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South Korea turns over remains of two US soldiers killed in Korean War - the following comes from Stars and Stripes, dated November 14, 2012.

South Korea transferred the remains of two U.S. soldiers who went missing during the Korean War to American custody during a ceremony Wednesday at the National Cemetery in Seoul, according to the Ministry of National Defense.

The MND's Agency for Killed in Action Recovery and Identification found the remains earlier this year at Gaemi Gogae in Chungnam province. Twelve members of the U.S. Army's 3rd Battalion, 21st Regiment, 24th Division went missing there during fighting against North Korean forces on July 11, 1950.

MAKRI suspected the remains were those of Americans because of their large frames and Western-style dental fillings. The agency contacted the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and both determined that the remains were those of U.S. troops, based on combat records and military items found at the site.

After the remains are identified, JPAC will return them to their families. South Korea has so far returned the remains of eight troops to the U.S.

Bowe Bergdahl's Third Christmas in Captivity - Under the headline "Afghan media hype over US war prisoner: saving Sergeant Bergdahl," The Voice of Russia reported the following, on December 14, 2012.

[Begin Excerpt] The media are once again focused on the fate of the only American POW Bowe Bergdahl, who has been detained in Pakistan by Haqqani Network, a Taliban ally. Experts are trying to reveal the meaning of the Afghan authorities' latest statement.

They said that Kabul does not oppose the U.S. holding direct talks with the Taliban on the exchange of Bergdahl for five prisoners at Guantanamo prison. But, at the same time Americans have no right to hold talks on a peaceful settlement with the Taliban because it is a prerogative of the Afghan government.

The 26-year-old Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl went missing while patrolling in the southeastern province of Paktika in June 2009. According to the CNN, the serviceman disappeared after getting drunk and going outside the base. It became clear that he was abducted after 3 weeks when captors displayed a video showing the frightened soldier and his dog tags. Since then, they released four videos. On April 7, 2010, the Taliban released a video of Bergdahl, now with a beard and wearing a Pushtu dress, pleading for the release of Afghan prisoners held at Guantanamo. A year ago, he escaped from captivity and tried to reach the closest village knowing that the code of honour obligates Pushtus to defend any person who asks for help. But villagers had fled the volatile region long ago. The soldier met nobody and hid in a forest. However, militants discovered him after three days and tightened security.

Why the Afghan authorities remind about the serviceman? Who benefits from all the noise around him? In March, American officials and extremists discussed his exchange at their covert meetings in Qatar. These meetings have not resumed yet. Most likely, there have been attempts to establish contacts and this angered Kabul that tried to hold peace talks with the Taliban...

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This here biker wrote the following about 37 years ago. Not one day goes by that I don't think of that damn war and the friends that were wounded and killed. Now, with another war going on, I submit this for publication if you think your readers might like to know a 21 years olds thought back in 1968.
Ride Free,
Gary Losinski
Stevens Point, WI
(U.S.M.C. Combat Agrunt@ 0311, 1st Marine Div., 3 Bn., 5th Regmt., 3 Purple Hearts, ASemper Fi@)

They were just boys, some shy, some bold
That is why this story is told.

They grew of age, outgrew their fears
Gave the Marine Corps their best of years.

The reasons why are many and far

But just a few examples are:

To get away, a broken heart,

Just to find a brand new start,

To serve their country, protect their land,

Prove to all now they were now men.

To see the world, although they knew

Vietnam was where they=d be going to.

They learned to hate, to fight and kill

The task ahead they had to fulfill.

They were trained to obey, they had to be men

If you did it wrong, you did it again.

The day soon came, they wore dress greens
They=d earned the right to be called Marines.

Their orders were cut, placed in hand
Almost all were to go to that far away land.

But first to go home and break the news,

Live a whole life in days so few.

Try to do things they=d never done

All to soon, the time had come.

They said goodbye to the girl they loved

They said a silent prayer to God above,

ALet her wait, God, if you will,

If I return, I=ll love her still.

But if I have to fight for Uncle Sam,

Fight a war none understand,

God keep her safe and well for me,

Preserve our love for eternity.@

They said goodbye to Dad and Mom

And left for the land the Marines called Nam.

This is where my story will change

Reasons why are clear and plain.

No longer the guys that everyone knew

They lived like animals

Believe me, it=s true.

So they lived the part, played the role

Fought for victory with heart & soul.

Though they fought so brave many would die

And others were left alive to ask why?

The choice is not theirs they have to go on

Fight for their life from dawn to dawn.

Months pass by, the time grows near

To go back home to the ones they held dear.

At last they returned to that girl back home

Both thanked God they=re no longer alone.

But even back home with the ones they love

They often gaze at the sky above.

See once again a familiar face

Of a friend who died, it seems such a waste.

He wouldn=t have died if nations would see

It=s wrong to make people what they don=t want to be.

But they don=t understand, they refuse to see

So he gave his life for others to be free.

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AND IS WORKING TO TAKE AWAY
OUR FREEDOMS OF THE ROAD...**

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