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Patriotism**



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Commander's Report

By: Ron Anderson (414) 774-8195
■ Dept. Convention will be held in Appleton at the Paper Valley Hotel from July 17-20, 2014.



This month we start a new chapter in our Post – two-year terms. This should strengthen the board's experience level. Your input is always welcome.

This Post is working to overcome the affects of a severe winter. I am extremely grateful to the Auxiliary for their participation in overcoming our expenses. *Thank You Ladies!!!*

Now, to solve our major problem, our *line-of-credit-debt*. This problem cannot be solved quickly. I propose a solution proposed by members ►The Pay-Off Principle (POP) program◀. I hear members say they want something definite to contribute to. The funds will go directly to reduce our loan,. I ask you to join me in this new program.

We joined together to update our kitchen. It is now paid! Thank You!

We are many, but we are one. We are all Veterans. Now, at this time, we must resolve to overcome this financial situation.

See you at the Post. Please be careful enjoying your vacation.

Ron

NO FISH FRY ALL OF JULY!!

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The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue of the 449er is Friday, August 1, 7 p.m.

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CONGRATULATIONS KITTY!!!!!!

On May 4th, at the District Officer Elections, Kitty Larkin was nominated, and elected, to the office of District 1, Auxiliary President.

The American Legion Post 449 Family wishes Kitty *Good Luck & the Very Best* in her new job and responsibilities!!!!

4th of July at American Legion Post 449 Brookfield

Food &
Entertainment
*Chicken Roast
Corn on the Cob
Pasta Salad
Potato Salad
Desserts
& more*



*Live Music 1-5
By Hat Trick
Enjoy UR meal,
your favorite
beverage, & the
music!!!!*

1st Vice Commander's

Message..By Mike Daigle (414) 817-2153

Hello to all!!

First of all, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the nomination committee, The philosophies of my position are as follows; •Safeguard the four pillars of the American Legion, •to again inculcate a sense of mutual helpfulness at our post, •and to rejuvenate our posts sense of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.

HONOR: To honor those before us who have given the supreme sacrifice for our way of life.

RESPECT: To respect the missions of the American Legion, which includes encouraging members of our post family to respect each other regardless of their personal feelings and previous experiences. WE ARE ALL A FAMILY.

DEVOTION TO DUTY: As members of the American Legion family, we have made a personal oath to the Constitution of the United States of America, those who have given the supreme sacrifice, and those currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

As a new Legion membership initiative I will be mirroring the Department of Wisconsin Commander's membership incentive. Any post family member who recruits a Legionnaire member will be entered into an end of membership year drawing. I will personally start this initiative by donating one hundred dollars for this cause. Any further donations would be appreciated and will go towards this specific cause. We are very close to our membership goal, I am counting on our post family to make this happen.

Lastly our Packer party is quickly approaching. Raffle mailings were completed on June 27th. I respectfully request anyone willing to donate prizes and or funds contact myself. In the past, this has been one of the posts major fundraisers. I simply ask to continue our post history.

May the Supreme Commander bless and keep our post.



Greetings from 3rd Vice

by Richard Baczek (262-853-3285)

I want to personally thank everyone who voted for me.

We want to let everyone know that we are going to revise, and re-do, Key Control for the building, as the security of the building has been somewhat compromised for lack of accountability. We are requesting that anyone, with a key to the Post building, turn their key in, as locks will be changed and new keys issued to authorized personnel.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Finance Officer's Comments

By: John Horter (262) 641-0211

I am writing my final article for the 449er as your Finance Officer, after having attended last night's General Membership Meeting and the installation of the new officers. It has been my privilege to have served you for the past 7 years. My Best Wishes are extended to my successor, Harvey Kroening, Commander Anderson and the rest of the new Executive Board.

May was a successful financial month for the Post with us ending up in the black for the second straight month. Summer is normally a slow period at the Post and although we have curtailed some activities; i.e. Fish Frys for the month of July, we still need your support more than ever. Please continue to make the Post your first choice for relaxation and good fellowship.

You should all be made aware of the fact that the Post does have an active and conscious Finance Committee comprised of Harvey Kroening, Chairman, Rick Bolda, Jim Young and John Horter. This committee is looking at all aspects of the Post which have an influence on our financial condition and future. PLEASE!! Do not listen to rumors about what this committee is reviewing and recommending unless you hear the proposals from our Commander. Everything this Post does, and everything we have done, will be under review. Please be open minded to change.

I also want to THANK the many Volunteers who have offered their service for many years. No help offered by any volunteer is too small as to not make an impact on our overall efforts to help the veteran and at the same time maintain a solvent financial position.

THANKS to all from the wait staff for Fish Frys to the chairperson of a major fund raiser. You are all appreciated.

And lastly, as you know we don't usually talk specific members in this article but I want to make an exception with this last one (they can't fire me). As was announced last night the Post 449 Auxiliary has made some very significant contributions to the Post in the last few weeks by paying some of our larger bills. With bills paid and a significant contribution to the kitchen fund the amount of financial assistance is close to \$6000.00!!!! Thank You Auxiliary!!

