

An update from www.Nationalalliance.org.

Remains of Sgt Ahmed Altaie Returned - On February 26, 2012, the Army reported the identification of the remains of Sgt. Ahmed Altaie captured in October 2006 in Iraq. The Dept. of Defense provided little information on what led to the return of Sgt. Altaie's remains. So we must rely on media accounts. The following is excerpted from an Associated Press article dated February 27th.

[Begin Excerpt] "A Shiite extremist group handed over a simple wooden casket containing the remains of the last U.S. soldier missing in Iraq, a prominent Iraqi lawmaker said Monday, drawing a close to a case that has anguished the American's family since his 2006 disappearance. "Shiite lawmaker Sami al-Askari, a close ally of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, said the remains of Staff Sgt. Ahmed al-Taie were turned over last week as part of a prisoner exchange agreement between the Iraqi government and the militant group Asaib Ahl al-Haq."

"The Pentagon confirmed Sunday that it had recently received remains that were verified as al-Taie's. But al-Askari's comments provide the first confirmation that Asaib Ahl al-Haq, an Iranian-backed insurgent group, was responsible for the 2006 kidnapping kidnapping of al-Taie after the Iraqi-born soldier sneaked out of the heavily guarded Green Zone in Baghdad to visit his wife and family on a Muslim holiday."

"Al-Askari said Asaib Ahl al-Haq last week acknowledged killing al-Taie within a year of his October 2006 abduction. He said he did not know exactly when al-Taie was killed. In an interview with The Associated Press, al-Askari said he supervised the negotiations for al-Taie's body and was present when Asaib Ahl al-Haq turned over a simple wooden casket containing the remains to Iraqi authorities on Feb. 22. He said the casket was immediately transferred to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad."

"The Iraqi authorities did not open the casket, which was not heavy," al-Askari said. He said the negotiations for al-Taie's body had been taking place "for a while." [End Excerpt]

Preparations Begin for Recovery Operations in North Korea - The Associated Press reported on February 28th

[Begin Excerpt] "an American ship has arrived in North Korea to support the hunt for the remains of soldiers missing-in-action from the Korean War. Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Robert Willard, said Tuesday the ship is unloading equipment at Nampho, a port city west of the capital, Pyongyang."

"The U.S. and North Korea agreed in October to restart the search for thousands of American service members, a sign of easing tensions between the wartime ene



mies. The program is due to begin formally on March 1, also contacting, POW/MIA family members, activist and individuals within the Vietnamese community. Their story is always the same; they have access to one or more POWs and they can get them home. Money isn't mentioned at first. These unscrupulous individuals first establish a rapport with their intended victim.

They provide small pieces of information, all readily available through public documents, or gleaned from conversations with the family member over a period of time. Then they provide photos. Most of the recent reporting centers on John Hartley Robertson lost in Vietnam on May 20th 1968. In some cases when a family member is contacted they will be told their loved one is held with Robertson, thus making it very personal."

Since we issued our warning, we continue to receive reports from both POW/MIA family members and activists stating they were contacted by an individual or a group of individuals who have access to POWs. In the latest email from a family member forwarded to us, the following names are mentioned "Hadel" "Toma" "Tre" and "Bret Hart." We've seen the "Toma" name before in connection with a photo purported to be both Peter Cressman and Robert Simmons.

Again, we repeat our warning; "Be very cautious when approached by anyone who claims they have access to, or can rescue specific POWs." Check them out thoroughly. Make sure any information they provide on a POW is not available on the internet.



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- Badger Honor Flight's priority is to fly WWII Veterans, and Veterans who served in any conflict who are terminally ill, to Washington, DC to see the memorials built in their honor. We are also accepting applications from Korean War Veterans. We owe them a debt of gratitude and our time to say "thank you" is now! www.badgerhonorflight.org

Badger Honor Flight is the Madison hub of the National Honor Flight organization who sends WWII veterans to Washington, DC--free of charge to them--to see the memorials built in their honor. We have just completed 6 flights and sent 573 veterans to see the memorials. We have another flight on May 21 and will be sending more veterans on September 8 and October 13. We are now accepting applications to send Korean veterans also.

Each flight costs around \$90,000. Various people, who are involved with the Madison-based Badger Honor Flight, coordinate and participate in various fundraisers to raise the money for these flights.

My husband, Don, and I are coordinating a Steak Feed at Slice's Bar & Grill, 2417 Pennsylvania Ave., Madison on May 12 from 4-8 pm. Please see the attached poster with information regarding this event.

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