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This is a prayer request from the Chaplain of the 57th Transport Battalion who grew up in the First Baptist Church of Orlando. These men/women need our prayers and support. This Battalion's responsibility is to see that the voting equipment is distributed throughout Iraq for the upcoming election. These men/women need our prayers and support.

As a transportation battalion, my unit will be delivering the voting machines and the ballots to villages and cities throughout Iraq during the upcoming elections. (January 30/31) Our convoys are prime targets for the insurgents because they do not want the equipment to arrive at the polling stations nor do they want the local Iraqi citizens to have the chance to vote; timely delivery must occur so that the elections occur. Encourage your friends and family members and those within our churches to pray specifically for the electoral process. Historically, the previous totalitarian regime would not allow individual citizens to vote. Democracy will not be realized in Iraq if intelligent and competent officials are not elected to those strategic leadership positions within the emerging government; freedom will not have an opportunity to ring throughout this country if the voting process fails. Announce this prayer request to your contacts throughout your churches, neighborhoods, and places of business. Those with leadership roles within the local church post this message in as many newsletters and bulletins as possible. There is unlimited potential for God's presence in this process but if we do not pray then our enemy will prevail (See Ephesians 6:10-17)! A prayer vigil prior to the end of the month may be an innovative opportunity for those within your sphere of influence to pray. This is a political battle that needs spiritual intervention. A powerful story about God's intervention in the lives of David's mighty men is recorded in 2 Samuel 23:8-33. David and his warriors were victorious because of God's intervention. We want to overcome those who would stand in the way of freedom. David's mighty men triumphed over incredible odds and stood their ground and were victorious over the enemies of Israel. (Iraqi insurgents' vs God's praying people).

They don't stand a chance. I will pray with my soldiers before they leave on their convoys and move outside our installation gates here at Tallil. My soldiers are at the nerve center of the logistic operation to deliver the voting machines and election ballots. They will be driving to and entering the arena of the enemy. This is not a game for them it is a historical mission that is extremely dangerous. No voting machines or ballots. No elections. Your prayer support and God's intervention are needed to give democracy a chance in this war torn country.

Thank you for your prayer support for me and my family. Stand firm in your battles.

Blessings,
Lyle

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"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." -Joshua 1:9

If you know someone that is over in Iraq and would like some extra mail or packages from the states, please send us their addresses to print. These guys over there need all the support that we can give them, and I have no doubt that our readers will agree. Remember that all these men and woman need our prayers, not just the troops that are participating in the elections over there. All of our troops are in harms way and need our support.

Thanks
Lorie



Why Is This Important - Neither International Law or the Geneva Conventions recognize the status Missing/Captured. Our captured service personnel must be designated with a status recognized by the International community and it's conventions. Those of us involved in the POW/MIA issue have often stated that one of our goals is to make sure that no POW is ever left behind, again. With the elimination of the Prisoner of War status, the Dept of Defense has taken care of that, the easy way. They simply eliminated the designation/status Prisoners of War. We're going to make the issue of the elimination of the Prisoner of War designation/status a priority for 2005. However, we can't do it alone. We need every POW/MIA and Veterans Group and each individual to write the letters. Once the letters are written, we need follow-up. We can not let the Dept of Defense strip our captured service personnel of the designation/status POW and the legal and moral protection that status implies. www.nationalalliance.org

A Little Late But Here It Comes - In early 2000, we obtained a copy of DPMO briefing slides detailing long range plans and goals. List among DPMO goals was the plan to "Transition the accounting process from active operations to reactive efforts triggered by new information by FYE 2004." We created quite a stir with our statements that DPMO was preparing to end recovery operations. DPMO even accused us of spreading misinformation, until we posted the briefing slides on our web site. Well, we are now in FYE 2005 and unfortunately more and more cases are being categorized "No further Pursuit."

This past week we received an email from Chris Rich, husband of Diane Moore. Diane is the daughter of confirmed POW, CMS Thomas Moore. Chris informed us that DPMO is ready to declare this case "No Further Pursuit." Thomas Moore, Samuel Adams, Charles Dursing and Jasper Page were captured by the Viet Cong on October 31, 1965. Two days later, on November 2nd, while being transferred to detention camp, the four attempted escape. Only Page succeeded. When the war ended, the Vietnamese government listed Moore, Adams and Dursing as having Died in Captivity. In recent years investigations conducted led to excavations in an attempt to recover remains. Unfortunately, the excavations were unsuccessful. There is no question that the three were Prisoners of War. There is no question that the fully cooperating Vietnamese government know what happened to these men. They admitted in 1973 that the three died in their custody. Yet, they have failed to lead investigators to a successful recovery of remains.

If cases of confirmed POWs are now being declared "No Further Pursuit" what chances do other case have as we approach the DPMO goal to "Transition the accounting process from active operations to reactive efforts triggered by new information"

A letter to President Bush is needed asking how we can continually certify the Vietnamese government as "fully cooperating" on the POW/MIA issue when they have failed to account for men they admit died in their custody. www.nationalalliance.org

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