

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POW/MIA FAMILIES

SOUTHEAST REGION - AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY



Jimmy Jacobs receives Air Medal & Purple Heart for his Father, CDR Edward James Jacobs Jr. (KIA/BNR) in 1967.

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FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter for the Southeast Region of the National League of Families.

This newsletter will serve to provide information and updates about ongoing efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of our missing.

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POW/MIA FLAG RAISING

On October 15, 2021, the POW/MIA Flag was hoisted above Norfolk International Airport for the first time. The flag was raised by Gold Star Daughter Jeanie Huffman (CDR Edward Jacobs KIA/BNR), RADM Jon Kreitz, representing the League, and the Norfolk Airport Authority Police Department Honor Guard. The POW/MIA Flag now flies daily at the main flagpole of Norfolk International Airport as well as at the Norfolk Airport Authority Fire Department.

Special Thanks

Region 1 would like to thank our long serving Region 1 coordinator Susie Stephens. While Susie has stepped down from the Region 1 Coordinator position, she will continue serving the League as the liaison to the Vietnam Veteran's of America National POW/MIA Committee.

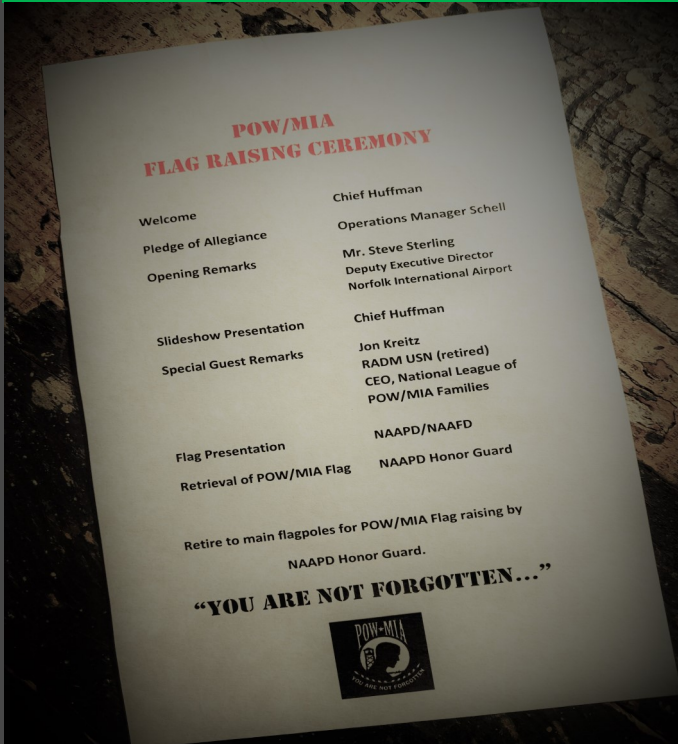




POW/MIA FLAG DEDICATION



OCTOBER 15, 2021





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Guests included Norfolk Airport Authority administration, Marine Corps League, American Legion, Patriot Guard Riders and Vietnam Veterans.



Veteran's Day 2021—Skydive Suffolk Mission. Matt and Jake Huffman, jumped wearing flights suits issued to a VAP-61 aviator in 1964. The POW/MIA Flag they are holding was jumped from 13,000 feet carried by a retired U.S. Army Ranger.

As of February 7, 2022,
the number of Americans Missing and
Unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War is still
1,584



***Southeast Region
Unaccounted For by
State:***

- ALABAMA 30***
- ARKANSAS 15***
- FLORIDA 54***
- GEORGIA 28***
- KENTUCKY 14***
- LOUISIANA 24***
- MISSISSIPPI 12***
- NORTH CAROLINA 39***
- OKLAHOMA 30***
- SOUTH CAROLINA 27***
- TENNESSEE 26***
- TEXAS 100***
- VIRGINIA 45***
- WEST VIRGINIA 17***
- WASHINGTON DC 8***

***TOTAL UNACCOUNTED
FOR SOUTHEAST
REGION:***

469

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Missing Man Table

This display was set up at the Norfolk International Airport for POW/MIA Recognition Day. The display was staffed by South East Virginia State Coordinator Jeanie Huffman, MIA daughter.



POW/MIA Talk

Dave Huffman, Son-In-Law (CDR Edward Jacobs) spoke to the staff of Mission BBQ about our POW/MIAs. Thank you Mission BBQ for your care and concern regarding our missing servicemen.

A Celebration of Life Service
for
Howard David Hodges

July 14, 1921 ~ December 7, 1941



11:00 am, Saturday, April 17, 2021
Joseph B. Paul, Jr.
Washington Funeral & Cremation
Washington, North Carolina

Officiating
Pastor Tracy Gregory



April 13, 2021



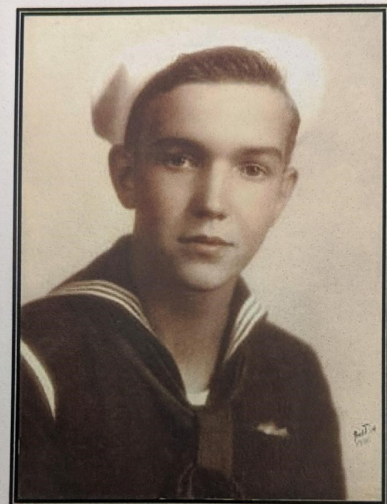
WW II—PEARL HARBOR HOMECOMINGS



NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



June 3, 2021



In Loving Memory Of
BMKR1c William Eugene Blanchard, U.S.N.

