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Please send in your membership renewal early. It is easy to be distracted with the upcoming holidays. January will be here before you know it.

It is because of you, our members, that we can continue our work. Please take a minute and send your renewal in today.

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IN MY OPINION

by Irene Mandra

Dear Members,

On September 21, 2012 I attended a DPMO meeting in Washington DC, with our Vice President Charlotte Mitnik. It was our first meeting with General Montaghue Winfield, the new Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD).

For me, the most important issue was the disparity between the wars, as far as resources. Vietnam is receiving 80%, WWII is receiving 15%, and Korea is only receiving 5%. I do not have to tell you how unfair these practices are.

Our government has to understand that all these men gave their lives for this country to maintain democracy regardless of the war they fought in. All of our wars are equal according to the 2010 National Defense Act. The current distribution of resources is not appropriate and hasn't been for years. The meeting was fruitful with a promise from General Winfield that I could come back to my membership with a solemn promise that this ratio would be corrected.

These are the statistics I was given for the KOREAN WAR

- Identifications this Fiscal Year: 37
- 6000 pages of case relevant docs passed to JPAC.
- 16 "Punch Bowl" exhumations, 9 ID'd
- Field Ops: ROK Korean Forward Element
 - Over a dozen sites investigated since May 12.
 - Peoples Republic of China - Recovery team Guangdong USN air loss
 - FY 13 operations planned for ROK and People Republic of China

U.S. Side of the Russia Joint Commission: We welcome Dr. James G. Connell as acting Executive Secretary to link USRJC to DPMO.

The new auxiliary laboratory on the mainland, that this organization has fought for for the last ten years, is finally seeing its day in Omaha, Nebraska. January 2013, is the date.

Our next big family update will take place April 18 & 19, 2013. We will be honoring Dr. Thomas Holland, from JPAC. I hope you will join us for our annual dinner.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012 POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY



Our Chairperson Irene Mandra (right) and Vice President Charlotte Mitnick (left) with General Winfield (center)

In his weekly update, W. Montague Winfield, Maj Gen (Ret) Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense POW / Missing Personnel Affairs and Director, Defense POW Missing Personnel Office wrote, the Department of Defense held a POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at the Pentagon and invited more than 600 families, veterans and veteran organizations in the local area, every "3-star" equivalent or higher and key foreign Ambassadors. ADM James A. Winnefeld, Jr., The Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, gave opening remarks, followed by remarks from Dr. Ashton Carter, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the keynote speaker was former Senator Chuck Hagel. As a community, we can be proud that so many people, military and civilians, are taking time to honor service members who were prisoners of war or missing in action.

Accounted-For Korea in 2012

- **Sgt. Willard F. Williams, U.S. Army, E Company, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was lost on Nov. 28, 1950, just south of Unsan, North Korea. He was accounted for on Oct. 23, 2012.**
- **Sgt. Stanley W. Bear, U.S. Army, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was lost on Sept. 4, 1950, near Haman, South Korea. He was accounted for on Oct. 15, 2012.**
- **Cpl. Elmer C. Kidd, U.S. Army, Heavy Mortar Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, was lost on Nov. 30, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir. He was accounted for on Oct. 11, 2012.**
- **Lt. Col. Don C. Faith Jr., U.S. Army, commander of the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, was lost on Dec. 2, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir. He was accounted for on Oct. 11, 2012.**
- **Cpl. Joseph W. Fontenot, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost in February 1951 near Saemal, South Korea. He was accounted for on Oct. 10, 2012.**
- **Pfc. James C. Mullins, U.S. Army, H Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, was lost on July 22, 1950, near Yugong-ni, South Korea. He was accounted for on Sept. 27, 2012.**
- **Pfc. Arthur W. Hopfensperger, U.S. Army, Company B, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, 31st Regimental Combat Team, lost Nov. 28 1950, near Chosin Reservoir. Accounted for Sept. 12, 2012.**
- **Sgt. Chester L. Williams, U.S. Army, B Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 6, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir. He was accounted for on Aug. 28, 2012.**
- **Cpl. Luther J. James, U.S. Army, Battery B, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 6, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir. He was accounted for on Aug. 18, 2012.**
- **Capt. Turnace H. Brown, U.S. Army, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 6, 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir. He was accounted for on Aug. 17, 2012.**
- **Cpl. Francis J. Reimer, U.S. Army, M Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 12, 1950, near Chosin Reservoir. Was accounted for on July 19, 2012.**
- **Cpl. Clarence H. Huff, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, I Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division was lost on Dec. 2, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir. He was accounted for on July 13, 2012.**
- **PFC Richard S. Gzik, U.S. Marine Corps, M Battery, 11th Artillery Regiment, 1st Marine Division, was lost on Dec. 2 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir. He was accounted for on July 11, 2012.**
- **Sgt. William T. Barker, U.S. Army, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost in February 1951, while in captivity in Pyokdong, North Korea. He was accounted for on June 30, 2012.**
- **Sgt. Thomas J. Barksdale, B Battery, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost on Nov. 30, 1950, near Ch'ongch'on, North Korea. He was accounted for on June 22, 2012.**