In closing, I just want to say that over the past 4 years working for the Post, and especially most of my time at the Post, has come at the expense of my wife, who because of health issues, is dependent on me and my schedule. So when I'm here, she has to be in town and home as opposed to enjoying our cabin in the North Woods. *Thank you, Patsy for your unselfish sharing, and now it is time for us to smell the roses.*

**Best Wishes To All,
John**



2nd Vice Message By: Alex Kolander (414-322-8702) (mpalex1945@sbcglobal.net)

Greetings fellow Legionnaires. I am humbled and excited to be a member of management for Post 449. I consider this a great privilege and honor to assume the position of 2nd Vice-Commander of Post 449.

I promise you I will carry out your suggestions and honor all requests to improve our wonderful Post.

I served my Country for 34 years as a Military Policeman and look forward to this assignment and challenges the position will bring. Remember, I am here to serve you, all members of Post 449.

Please call, or E-Mail me, anytime you wish to pass on your thoughts and suggestions. I will consider all correspondence and answer questions as fast as possible

Let's make Post 449 a place for all members to enjoy and feel comfortable at any time they wish to stop by and enjoy a peaceful conversation and a comfortable atmosphere.

We are all comrades in arms and must respect each other as such. Let's all have fun and create such an atmosphere that each and every one of us wants to come to have great conversation and laughter.

May God Bless You and provide *good health* to each and every one of you.

Until next time, Happy Trails to you!



Service Officer's Message

By: Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977)

Your Honor Guard has had another extremely busy record breaking year. From July 1st, 2013 to July 1st, 2014, they have participated in 190 Military Honor Funerals. In the last 4 years they have conducted 615 of these honors ceremonies. A big



"Thank You" is in order to all members of our Honor Guard Unit.

Last Bugle (Members)... (a card, a scroll, a ceremonial coin and cartridge pouch were presented).

Orval Hummitzsch WWII

Last Bugle (Non-Members)... (a cartridge pouch and scroll were presented).

James Berdan Vietnam

Fred Klinkert WWII

Thomas Lewandowski Peace Time

Jeromw Schwartz WWII

Roger Morris Peace Time

Frederick Brossmann WWII

Robert Kelly WWII

George Streinberger Korea

Brazil Mcgee Vietnam

Frank Reinhard WWII

Richard D'Aquisto WWII

Doran Daily Korea

Charlie Miles WWII

Steven Kruzick Vietnam

William Ribish WWII, Korea

Williw Wilson Vietnam

Mark Rohloff Peace Time

Sick Bay: None reported

Notes of Interest:

I would like to thank the following families for their generous donations to our Post for the Honor Guard: The Lewandowski Family and the Kirkpatrick Family.

I would also like to thank all those who turned out for the Honor Guard Post Fundraiser. It was a very successful event.

Once again the Honor Guard will be proud to participate in the Brookfield 4th of July Parade this year.

Congratulations go to Pete Schiller for his attendance for the most Military Honor Funerals this past year. As this is the 2nd year in a row for Pete, he can continue to wear his special Honor Guard Beret Pin for another year.

If you have any questions regarding any of this news, or need more info, please contact me and I will provide you with the proper, detailed information to pursue your interests. This also includes informing me of illnesses or deaths that may have occurred or questions regarding your VA benefits. You can contact me at home (262)-641-0977, or mobile (262)-389-4638. If you don't contact me, I can't help you out.

May God Bless Our Veteran's and Fallen Heroes.

4th of July Parade Assembly

We will assemble at the Post at **8 a.m.** and move to the parade gathering area (Brookfield Central H.S.) at **8:30 a.m.** Leo Terzes (262-) 691-4511) is the "parade-vehicles" coordinator.

Chaplain' Corner

By: Harvin Abrahamson

Summer is upon us, the season of graduations weddings and reunions. In searching through My files for an idea for this months "Comer", I turned up what appeared to be an appropriate poem by Michael Strait.



What timeless winds across the plains

Call wanderers to home again.

And gather them like ripened grain,

Whose chaff was scattered far

away?

How many years go fleeting then,

And steal our children into men,

And mothers who have borne

The seeds of life that we adorn?

How do we seek the words gone by?

We look through scrapbooks

and we sigh,

And wonder where have cousins

gone,

And aunts and uncles,

daughters, sons?

Each with family, dreams and plans,

Strewn by fate across the land,

To places that are far away.

And time goes on, and hair turns

gray.

What hope is lost to destiny,

Leaving tears and memories,

Of those we loved and left

behind,

Whose faces linger in our minds?

Unless we meet them now and

then,

And reunite our hearts again,

Repaint the pictures in our mind,

They'll disappear and we will

find,

That one reunion we should

have had,

Would have included Mom and

Dad,

But since we waited a year too

long,

Nothing then will right the

wrong.

We'll be left to meditate

On why we never set a date,

To bring them all together then,

Children, relatives and friends.

So purse your lips and blow a breeze;

A wind to seek and call and

seize,

Some special day some summer

brings,

And let your voice "Reunion"

sing.



Our new 1st Vice, Mike Daigle, has decided to retire from the U.S. Coast Guard after 21 years of active duty service .

