTC Dong Ha, USA, take notes and study maps while interviewing a veteran of the 1st Marine Division for information on his lost comrades.

HOW TO REACH US.....

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Americans Accounted for in 2004

Korean War:

Sergeant First Class Jeremiah Casey, USA

November 28, 1950

Corporal Charles A. Williams, USA

November 27, 1950

Corporal David Elliott Pursley, USA

July 14, 1953

Sergeant Carl E. Sheraden, USA

November 27, 1950

Captain Troy Gordon Cope, USA

September 16, 1952

Vietnam War

Lieutenant Colonel Russell D. Martin, USAF

May 1, 1968

Sergeant First Class Charles F. Prevedel, USA

April 17, 1969

Lieutenant Colonel Randolph Allen Perry, Jr., USAF

December 20, 1972

Lance Corporal Luther Edmond Ritchey, Jr., USMC

October 8, 1963

Lieutenant Colonel Richard S. Schott, USA

April 7, 1972

Senior Master Sergeant Phillip J. Stickney, USAF

May 31, 1972

Chief Warrant Officer Jack Walter Brunson, USA

May 31, 1971

Major Ralph Laurence Carlock, USAF

March 4, 1967

Warrant Officer Mark John Robertson, USA

February 10, 1971

Lieutenant Commander J. Forrest George Trembley, USN
August 21, 1967

Captain Raymond Harry Hetrick, USAF

February 24, 1966

Mr. Charles Dean, Civilian

September 10, 1974

Mr. Neil Sharman, Civilian

September 10, 1974

Staff Sergeant Dennis Wayne Hammond, USMC

February 8, 1968

Staff Sergeant Jerry Wayne Hendrix, USMC

July 11, 1972

Corporal Kenneth Lloyd Crody, USMC

July 11, 1972

Captain Carl Edwin Long, USMC

December 20, 1969

Lieutenant Commander Harry Seeber Mossman, USN

August 20, 1972

Commander Thomas Earl Dunlop, USN

April 6, 1972

Colonel James Louis Carter, USAF

February 3, 1966

Chief Master Sergeant Edward Milton Parsley, USAF

February 3, 1966

Chief Master Sergeant Therman M. Waller, USAF

February 3, 1966

Second Lieutenant Donald John Matocha, USMC

April 5, 1968

Colonel Peter J. Frederick, USAF

March 15, 1967

Major Robert Harry Schuler, Jr., USAF

October 15, 1965



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Defense Prisoner of
War/Missing Personnel Office
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Washington, DC 20301-2400
www.dtic.mil/dpmo

2005 Family Update Schedule

The following is the DPMO Family Update schedule for 2005. More than 90 of the meetings have been held at cities throughout the United States since 1995.

Family Updates provide relatives of Americans still unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War with the latest information regarding the U.S. government's POW/MIA accounting activities.

January 22, 2005	Reno, NV
February 26, 2005	San Antonio, TX
March 19, 2005	Memphis, TN
July 30, 2005	Omaha, NE
August 27, 2005	Columbus, OH
September 24, 2005	San Diego, CA
October 22, 2005	Raleigh, NC
November 19, 2005	Spokane, WA

Family members within a 300 mile radius of the Update location will receive an invitation approximately 30 days before the meeting. Other family members outside of that area can register to attend by calling their Casualty Office. Registration is also available online by going to www.dtic.mil/dpmo/ and clicking on "Upcoming Events."