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TO: The Department Commander, Norman Macey

FROM: The Department POW/MIA Chairman

SUBJECT: POW / MIA Mid-Winter Report

1. Post reported Veterans Project Reports by district; **District 1 (14)**, District 2 (6), District 3 (6), District 4 (9), District 5 (10), **District 6 (16)**, District 8 (8), **District 9 (8)**, District 10 (5), District 12 (7), District 13 (9), District 14 (8), District 16 (5), District 17 (9), District 18 (8), District 19 (5), **District 20 (17)**, **District 21 (15)**, District 24 (7), District 25 (4), District 28 (7), District 29 (5), District 30 (5). Total of 193 Post reported VPRs.
2. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the following **burial updates or identifications** for service members who have been missing and unaccounted. Returning home for burial with full military honors are (147): 6 Comrades from the state of Texas; **Marine Corps Sgt. Fred Farris, Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Frank A. Norris, Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Jack K. Wood, Navy Seaman 2nd Class Harold W. Lindsey, Army Cpl. Marvin D. Actkinson, Army Cpl. R.B. Cherry**

July 6, 2021: 6 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

July 12, 2021: 8 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

July 19, 2021: 3 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

July 26, 2021: 7 x WWII & Vietnam service members returning home for burial/identification.

August 2, 2021: 5 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification burial.

August 9, 2021: 13 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification; from Texas.

- **Marine Corps Sgt. Fred Farris**, 19, of **Hillsboro, Texas**, was a member of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands, in an attempt to secure the island. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded, while the Japanese were virtually annihilated. Farris died on the first day of battle, Nov. 20, 1943. Interment services are pending.

- **Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Frank A. Norris**, 23, of **Quinlan, Texas**, was a pilot assigned to the 345th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Norris was serving crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave, north of Bucharest, Romania. His remains were not identified following the war. Interment services are pending.

August 16, 2021: 6 x WWII service members returning home for burial/identification.

August 30, 2021: 7 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

September 7, 2021: 13 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

September 13, 2021: 2 x WWII service members returning home for burial/identification.

September 27, 2021: 6 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

October 4, 2021: 7 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

October 11, 2021: 10 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification; from Texas.

- **Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Jack K. Wood**, 24, of **Wichita Falls, Texas**, was assigned to 344th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Wood was serving as a navigator crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. He will be buried Oct. 23, 2021, in Madill, Oklahoma.

October 18, 2021: 2 x WWII service members returning home for burial/identification.

October 25, 2021: 10 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

November 1, 2021: 2 x WWII service members returning home for burial/identification; from Texas.

- **Navy Seaman 2nd Class Harold W. Lindsey**, 26, of **San Antonio**, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Lindsey. **He will be buried on Nov. 5, 2021, in Dallas.**

**A. The District Commander was informed of this information, no follow-up information was submitted**

November 8, 2021: 4 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

November 15, 2021: 7 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

November 22, 2021: 5 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

November 29, 2021: 2 x WWII service members returning home for burial/identification.

December 6, 2021: 4 x WWII service members returning home for burial/identification.

December 13, 2021: 4 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

December 20, 2021: 7 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification; from Texas.

- **Army Cpl. Marvin D. Actkinson**, 18, of **Sudan, Texas**, was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Actkinson will be buried in Colorado City, Texas. **The date has yet to be determined.**

January 10, 2021: 4 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

January 17, 2021: 3 x WWII & Korea service members returning home for burial/identification.

- **Army Cpl. R.B. Cherry**, 19, of **Dallas**, was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 27, 1950, near Anju, North Korea. Cherry had been a POW in Camp 5 and his remains were declared non-recoverable after the war. He will be buried in his hometown. **The date has yet to be determined.**

3. I'm encouraging all District Commanders to speak with their Post Commanders about flying the POW/MIA flags at their respective Post and if able, all VFW Post should set up a missing man display if space is available.
4. The Department of Texas VFW will not rest until we achieve the fullest possible accounting of all missing American military service members from all wars. Point of Contact for this memorandum is Carlo S. Davis, 808-729-7959 or [brodavisc@yahoo.com](mailto:brodavisc@yahoo.com).

In Comradeship

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