- Cpl. Pryor Gobble, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 11, 1950, near Hagaru-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for on May 23, 2012.
- Cpl. Kenneth R. Block, US Army, M Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 31st Regimental Combat Team, lost Dec. 3, 1950, near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for on May 18, 2012.
- Cpl. David L. Catlin, U.S. Army, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 2, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. Was accounted for April 16, 2012.
- Cpl. Clyde E. Anderson, U.S. Army, Medical Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, assigned to the 31st Regimental Combat Team, lost Nov. 28, 1950, near Kaljon-ri, N. K.. Was accounted for April 13, 2012.
- Pfc. Nelson E. Young, U.S. Army, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was captured on Dec. 2, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea and died in late 1950 or early 1951. He was accounted for on March 30, 2012.
- Master Sgt. Elwood Green, U.S. Army, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division was captured on Nov. 28, 1950, and died in 1951 in a POW Camp in North Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 1, 2012.
- Sgt. 1st Class Richard L. Harris, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division was captured on Nov. 30, 1950 and died in Jan. 1951 in a POW Camp in North Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 29, 2012.
- Cpl. Robert I. Wax, U.S. Army, of Battery A, 555th Field Artillery Battalion, was lost on Aug. 11, 1950, near Pongam-ni, South Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 23, 2012 .
- Cpl. James N. Larkin, U.S. Army, C Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, was captured on Feb. 11, 1951, and died in captivity in April 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 21, 2012.
- Cpl. Henry F. Johnson, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment was captured on Nov. 25 1950, and died in captivity in 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 15, 2012.
- Pvt. Arthur W. Leiviska, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, who was captured in 1951 and died in captivity on April 20, 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 3, 2012.
- Cpl. Dick E. Osborne, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was lost on Nov. 2, 1950, near Unsan, North Korea. He was accounted for on Jan. 27, 2012.
- Pfc. Frank P. Jennings, U.S. Army, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment was lost near Jeon-Gog, South Korea on April 25, 1951. He was accounted for on Jan. 18, 2012.
- Sgt. 1st Class Edris A. Viers, U.S. Army, Battery A, 555th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Regimental Combat Team, lost near Pongam-ni, South Korea on Aug. 12, 1950. Accounted for Jan. 17, 2012.
- Cpl. William R. Sluss, U.S. Army, Service Battery, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was captured by enemy forces in late Nov. 1950, near Kunu-ri, North Korea, and died at POW Camp 5 in April 1951. He was accounted for on Jan. 17, 2012.
- Cpl. Chester J. Roper, U.S. Army, Battery A, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was captured by enemy forces on Dec. 1, 1950, near Somindong, North Korea, and died in early 1951 in POW Camp 5 at Pyoktong. He was accounted for on Jan. 4, 2012.

