***If you have Vietnamese military artifacts to donate for repatriation, please contact me immediately. The VFW works to help identify missing service members ***

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 Americanism State Directors Report

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Current Missing Service Personnel
WWII – 71,649 (2041 identified since 1973)
Korea – 7,342 (816 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 – 3
Korean War – 3
Cold War – 0
Vietnam War – o

Important Information from the DPAA Family Meetings

Date	Location
November 7	Reno, NV
January 23 2027	San Juan, PR
February 20	Lubbock, TX
April 3	Rapid City, SD
May 15	Anchorage, AK
June 24-25	Tentative (Pensacola, FL) **
August 5-6	Arlington, VA ***

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Last Identified Michigan POW/MIA
Cpl. Vester Hicks Jr.

Hicks entered the Army from Tennessee and served in C Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. On the evening of Nov. 27, 1950, Chinese Communist Forces launched a massive attack against U.S. and United Nations troops positioned around the Chosin Reservoir in northeast North Korea. Elements of the 31st and 32nd Infantry Regiments were defending ground north of Sinhung-ni on the east side of the reservoir when the numerically superior enemy forced a withdrawal toward Hagaru-ri on Dec. 1. The route south, cut by Chinese roadblocks and subjected to constant fire from surrounding high ground, broke the column into smaller groups that were attacked repeatedly during the fighting withdrawal. Many soldiers were killed or captured, and survivors reached friendly lines at Hagaru-ri on Dec. 2 and 3. Hicks went missing during this withdrawal on or about Dec. 2, but the specific circumstances of his loss are unknown

Thank you to Commander Tracy Nagy and the Comrades at VFW Post 1136 in Wyandotte, Michigan

Additional Important Information:

WILCOX, ALBERT PHILLIPS	Capt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ENOURA MARU; 60 CO...	TAIWAN	09/29/2026
ARLIN, MARTIN	SSG	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	HEADQUARTERS SQUA...	PHILIPPINES	09/29/2026
LAUGHLIN, WILLIAM REYN...	Cpl	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	D CO 1/32 REGT 7ID	KOREA, NORTH	09/28/2026
ARRINGTON, CARROL J	Pvt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	QUARTERMASTER COR...	PHILIPPINES	09/24/2026
HAVENS, ROBERT G	M Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 192 TANK BAT...	PHILIPPINES	09/22/2026
JENNINGS, EDMOND ERN...	1st Lt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 14 ENGINEERS...	TAIWAN	09/11/2026
BARABAS, JOHN J	Cpl	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	330 INFANTRY 83 DIVI...	GERMANY	09/11/2026
O'BRYANT, JAMES L	PFC	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	112 INFANTRY 28 DIVI...	GERMANY	09/08/2026
KING, WILLARD EVERETT	1st Lt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	615 BOMBARDMENT S...	GERMANY	09/08/2026
HOVEN, JOHN INGEMAN	Cpl	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	I Company, 3rd Battali...	KOREA, NORTH	09/01/2026
WATSON, MIAD IRVING	SEA2	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES NAVY	UNITED STATES NAVY	PHILIPPINES	08/31/2026
WHITE, DONALD CLAYTON	Cpl	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	I Company, 3rd Battali...	KOREA, NORTH	08/28/2026
MCNEELY, L T	T/5	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	29 CHEMICAL DECONT...	UNITED STATES	08/27/2026
GILLETT, ORIN H	PFC	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	3 PURSUIT SQUADRO...	PHILIPPINES	08/25/2026
ERWIN, KENNETH G	CPL	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 59 COAST ART...	PHILIPPINES	08/20/2026
VOREH, TONEY	Pfc	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	H Company, 2nd Battal...	KOREA, SOUTH	08/07/2026
MCINTOSH, LAMAR MILLER	Cpl	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	Headquarters Compan...	KOREA, SOUTH	08/07/2026
GARZA, RICARDO	Pfc	KOREAN WAR	UNITED STATES ARMY	L Company, 3rd Battali...	KOREA, SOUTH	08/05/2026
REDDEN, JAMES J	Pvt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 31 INFANTRY ...	PHILIPPINES	08/05/2026
MEIER, PHILIP HENRY	Maj	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY	ARMY - 21 INFANTRY ...	TAIWAN	08/03/2026
LLOYD, EDWARD JAMES	SM1	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES NAVY	USS CANOPUS (AS-9); ...	PHILIPPINES	08/03/2026
DONNELLY, JOHN	PVT	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	7 MATERIALS SQUADR...	PHILIPPINES	07/31/2026
HUDSON, DELL P	1st Lt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	382 FIGHTER SQUADR...	FRANCE	07/31/2026
OLSON, EVERELL D	SSgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	17 PURSUIT SQUADRO...	PHILIPPINES	07/28/2026
DUFFY, LAWRENCE T	S Sgt	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	458 BOMBARDMENT S...	JAPAN	07/24/2026
SADLER, ADOLPH	PVT	WORLD WAR II	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR ...	HEADQUARTERS SQUA...	PHILIPPINES	07/20/2026