

POW/MIA Report September 28, 2024

Our booth at Convention went well. We were a bit short of help due to several members health. Thanks to Chris Shoo and his wife of 5th Division for the help.

If you have stopped at our booth you have met Chella. Chella passed away Sept. 5. She was a Vietnam veteran serving as an air traffic controller. She was past Post, District, Division commander and past Chairman of the POW/MIA Committee.

Derrick Stinson of the 1st Division had a stroke several months ago and is doing well and gaining every day.

We gave out most of our T shirts as usual. The mesh back caps went well and we will be getting those again next year.

We also passed out information that showed the U S unaccounted for from Illinois in the Vietnam War. This information showed POWs, missing in action and killed in action/ bodies not recovered. This list is 65 total but from 2019.

I have a more current list from 2020 which is 47 unaccounted for.

Several committee members will be speaking at events this coming Veterans Day. I will be speaking at a combined Legion, VFW event in Chillicothe.

The third Friday in September is always POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Yesterday, Sept. 27th our committee had a meeting at Dept. headquarters.

So far in 2024 there have been a total of 122 returned for proper burial. From WWII 97, Korean War 22, Vietnam War 3.

Still missing from WWII 72,041, Korean War 7,464, Vietnam 3, Cold War 126.