



Listening Post

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LP Editor:

Welcome to our new officers who will be sworn in at the January regular meeting.
To all: If not aware, these emails are available as listed
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Note: The recently approved **Bylaws** are posted on the VVVC.org page

VVVC – Dec meeting 2025 Sick Call

Barry Jenkins	Richard 'Dickie' Pena	John Walker	Tommy Moore
John Cabrera	David Wilson	Chris Sopko	Irene Hoff

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
(\$15) NOW DUE**

December General Meeting Notes:

Irene will be looking to setup fund raising events with the local restaurant's starting next month

Joe will be working on getting our scholarship notices out to all the Ventura County schools, anyone interested in working with him and learning the procedures should give him a shout.

Still waiting on the county to allow us to move forward with the STATUE project

Kay reported our current funds are \$39,488 (note: scholarship fund has just over \$5000, need to seek more)





POW/MIA Report

WORLD WAR II

Army Air Forces 1 st Lt. Woody T. Owen
Beaumont, Texas
was accounted for June 30, 2025.

Army Pvt. Phillip J. Geary 37
was accounted for Aug. 27, 2025

Navy Seaman 1 st Class Wayne E. Newton 22
was accounted for on Sept. 5, 2025.

Army Staff Sgt. Dayton Polvadohe
Was accounted for Oct. 10, 2025.

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Russell O. Chitwood 27
Hot Springs, Arkansas
Was accounted for March 4, 2025.

Army Air Forces 1 st Lt. Morton Sher 22
Of Greenville, South Carolina
was accounted for on June 11, 2025

Army Pvt. Donald R. Lichy 29
who was captured and died as a prisoner of war
was accounted for July 18, 2025.

Army Sgt. Melvin E. Jones 22
who was captured and died as a prisoner of war
was accounted for Sept. 23, 2025.

Army Air Forces Sgt. Sidney Burke 22
Of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
Was accounted for on April 18, 2025.

Army Technician Fifth Grade Daniel Wyatt 39
Of New Orleans, Louisiana,
Was accounted for May 7, 2025.

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. John A. Pagliuso 24
Of Lyons, New York,
was accounted for on March 17, 2025.

Army Staff Sgt. Charles H. Knecht 27
Was accounted for Sept. 19, 2025.

Army 2 nd Lt. Charles S. Atteberry 26
of Wilder, Idaho,
was accounted for June 4, 2025

Army Pvt. Henry D. Bordner 24
of Butte, Montana
who was captured and died as a prisoner of war
was accounted for April 2, 2025.

Army Technician 5 th Grade Ell T. Simantz 29
Of Grand Haven, Michigan,
Was accounted for on May 9, 2025.

Army Pfc. Milo O. Wipple 24
was accounted for Sept 19, 2025

Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Donald A. Dorman 21
Was accounted for on Sept. 19, 2025.

Army Pvt. Joseph A. Gala 21
was accounted for Sept. 10, 2025.

Army Pfc. Richard P. Summers 19
was accounted for Sept. 10, 2025

Navy Lt jg. Grade Thomas A. Ruth 26
was accounted for April 8, 2025.

Army Staff Sgt. Paul A. Huzarewicz Jr. 22
Was accounted for Sept. 30, 2025.

Army Cpl. Richard A. Veal 36
who was captured and died as a prisoner of war
was accounted for Sept. 29, 2025.

Army Air Forces Pvt. Lowell C. Akers 21
who was captured and died as a prisoner of war,
was accounted for Sept. 23, 2025

Army Air Forces Tech 4th Grade Howard B. Shorts 23
who was captured and died as a prisoner of war
was accounted for Oct. 23, 2025.

Army Cpl. James M. Walker 46
of Pawnee, Oklahoma,
who was captured and died as a prisoner of war
was accounted for March 19, 2024.

Army Air Forces Sgt. Leonard J. McNeill 27
Was accounted for on Oct. 9, 2025

Army Maj. Harry C. Hoffmeyer 51
was accounted for Oct. 10, 2025.

Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Roman J. Ropinski 21
Was accounted for on Oct. 29, 2024.

Army Cpl. Floyd A. Dunning 32
of Waverly, Virginia,
was accounted for Feb. 18, 2025

Army Air Forces Pfc. Willard C. Orr 21
Was accounted for on Nov. 20, 2025.

Army 1st Sgt. Daniel Proctor 48
who was captured and died as a prisoner of war
was accounted for Nov. 26, 2025.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Austin K. Neeley 26
Was accounted for on Dec. 1, 2025

Marine Corps Pfc. Robert G. Thompson 21
Was accounted for Nov. 20, 2025.

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Merrill E. Brewer 26
Of Monticello, Maine
was accounted for Dec. 20, 2024.

Army Pfc. Richard P. Summers 19
of Parkersburg, West Virginia,
was accounted for Sept. 10, 2025.

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Irvin C. Ellingson 25
Of Dahlen, North Dakota,
Was accounted for on June 17, 2025

Navy Aviation Radioman 2nd Class Robert L. Cyr 19
was accounted for on Nov. 5, 2025

Army Capt. Willbald C. Bianchi 29
of New Ulm, Minnesota
was accounted for Aug. 11, 2025

Army Cpl. Delmont Johnston 21
of Monmouth, Maine
who was captured and died as a prisoner of war
was accounted for March 18, 2025.

Army Air Forces Cpl. John J. Ginzl 27
Of Rhinelander, Wisconsin,
Was accounted for June 11, 2025

KOREA

Army Cpl. Earl E. Kibbey 18
of Blanchester, Ohio
was accounted for Aug. 4, 2025.

Army Cpl. Thomas W. Nelswinger 21
was accounted for Sept. 25, 2025.

Army Pvt. Harold B. Dulyea 23
of Twin Lake, Michigan,
was accounted for May 30, 2025.

Army Cpl. Norman R. Levesque 18
Was accounted for Sept. 8, 2025.

Army Sgt. James R. Martin 21
was accounted for Nov. 7, 2025.

Army Cpl. Donald J. Birmingham 27
of Redfield, New York
was accounted for July 17, 2025.

Army Cpl. Lawrence A. Smith 20
Was accounted for Nov. 14, 2025.

Army Cpl. Charles C. Carroll Jr. 18
Was accounted for Aug. 5, 2025

Army Pvt. Arthur P. Carlsen 19
was accounted for Sept. 26, 2025

Army Cpl. Vester Hicks 17
Was accounted for Sept. 4, 2025.

Army Cpl. George C. Hagie 18
of Kingsport, Tennessee
was accounted for June 12, 2025

Army Cpl. Robert L. Brewster 19
of Cottage Hills, Illinois,
was accounted for March 28, 2025.

Army Cpl. Orestus M. Stewart 20
was accounted for Nov. 26, 2025.

Army Cpl. Aubrey L. Gibson 21
was accounted for Nov. 26, 2025.



2025 was a busy year



