



# Listening Post

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## VVVC- Sept 2025

### Membership Report

Annual members 22  
Life members 114  
Total members 136

## Committees

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### Parades/Events

vacant

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Joe Richardson

### Membership

Joe Richardson

## President's Message:

### LP Editor

note to those receiving the LP by mail  
instead of email, please consider switching  
you will get it sooner, with color, and save  
VVVC roughly \$5 each/mo.

## Sick Call

Barry Jenkins  
Richard 'Dickie' Pena  
Walter 'Wally' Terry  
John Cabrera

Laurie and Joe Richardson  
Fred Hoff  
John Walker

## **News from August Executive and General sessions:**

The Camarillo Air Show proved to be very profitable and those attending had a good time. DAV has announced a 'hold' to processing claims, awaiting additional training due to changes being made. VVVC received large donation and great day at the air show leading to a nearly \$8000 gain in our treasury.



### **POW/MIA REPORT**

## **WORLD WAR II**

### **Army Capt. Willibald C. Bianchi 29**

Willibald C. Bianchi, 29, killed during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 11, 2025.

### **Army Air Forces 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Blaine B. Wilcox 26**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Blaine B. Wilcox, 26, of Pacific Junction, Iowa, killed during World War II, was accounted for on April 1, 2025.

### **Army Air Forces 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Edgar W. Nevois 21**

2nd Lt. Edgar W. Nevois, 21, killed during World War II, was accounted for March 27, 2025.

### **Army Pvt. Condia Lynch Jr. 20**

Pvt. Condia Lynch Jr., 20, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 18, 2025.

### **Marine Pfc. Charles E. Wallace 19**

Pfc. Charles E. Wallace, 19, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 18, 2019.

### **Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Wilburn R. Sanders Jr. 29**

1st Lt. Wilburn R. Saunders Jr., 29, killed during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 12, 2025.

### **Army Air Forces Sgt. Henry L Young 20**

Sgt. Henry L. Younge, 20, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Aug. 14, 2025.

### **Army Air Forces Pfc. Bernard F. Sweet 21**

Pfc. Bernard F. Sweet, 21, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 14, 2025.

### **Army Pfc. Charles B. Winters 22**

Pfc. Charles B. Winters, 22, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 14, 2025.

**Navy Res. Ensign Eugene E. Mandeberg 23**

Reserve Ensign Eugene E. Mandeberg, 23, of Detroit, Michigan, killed during World War II, was accounted for on March 4, 2025.

**Navy Carpenter's Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class William R. Burns 25**

Carpenter's Mate 2nd Class William R. Burns, 25, of Raleigh, North Carolina, killed during World War II, was accounted for on June 30, 2025.

**Army 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Charles Arnao 30**

2nd Lt. Charles Arnao, 30, of Philadelphia, killed during World War II, was accounted for March 18, 2025.

**Navy Storekeeper 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Robert S. Garcia**

Storekeeper 3rd Class Robert S. Garcia, 23, of Concepcion, Texas, killed during World War II, was accounted for on April 14, 2025.

**Army Cpl. Malcolm S. Webb 25**

Cpl. Malcolm S. Webb, 25, of Louisville, Kentucky, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for September 11, 2024.

**Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Clifford E. Keeney 26**

Staff Sgt. Clifford E. Keeney, 26, of York, Pennsylvania, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 12, 2025.

**Army Air Forces 1<sup>st</sup>. LT. Gerald J. Melofchik 24**

1st Lt. Gerard J. Melofchik, 24, of New York, New York, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 24, 2025.

**Army Pvt. Alfred T. Langevin 29**

Pvt. Alfred T. Langevin, 29, of East Weymouth, Massachusetts, killed during World War II, was accounted for July 30, 2025.

**Army Staff Sgt. Junior J. Shelton 24**

Staff Sgt. Junior J. Shelton, 24, of Sebree, Kentucky, killed during World War II, was accounted for April 25, 2025.

**Army Air Forces LT Joseph L. Burke 30**

2nd Lt. Joseph L. Burke, 30, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 10, 2025.

**Army Staff Sgt. James Pirtle 31**

Staff Sgt. James G. Pirtle, 31, killed during World War II, was accounted for May 8, 2025.

**Army PFC John A. Walko 20**

Pfc. John A. Walko, 20, killed during World War II, was accounted for July 16, 2025.

**Army Pvt. LeRoy B. Miller 19**

Pvt. LeRoy B. Miller Jr., 19, of Indianapolis, Indiana, killed during World War II, was accounted for August 13, 2024.

**Army Tech 5 Edin E. Ross 24**

Tech5 Edwin E. Ross, 24, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for July 18, 2025.

**ARMY PFC Lawrence R. Beard 27**

Pfc. Lawrence R. Beard, 27, of Westminster, Maryland, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for June 26, 2025.

**Army Sgt Simon Garelick 22**

Sgt. Simon Garelick, 22, of St. Joseph, Missouri, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Oct. 7, 2024.

**Navy Reserve Seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Jerome M. Mullaney 18**

Seaman 2nd Class Jerome M. Mullaney, 18, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, killed during World War II, was accounted for March 10, 2025.

**KOREA****Army Pfc William T. Farrell 19**

Pfc. William T. Farrell, 19, who was killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Sept. 2, 2025.

**Army Sgt. Ray Johnson 20**

Sgt. Ray Johnson, 20, of Erick, Oklahoma, who was killed during the Korean War, was accounted for July 9, 2025.

**Army Sgt. DeLoren D. Dage 23**

Sgt. DeLoren D. Dage, 23, of South Gate, California, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Jan. 15, 2025.

**Army Capt. Charles G. Gibson 28**

Capt. Charles G. Gibson Jr., 28, of Saginaw, Michigan, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for March 17, 2025.

**Army PFC Vincent A. Vega 18**

Pfc. Vincent A. Vega, 18, of Chicago, Illinois, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for May 6, 2025.

**Army Cpl. Donald J. Burmingham 22**

Cpl. Donald J. Burmingham, 22, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for July 17, 2025.

## Upcoming Events

**Sept 27** Port Hueneme Banana Festival, contact Howard Tench

**Oct 25** Reins of Hope, contact Joe Richardson



## If you missed the Banana Festival

