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Presidents Message

The following opinions expressed in this message are solely mine and do not represent the official views of the VVVC. As Memorial Day approaches we remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. They are not forgotten! I have an uncle that is buried in Luxembourg that had hopes and dreams like the rest of us. I can't help wondering how his life would've turned out and the cousins I never knew. Hopefully this current war will come to a conclusion very soon!
God bless our troops and God Bless The United States of America. Respectfully
Howard Tench, VVVC President

Note from LP Editor

Laurie and I attended my annual reunion with my Marine Amtrac brothers in Mississippi. Did not attend the regular monthly meeting, so a little short on details here.



Returned in time to participate in the color guard honors at St. Anthony's school festival.



Happy to report we received eight applications for our scholarship; At May meeting will discuss who and when to do our judging of their essays.

Time again for our annual visits to schools with our Vietnam Experience presentations



Richard at Oaks Christian

POW/MIA

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced:

Returned: WWII 14 Korea 3

WORLD WAR II

U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Charles C. Palmer, Jr. 20

U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Charles C. Palmer, Jr., 20, killed during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 30, 2026.

Army Cpl. Charles K. Adam 25

U.S. Army Cpl. Charles K. Adam, 25, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 20, 2026.

Army Pfc. Vito Luceno 22

U.S. Army Pfc. Vito Luceno, Jr., 22, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Feb. 5, 2026.

Army Pvt. Mike R. McDowell 19

U.S. Army Pvt. Mike R. McDowell, 19, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Jan. 29, 2026.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. William E. Archer Jr. 22

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. William E. Archer, Jr., 22, killed during World War II, was accounted for Feb. 4, 2026.

Army Air Forces Cpl. Robert C. Pierce 28

U.S. Army Air Forces Cpl. Robert C. Pierce, 28, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 6, 2026.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Howard L. Adkins 22

U.S. Navy Fireman 1st Class Howard L. Adkins, 22, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Oct. 17, 2025.

Army Pfc. Guido G. Giaquinta 20

U.S. Army Pfc. Guido G. Giaquinta, 20, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Feb. 18, 2026.

Army Air Forces Pvt. Bennett H. Waters 20

U.S. Army Air Forces Pvt. Bennett H. Waters, 26, of Blackshear, Georgia, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 18, 2025.

Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Jim W. Verhines 23

U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Jim W. Verhines, 23, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for on Feb. 24, 2026.

Army Tech Sgt. James E. Gadsey 25

U.S. Army Tech. Sgt. James E. Gadsey, 25, killed during World War II, was accounted for Feb. 18, 2026

Army Tech5 Edwin E. Ross 24

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

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Donald L. Durand 25

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Donald L. Durand, 25, of Stockton, California, killed during World War II, was accounted for July 28, 2025.

U.S. Army Tech Sgt. Richard E. Roe Jr. 22

U.S. Army Tech. Sgt. Richard E. Roe, Jr., 22, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Feb. 26, 2026.

KOREA

Army Sgt. Celestino Chavez Jr. 19

U.S. Army Sgt. Celestino Chavez, Jr., 19, of Gallup, New Mexico, killed in action during the Korean War, was accounted for April 15, 2025.

Army Pvt. First Class Richard W. Young 19

U.S. Army Pvt. First Class Richard W. Young, 19, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Jan. 28, 2026.

Army Cpl. Harry R. Dobbins 19

U.S. Army Cpl. Harry R. Dobbins, 19, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for March 3, 2026.

LP editor: Had this for awhile: A Share about Tommy Moore, a VVVC life member from Australia



War is hell - it goes without saying.

But this picture reminds us that even in the darkest times, people are still capable of compassion and love, even for complete strangers.

I think this picture encapsulates that innate capacity for Australians to show kindness, even in the most hostile of environments.

While taking a break from patrolling along the Sarawak-Kalimantan border area in North Borneo, Private Thomas Clarence Moore (left), 3RAR, hands out chocolate ration to some local Dyak children. Pte Moore is armed with an L1A1 self-loading rifle (SLR), and he is carrying an Alice frame pack.