December 1, 2007

Forgotten Eagles of Michigan
Chapter #1

ARMY SOLDIER MIA FROM VIETNAM WAR IS IDENTIFIED

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Staff Sgt. Maurice H. Moore, of Baltimore, Md., U.S. Army. He will be buried in Baltimore on Dec. 4.

Representatives from the Army met with Moore’s next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process, and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

On May 12, 1968, North Vietnamese forces overran the Kham Duc Special Forces camp and its surrounding observation posts in Quang Nam-Da Nang Province (formerly Quang Tin Province), South Vietnam. Moore was one of the 17 U.S. servicemen unaccounted-for after the survivors evacuated the camp. Search and recovery efforts at the site in 1970 succeeded in recovering remains of five of the 17 men. A sixth man was returned alive during Operation Homecoming in 1973 after having been held prisoner of war by the North Vietnamese.

Between 1993 and 2006, joint U.S./Vietnam teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), conducted eight investigations and four excavations in the vicinity of the camp site. The team interviewed former North Vietnamese officers and soldiers who participated in the battle. Some recalled seeing the bodies of U.S. servicemen near one of the observation posts, and U.S. eyewitness accounts placed Moore near the post.

During an excavation conducted in 1998, two U.S. servicemen who survived the battle accompanied JPAC to help locate the observation posts, but found no evidence of human remains. Later excavations conducted in the area yielded human remains, identification media and personal effects for Moore and several other Army soldiers, including Maj. Frederick J. Ransbottom and Staff Sgt. William E. Skivington, Jr., who were identified in 2006.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA in the identification of the remains.

For additional information on the Defense Department’s mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at www.dtic.mil/dpmo or call (703) 699-1169.
WORDS FROM THE PREZ

Well it's that time of year again, Dues are due, they should be in as soon as possible. Please send applications and money to Suz Stephenson 6375 Second St. Brimley Mi 49715

I would like to take time to remember another brother that we have recently lost. Dennis U-Ben Focken left us on this plane but I know he is still in all our hearts. Even in times when his sickness seemed to be getting the best of him, Dennis always made time for his family (Forgotten Eagles). The patch we wear on our backs was designed by our Brother so he will continue to ride with us and remember those that we are riding for.

If you do not know we are doing a Casino Night March 15th in Gaylord. I am mentioning this at this time because we need 40 people to work to make this event a success. This is gong to be a combined event with Chapter 5, and they have aprox. 15 members so I need to know from everyone if you will be able to make it. Please contact me as soon as possible so that I can get some of the final plans in place. Thank you.

Well it's time to blow some more snow, if I don't see you at the Christmas Party, I want to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Also take time to think of the ones that can not be home with their loved ones because they are defending our right to celebrate Christmas.

Keep safe
Ashly

Upcoming Events
December 8th—Christmas Party—Manistique VFW
January 12—2nd Annual Chili-Cook Off—Manistique
February 9th—Winter Conference—Gaylord
February 9th—ABATE Chili-Cook Off—Gaylord
March 15th—Casino Night—Gaylord
MINUTES—November

Minutes November 11, 2007 D.J.Jacobetti Home, Marquette, Mi

V.P. Lord called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with the pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters, and our current troops at war.

President Erlichman did a roll call.

Secretary Lord read the minutes from the last meeting. Kevin Stephenson motioned to accept the minutes, and Steve Lord seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer Jeani Erlichman gave the treasurers report. Cheryl Koppinger motion to accept the treasurers report, Suzie Stephenson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

No Products report, no Agent Orange report, no Abate report.

Legislative Report: Mike Koppinger gave a report on the happenings at the State level for Veterans. Mike will have more info and legislative number, hopefully at the next meeting. 1702 are still missing, it has gone down by 2 since our last meeting.

Debbie Stabinaw’s Rep: Sheri Davis “All have worked hard towards Veterans affairs. Any Vet facing foreclosure should contact Debbie Stabinaw’s office.”

