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If you know of a living Korean War Veteran, please contact me. Project Soldier is looking for more living veterans to photograph and interview

Quarterly POW/MIA Report

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Current Missing Service Personnel

WWII – 71,698 (1992 identified since 1973)

Korea – 7,359 (798 identified since 1973)

Cold War – 126 (2 identified since 1973)

Vietnam – 1,565 (1068 identified since 1973)

Libya and Desert Storm – 6 (0 identified since 1986)

Current Count For FY 2026

WWII – 150

Korean War – 36

Cold War – 0

Vietnam War – 1

Important Information from the DPAA

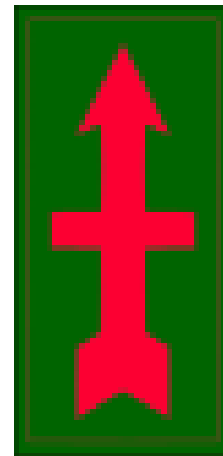
Family Meetings

Date	Location
Aug 06-07	Omaha, NE ***
September 12	Dover, DE
November 7	Reno, NV
January 23 2027	San Juan, PR
February 20	Lubbock, TX
April 3	Rapid City, SD
May 15	Anchorage, AK

** Vietnam Annual Government Brief

*** The Korean War and Cold War Annual Brief

Additional Important Information:



Last Identified Michigan POW/MIA

James Torka

James Torka was serving his country during World War II when he gave his all in the line of duty. He had enlisted in the United States Army. Torka had the rank of Technician Fifth Class. Service number assignment was 36111181. Attached to 126th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division.

According to our records Michigan was his home or enlistment state and Bay county has been included within the archival record. During his service in World War II, Army Technician Fifth Class Torka was reported missing and ultimately declared dead on 21 December 1942

KOWAL, RICHARD W	2d Lt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	775 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRO...	BULGARIA	06/02/2026
MEIDINGER, JOHN C	Capt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	48 FIGHTER SQUADRON 14 FIG...	CROATIA	06/02/2026
SMITH, CHARLES R	S Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	67 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON...	ITALY	05/29/2026
CIANCIOLO, MICHAEL A	S Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	67 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON...	ITALY	05/29/2026
BATEMAN, WALTER R	1st Lt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	67 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON...	ITALY	05/29/2026
CHAPMAN, ROBERT D	T Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	67 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON...	ITALY	05/29/2026
AGUIRRE, ADOLPH P	Sgt.	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	67 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON...	ITALY	05/29/2026
SHIRLEY, DELANO T	1st Lt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	141 INFANTRY 36 DIVISION	ITALY	05/29/2026
MILLER, WALLACE ANDER...	Cpl	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	C BTRY 82 AAA-AW 2ID	KOREA, NORTH	05/26/2026
GEBO, PERLEY	Cpl	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON 24...	PHILIPPINES	05/26/2026
OTTMER, WILLIAM C	Tec 5	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 429 SIGNAL COMPANY (...)	PHILIPPINES	05/26/2026
CONNER, JOSEPH UCLINE	F1c	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES NAVY	USS Utah; UNITED STATES NAVY	UNITED STATES	05/20/2026
BRINDEL, CLYDE WILBUR	SFC	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	E Company 2nd Battalion 5th Re...	KOREA, SOUTH	05/20/2026
THOMAS, CHARLES E	Pvt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 31 INFANTRY REGIMENT	PHILIPPINES	05/19/2026
BROZOVICH, GEORGE	Pvt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	34 PURSUIT SQUADRON 24 PUR...	PHILIPPINES	05/19/2026
THURMAN, JACKIE LEE	Cpl	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	B BTRY 99 FA 1CAV	KOREA, SOUTH	05/18/2026
MCKINNEY, FRANKLIN H	1st Lt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	35 PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE S...	THAILAND	05/15/2026
LUND, ERNEST LAVERNE	Pvt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES MARINE C...	B COMPANY 2D AMPHIBIOUS T...	UNITED STATES	05/14/2026
ALDERMAN, RICHARD LO...	1st Lt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	391 FIGHTER SQUADRON 366 FI...	GERMANY	05/12/2026
NELSON, ARVID K	PFC	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 31 INFANTRY REGIMENT	PHILIPPINES	05/12/2026
AARON, JAMES L	Pvt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 31 INFANTRY REGIMENT	PHILIPPINES	05/11/2026
TISCHLER, ANDREW RAYM...	Cpl	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	F Company 2nd Battalion 15th In...	KOREA, SOUTH	05/05/2026
WEEKS, BILLY BRUCE	STM2	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES NAVY	LST-179; UNITED STATES NAVY ...	UNITED STATES	07/10/2026
CRIFE, DONALD JOHN	CRMA	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES NAVY	UNITED STATES NAVY	PHILIPPINES	07/09/2026
TORKA, JAMES	Tec 5	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 126 INFANTRY 32 DIVISI...	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	07/07/2026
RICHMOND, RAYMOND C	T Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	881 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRO...	JAPAN	07/07/2026
GALLEGOS, ADOLFO	PFC	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	200 COAST ARTILLERY REGIMENT	PHILIPPINES	07/02/2026
GUINThER, HARRY JAMES	Cpl	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	C Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd I...	KOREA, SOUTH	06/26/2026
BYFIELD, DAMON BENJAM...	1st Lt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 201 ENGINEERS BATTALI...	TAIWAN	06/25/2026
WORLEY, DON FRANKLIN	SSgt	VIETNAM WAR	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE	DET 1 1043 RAD EVAL SQ BOLLI...	LAOS	06/22/2026
CARPENTER, KENNETH L	PFC	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	30 INFANTRY 3 DIVISION	ITALY	06/18/2026
GERVAIS, WILLIAM A	PFC	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	2 RANGER BATTALION	GERMANY	06/18/2026
CORNSILK, JACOB	Pvt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 31 INFANTRY REGIMENT	PHILIPPINES	06/16/2026
BENSON, GERALD BURNETT	Cpl	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	D Company, 1st Battalion, 39th I...	KOREA, SOUTH	06/15/2026
BELILES, OTIS E H	Pvt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	60 INFANTRY 9 DIVISION	GERMANY	06/11/2026
KRAPF, HOWARD G	PFC	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	12 INFANTRY 4 DIVISION	GERMANY	06/11/2026
BOYD, JOSEPH EDWARD	Pvt	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	A Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Inf...	KOREA, SOUTH	06/10/2026
REED, FRANK EDWARD	SF3	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES NAVY	USS Utah; UNITED STATES NAVY	UNITED STATES	06/10/2026
HERRINGTON, GERALD W	Cpl	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	718 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRO...	ITALY	06/10/2026
THOMPSON, HAROLD T	S Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	718 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRO...	ITALY	06/10/2026
GAVALAS, NICK	S Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	718 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRO...	ITALY	06/10/2026
JONES, WILLIAM A	Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	718 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRO...	ITALY	06/10/2026
GROOMS, GIVEN C	S Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	718 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRO...	ITALY	06/09/2026
LYNCH, KENNETH LEE	SEA2	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES NAVY	USS Utah; UNITED STATES NAVY	UNITED STATES	06/05/2026
GILBERT, RAYMOND BANK...	1st Lt	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	B Battery 503rd Field Artillery Ba...	KOREA, NORTH	06/04/2026