August 22, 1917 ~ December 7, 1941

REFNO 0812

CASE SUMMARY



On the night of 25 AUG 1967, a Douglas Skywarrior RA-3B photo-recon aircraft Bureau # 144835, call sign Quiz Show Zero-Niner, lifted off from Cubi Point, PI, to fly a night reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. On board the aircraft was the pilot, CDR Edward James Jacobs Jr, the photo navigator LTJG James J. Zavocky, and the photo crewman ADJ2 Ronald BoisClaire. As they neared the coastline of North Vietnam all contact was lost. A SAR mission was conducted with negative results and the crew was declared KIA/BNR five days later. The DPAA classified this case and all three men as non-recoverable.

Extensive research is being conducted, however, by family members on this case, to include reviewing files in the Library of Congress, USN records, tracking down and interviewing members of the squadron, reviewing maps and flight operations, and information that has been translated from Vietnamese documents and other media.

The crew was part of VAP-62 (Heavy Photographic Squadron), based in Jacksonville, FL. They had been sent on temporary duty to VAP-61, based in Agana, Guam, in April of 1967. The crew flew missions out of Don Muang Royal Thai Air Force Base in Bangkok, Thailand, NAS Cubi Point and NAS Agana.

The area of loss was near an island named Hon Me. This was the sight of a NVA Anti-Aircraft battery during the war operated by the 57th Regiment. The NVA claimed to have shot down over two dozen US aircraft around Hon Me island.

There is much more to look into with this case, as well as with the other 1581 missing and unaccounted for Americans. There are multiple missing air crews near Hon Me and no underwater missions have been launched. Just recently, the remains of CDR Paul Charvet, USN (REFNO 0628) were recovered from Hon Me by a unilateral Vietnamese team.

The family will continue to search for the crew of Quiz Show 09 until all possible leads have been exhausted.

COMMANDER EDWARD J. JACOBS JR.

FAMILY PROFILE



Jeanie in cockpit of an RA-3B at Castle Air Museum. Vets of VAP-61 helping in research. Jacob's family below with USN Aviator flight artifacts from 1960s.

CDR Jacobs was married and the father of seven children. His youngest son followed in his father's footsteps and was promoted to the rank of U.S. Navy Commander in 2021.

In October 2021, the family held a meeting in Pensacola, FL to receive a briefing on the research being conducted by his son-in-law Dave and his daughter Jeanie.





!!!WANTED!!!

Everybody has a story, we want yours to include in upcoming newsletters!!!

- Photographs of POW/MIA events
- Photographs of the POW/MIA Flag
- Family Profiles
- Interesting stories
- Research information
- News from each Southeast Region State

Please forward any of the above items to Dave Huffman, Southeast Region Coordinator.

ACRONYMS

*DPAA—Defense POW/MIA
Accounting Agency*

REFNO—Reference Number

POW—Prisoner of War

MIA—Missing in Action

KIA—Killed in Action

RR—Remains Returned

BNR—Body Not Recovered

USN—United States Navy

USA—United States Army

USMC—United States Marine Corps

USAF—United States Air Force

USCG—United States Coast Guard

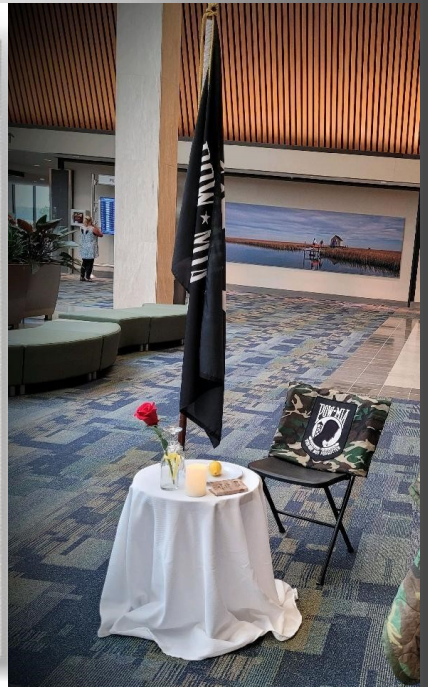
NG—National Guard

CIV—Civilian

SVR—Socialist Republic of Vietnam

SAR—Search and Rescue/Recover

NAS—Naval Air Station



TO JOIN THE LEAGUE!!!

Membership in the National League of POW/MIA Families is open to all! Dues for one year are only \$25 and can be paid by check, money order, or online, and should be sent to the national office by the first of the year. Members receive quarterly newsletters from the League and discounted annual meeting registration rates. The 52nd Annual Meeting is scheduled; June 22-26 in Washington, DC.

Family Member: A voting member is defined as any blood or legal relative who has reached the age of eighteen (18) of any American who is now or has been listed as captured, missing or otherwise unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, and returned prisoners of war from Southeast Asia, and is in good standing with dues paid current.

Associate Member: An associate member is defined as any person who does not meet the membership criteria set forth above who applies for membership. Associate members are not eligible to serve on the board of directors, nor are they entitled to vote.

Organizational Member: An organizational member is defined as any organization that supports the accounting mission, wants to be informed about current efforts to share with their organization members. Organizations are not eligible to serve on the board of directors, nor entitled to vote. (*Use Associate Member Application*)

Student memberships: are available to elementary, junior high, high school, and college age students for \$10 per year!

ATTENTION!!!!
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The League is looking for members to serve as State Coordinators for

Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.