PFC ARTHUR W HOPFENSBERGER

Army Pfc. Arthur W. Hopfensperger 18, of Outagamie, WI. was buried Oct. 8, 2012 in Appleton, WI. In late November 1950, Hopfensperger and elements of the 31st Regimental Combat Team, known as "Task Force Faith," were advancing along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir, in North Korea. After coming under attack, they began a fighting withdrawal to positions near Hagaru-ri, south of the reservoir. During this withdrawal Hopfensperger went missing.

From 2002 to 2005, six joint U.S.-Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated burial sites on the eastern shore of the Chosin Reservoir, where Hopfensperger was last seen. The teams recovered human remains and military equipment associated with the 31st Regimental Combat Team.

In the identification of the remains, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) used circumstantial evidence and forensic identification tools, such as radiograph, dental records and mitochondrial DNA—which matched Hopfensperger's cousin.

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CPL. FRANCIS J REIMER

Army Cpl. Francis J. Reimer, 19, of St. Cloud, MN., was buried Sept. 8, 2012 in his hometown. Late November 1950, Reimer and elements of the 31st Regimental Combat Team, known as "Task Force Faith," were advancing along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir, in N K. After coming under attack, they began a fighting withdrawal to positions near Hagaru-ri, south of the reservoir. During this withdrawal Reimer went missing.

Between 1991 and 1994, North Korea gave the United States 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. service members. North Korean documents, turned over with some of the boxes, indicated that some of the human remains were recovered from the area where Reimer was last seen.

Scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used circumstantial evidence and forensic identification tools, such as mitochondrial DNA—which matched Reimer's mother and sister.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking to fill two positions.

Secretary- Must be able to write letters on the computer. We send less than 10 per year.

Membership person - responsible for mailing newsletters.

NATIONAL POW RECOGNITION DAY

By Larry Leonard

I'd like to share an unbelievable experience I had this past weekend. I was a guest of Rolling Thunder in Americus, GA and adjoining Andersonville, the Confederate POW Camp that is now the National POW Museum.

Friday, September 21 was National POW recognition day. Rolling Thunder is one of the premier groups trying to keep attention on the POW issue as well as the MIA issue. I was invited to represent the Korea-Cold War Families of the Missing and speak on Friday night regarding my uncle.

My uncle was in the 187 RCT and was killed/lost during the push by the Chinese Army. His remains are located in North Korea. They were handling the rear guard action for the 8th Army which was in retrograde operations.

Additionally, I spoke about my platoon leader in Vietnam who was lost in Cambodia in March of 1970 and found in 1998. They recovered the entire Huey crew of four plus three SF guys and five indig guys. The entire seven Americans are buried in a common grave at Arlington and Miles Vaughan and I went there about six years ago and saw it.

We had two wreath layings at Andersonville for two additional MIA's both from Vietnam that have tombstones located there. The entire day of Friday was dedicated to MIAs and the MIA families.

Saturday was dedicated to the POWs.

Guys, I don't know if I can really tell you how moving these stories from the POWs were. I met a guy that was a survivor of the Bataan Death March. I met a guy who was seventeen when he was captured by the Chinese in Korea.

His story raised the hair on the back of my neck. He held the 800 to 1000 that were at the dinner spellbound for half an hour while he told us his story.

I met another guy who was a native American from Oklahoma and the 45th Division and was captured in the Philippines. His wife was with him at the dinner and she sang 'Amazing Grace' in her native tongue. Wow.

Then I met a navigator who flew with a different crew than his own on a mission and was shot down near Switzerland and captured.

He found out later his own crew had been shot down that same day with all hands lost.

Another story came from a bombardier who was shot down and ended up in the same POW camp that "The Great Escape" was based on. He was later moved to another camp and then escaped and was aided by Nuns and returned to American forces.

Another story came from a guy who was an 11 Bravo and was captured. He was placed in a boxcar with other Americans. It was so full they had to sleep in shifts. They did this for four months before being freed by General Patton's forces. It was unbelievable.

Guys, I wasn't reading about history, I was TALKING to history. It was moving, it was patriotic, it was spiritual. These guys and their stories were unbelievable.