Kevin Stephenson made a motion to make Phyllis an honorary member of chapter #1, Pam Weber seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Moving Wall: Pam Weber has made arrangements to have the moving wall in Manistique, in July of 2008 (23rd-28th). Steve Lord motioned to donate $300.00 to the wall project, Kevin Stephenson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

State President Nelson read a letter from Governor Jennifer Granholm. Also on your tax returns please check MFRF. The RAM collected $14,000.00 this year date and time of donation are still to be determined.

Sandy Corely each chapter received $500.00 with the remainder being donated to the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and the Jacobetti Veterans Home.

Escanaba has a new Veterans clinic.

Next meeting December 8th at the VFW Hall in Manistique, right before the Christmas Party.

Suzie Stephenson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl Koppinger and the motion carried.

We had 15 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Lord Forgotten Eagles Chapter #1 Secretary
To all members of the Honor Guard;

Greetings! I just wanted to touch base on a few things. We are drawing close to another year gone by with the Forgotten Eagles. Christmas Party is coming soon, and we start the year all over again. Chile cook-off, Winter conference, and so forth. It’s a good time to think about why we belong to this organization. We do so much good, and we show we care about our Vets, past, present, & the ones to come. I am very proud to be part of such a great organization! It’s my way of trying to say thanks to our Veterans who have fought for my Freedom, and are fighting today for that same cause. It’s also to help educate the young people, to realize what a great country we live in. When so many are trying to tear it down!

This summer I went to one of my real good friend’s funeral in Gaylord. He was a Viet Nam Vet. Who served in the Army. He didn’t talk about it much, as he felt it was something he just had to do. We spent many hours out on the dog trails together, and talked about it, and how we both felt about God & Country! He died at 58 years old. Me and Jenny went to the Funeral. I knew his brothers, Dad, and Wife real well! I went with my vest on, and proud of the organization that I represented! Not being a Vet myself, I still believed my friend deserved the highest honor I could give him. When we showed up at the funeral home, nobody hardly acknowledged his service to his country. We did! There was nothing set up for a flag folding, or the Flag to be presented to his wife. When his brother from Idaho saw me, and I made a fuss, He went out and contacted the VFW, and they were summoned, and came to the gravesite, and the Old (80+) commander took the Flag to the Wife of my friend. He could hardly walk, and had to be lead to her! We stood next to the Old Veterans from the VFW, as they put him in the ground. His Wife was so thankful that me & my wife were there to honor him in this way. She thanked me several times, with tears in her eyes. I realized right then and there how important, what we are doing as an organization, and just plain citizens, of this great country!

This is why I think Willie’s idea of the Honor Guard is so important! I do not want to see it fall by the wayside, as something we said we could do, and it never comes about. We are only as good as what we say we are, and what we follow through with.

This is why I will do whatever it takes to make it happen. The look in that Women’s eye, I will never forget!

With that in mind: Patches are available from products. Flags are on the Right shoulder, Stars closest to your heart. Honor Guard Rocker above the Round Forgotten Eagle patch on the left shoulder. Black shirts can be had at Wal-Mart (Dickies) Black BDUs can be had from catalogs that I have, or I can get you the website. I will get white gloves in several sizes, so I will have them. I have a bunch of Berets, just need to have them embroidered, when I know sizes. Everyone should have Black boots.

Our President is going to make up a letter to go out to all the VFW’s & American Legion’s, Also funeral homes would be a good place to let them know we offer this., and any of us with there families or friends. I feel this is a wonderful way to Honor our Veterans, or Members, and let people see what we really are about. I am a Proud American, and a Proud Member of the Forgotten Eagles!!

Everyone get there uniforms together, and we will set up some practice, so we will be ready when the need arises.

Thanks everybody for all that you do. And Thanks to my Friend and Brother Willie for this wonderful idea, and his great service to our Country!!

God bless each and everyone of you
V.P.Lord
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