I guess my message to you is if you see a Rolling Thunder event, try to get there. If they ask for a donation, consider giving. I can assure you their cause is a good one and worth supporting.

NEW COMMANDER, U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND

Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III is a 1977 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

His career as a Surface Warfare Officer includes assignments aboard USS William V. Pratt (DDG 44), USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), USS Callaghan (DDG 994), and USS Truxtun (CG 35), culminating in command of USS Leftwich (DD 984). Subsequent command assignments include Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO, Commander, NIMITZ Strike Group, Commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet, and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, U.S. Naval Forces Africa, and Allied Joint Force Command Naples.

Ashore, he served as Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, the 78th Commandant of Midshipmen, United States Naval Academy, Director, Assessment Division (OPNAV N81), Director, Programming Division (OPNAV N80), and as Director, Navy Staff.

He is a 1992 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the George Washington University.

Adm. Samuel J. Locklear is the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with one gold star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four gold stars, Bronze Star Medal, and numerous individual, Campaign and Unit Awards.

NEW COMMANDER, JOINT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Kelly K. McKeague is Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), with headquarters at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. JPAC is responsible for the global analysis and investigation, search and recovery, and laboratory operations to identify unaccounted – for Americans from past conflicts in order to support the Department of Defense's personnel accounting efforts.

General McKeague received his commission in 1981 through the Georgia Institute of Technology Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He began his military career as a civil engineering officer serving in a variety of assignments at base, major command, and Headquarters U.S. Air Force levels. In 1995, he entered the Maryland Air National Guard and served on active duty as a civil engineer with assignments at Air National Guard Readiness Center followed by legislative liaison tours at the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the National Guard Bureau. He has also served as Chief of Staff, National Guard Bureau, and Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard Matters.

His personal decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with bronze oak leaf cluster and Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with four bronze oak leaf clusters.

CHIT CHAT NEWS

It's with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of our member, Salvatore Mandra WWII navy veteran. Sal has been a member since the start of our organization. He was a great contributor to our cause and helped his daughter Luann fold and tape our newsletters.

Four days after Salvatore was buried, his daughter (our membership director) Luann died. Luann was only 54 years old.

I can't begin to tell you all the help Luann was to this organization. She sent out our newsletters to our members and also took care of mailing the regional meeting newsletters.

It is with great sadness that I have to say goodbye to my brother Sal and my niece Luann. I wish to thank the many members that sent sympathy cards when my younger brother John passed away a year ago. It's always hard to lose family.

Many thanks to Jane Buss for her kind donation in memory of Luann Mandra Nelson.

New POW/MIA Book written by our member

AMERICA'S ABANDONED SONS

By Robert S. Miller (Lt. Col. USAF Retired)

Bob Miller's new book, "America's Abandoned Sons," is a must for everyone seeking the truth about America's POW/MIA program. As John Zimmerlee, Executive Director of the Korean and Cold War POW/MIA network states about Miller's book, "For the first time he exposes cover ups, lies, misinformation, and abuses by our government. While the Department of Defense is claiming that other countries are withholding key information on what happened to our servicemen, the real truth is in still classified documents on the sixth floor of our own National Archives." Miller exposes a mid-1990s Russian offer to come clean with what happened to an initial four thousand of the tens of thousands of American servicemen kidnapped by Stalin from WW-II and then Korea... and then describes how Washington successfully shutdown and buried the Russian initiative. All of these servicemen died years after Washington informed their families of their deaths: these men were abandoned and forgotten in the Soviet Gulag. Zimmerlee concludes: "You will be shocked by the numbers and impressed with his methodology. Miller documents sources and chronologically leads you through each event. Can you imagine going to war, being captured, spending years in a prison camp, and then remaining in a POW camp after the war has ended until you die... just because your country felt is politically incorrect to save you? Bob Miller uncovers thousands of these cases."

Another expert who just read Miller's book had this to say. "This is a landmark book for the MIA issue as it was written by an insider and is packed with evidence to back up the allegation that the Defense Department has been lying about the fate of its missing servicemen for almost seven decades."

This book is available in paperback or hardcover through any bookstore, or online at www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, www.xlibris.com. Or by calling XLIBRIS 888-795-4274 ext. 7879

CAPT. TURNACE H. BROWN

Army Capt. Turnace H. Brown, 28, of Lawton, Okla., was buried Oct. 5, in Gainesville, Fla. In late November 1950, Brown and elements of the 31st Regimental Combat Team, known as "Task Force Faith," were advancing along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir, in North Korea. After coming under attack, they began a fighting withdrawal to positions near Hagaru-ri, south of the reservoir. During this withdrawal Brown went missing.

Between 1991 and 1994, North Korea gave the United States 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. service members. North Korean documents, turned over with some of the boxes, indicated that some of the human remains were recovered from the area where Brown was last seen.

In the identification of the remains, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) used circumstantial evidence and forensic identification tools, such as radiograph and mitochondrial DNA—which matched Brown's sister and niece. Using modern technology, identifications continue to be made from remains that were previously turned over by North Korean officials. Today, more than 7,900 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War.

CPL. JOSEPH W. FONTENOT

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Army Cpl. Joseph W. Fontenot, 20, of Maurepas, La., was buried Oct. 27 in Whitehall, La. In February 1951, Fontenot was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division when he was captured by enemy forces near Saemal, South Korea. He reportedly died in June 1951, while in captivity at Camp 1 near Changsong, North Korea.

In 1954, United Nations and Communist Forces exchanged the remains of war dead in what came to be called "Operation Glory." Among the remains that were turned over at that time were remains of servicemen who had died in Camp 1. All of the remains recovered in Operation Glory were turned over to the Army Central Identification Unit for analysis. Those which were unable to be identified with the technology at that time were interred as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. In 2010, analysts from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) re-examined the case records and determined that advances in technology could likely aid in the identification of the unknown remains as one of seven possible soldiers

MASTER SGT. CLIFFORD L. RYAN

Army Master Sgt. Clifford L. Ryan, 27, of Muscatine, IA, was buried Sept. 8, 2012 in Riverside, CA. On Nov. 1, 1950, Ryan's unit, the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, occupied a defensive position along the Kuryong River, near Unsan, North Korea. Chinese units attacked the area and forced a withdrawal. Almost 600 men, including Ryan, were reported missing or killed in action following the battle.

In 2000, a joint U.S-Democratic People's Republic of Korea team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated a mass grave discovered earlier in Unsan County, south of the area known as "Camel's Head." Human remains, of at least five individuals, and U.S. military uniforms were recovered but they were unable to be identified given the technology of the time. In 2007, because of advances in DNA technology, scientists from the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) re-analyzed the remains.

Scientists from JPAC and AFDIL determined the identity of the remains using circumstantial evidence and forensic identification tools, such as mitochondrial DNA—which matched Ryan's brother and sister.



PFC RICHARD S. GZIK

Marine Pfc. Richard S. Gzik, 19, of Toledo, OH, was buried Sept. 28, at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. On Dec. 2, 1950, Gzik and the other Marines of M Battery, 11th Artillery Regiment, 1st Marine Division, came under attack on the west side of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. It was during this battle that Gzik was killed in action and his remains were buried alongside the road leading to Hagaru-ri. Later that month, the withdrawal of U.N. forces from the Chosin Reservoir region made it impossible to recover Gzik's remains. In 1954, United Nations and Communist Forces exchanged the remains of war dead in what came to be called "Operation Glory." All remains recovered in Operation Glory were turned over to the Army Central Identification Unit for analysis. Those which were unable to be identified, given the technology of that time, were interred as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii—the "Punchbowl."

In 2012, analysts from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) re-examined the case records and determined that advances in technology could likely aid in the identification of the unknown remains as Gzik. Once the remains were exhumed, scientists from JPAC used circumstantial evidence and forensic identification tools, including dental records and radiographs, to validate Gzik's identification.

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