Mike invites you to his 'Retirement Party' at the Post, on Wednesday, July 16th, starting at 6 p.m. Plan on attending & congratulating Mike, and thanking him for his years of service.

6 P.M. Potluck & Social Hour

7:30 P.M. Live Music by *Rick Holmes, Dave Braun & Guest Artists*

Please bring a dish to pass if you like

From the Adjutant's Desk

By: Bob Glembin (414-702-0291)

We did not hit our membership goal of 802 this year. . . membership now is at 755.

It has been an interesting year. I learned a lot and will do better in this new Legion year.

I am pleased to announce that your elected officers for the new Legion year are:

Commander: Ron Anderson

1st Vice Commander: Michael Daigle

2nd Vice Commander: Alex Kolander

3rd Vice Commander: Richard Baczek

Chaplain: Harvin Abrahamson

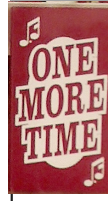
Finance Officer: Harvey Kroening

Service Officer: Richard Strelhow

Sergeant-At-Arms: Bill Roche

Please give your full unified support to these gentlemen who have volunteered their time and efforts to continue to make 449 the best Post in south eastern Wisconsin.

Thanks to all who have helped me learn this job. This year we shall renew and recruit.



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LOBBY BULLETIN BOARD NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

■ Volunteers are needed for the Friday Night Fish Frys starting Aug. 1st. We need 'setup people', bussers, servers, & hostesses/Maitre'Ds !!!!

Please 'answer the call' by contacting Cheryl @ (414) 453-6946

■ The August To December 2014 Fish Fry Greeter Sign-Up Sheet is posted on the lobby bulletin board. It needs *your signature!!!!*

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Summer

Music Calendar

At American Legion Post 449
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 Friday Nights 5 p.m to 10:30 p.m.

July

4 HAT TRICK 1-5 P.M.
 11 DEUCES WILD
 18 JIM BEST
 25 ROGER BOLL TRIO

August

1 DEEP BLUE
 (Easy Listening Favorites)
 8 BUDDY LOVE *
 15 MIKE EVE
 22 VERN & THE ORIGINALS
 29 LENNY *

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The President's Message...

By: Lyette Smith (414) 378-4107

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"SHARE YOUR LIFE, BE GEMS OF SERVICE, PASS IT ON!!!"

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." Albert Einstein



Tuesday, June 24th was the installation and once again the Auxiliary ladies did a fabulous job with a beautiful buffet table loaded with delicious appetizers and desserts. Special thanks to Lilli Schwantes who coordinated it all. Thank you to Colleen Rupert for running the dish washer, it is a big job and much appreciated. A big thank you to everyone who brought food, set up tables, was on the kitchen crew, helped with clean up and helped in any way to make it a spectacular evening for everyone.

I sincerely apologize to Chris Ertl for not recognizing her at installation as our 1st District President. Thank you Chris for the great job, well done, as 1st District President for the last two years.

The Auxiliary Guest Installing Officers were Laura Calteux, Dept. 1st Vice President and Dept. Membership Chairman and Bonnie Jakubczyk, Dept. Historian and Rep to Zablocki VA Hospital, VA&R Chairman. These two ladies did a spectacular and dignified installation for us and we sincerely thank them both.

The Auxiliary would like to welcome the following new Executive Committee members: Kathy McCarthy, 1st Vice President, Anita "Sam" Catura, Membership/Member-At-Large and Lilli Schwantes, Historian. Congratulations to everyone that was installed for two years on the Auxiliary Executive Committee.

Thank you to Marion Kolsch, Carol Lers, Bonnie Piszczek and others who did the beautiful plantings by the patio and the front entrance of our Post and for all their hard work to make our Post inviting and attractive.

Children and youth are the future of Post 449. Our representatives to Badger Girls State, June 15-20, were Abigail Olson and Naomi Dawood, both from Brookfield Central HS. Auxiliary Members Kitty Larkin and Marie Zellmer were volunteers at Badger Girls State. A week at badger Girls State is a tremendous

amount of work and time away from family. Thank you to both Kitty and Marie. There were two Department Americanism Essay winners; Jammia Warren won 2nd place and Jamia Jefferson won 5th place. Both are students at Metcalfe Elementary School in Milwaukee, where Auxiliary member Melinda Gladney is Principal. **Congratulations to both Jammia Warren and Jamia Jefferson, job well done!!**

Happy Birthday and God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for July 2014: 1) Sharon Miller 3) Doris Riepel 5) Katie Metzfeld, Jennifer Michaels 10) Lilli Schwantes 19) Mary Louise Catura 23) Arlyn Robinson 24) Carol Ehrlichmann 27) Marcy Regenwether 31) Ruth Schim. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names were not mentioned above. If you would like your name added to the birthday list, please let me know.

God Bless our Troops, our Veterans and God Bless America!!

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

July 3, Thur.	Parade Meeting – 7:00pm
July 4, Fri.	Brookfield Parade (Be at Post 8:00am), & Post Open House
July 17-20	State Convention – Appleton
Aug 7, Thur.	Blood Drive – 2:00pm-6:00pm
Aug 10, Sun.	1 st District Installation – Mukwonago
Aug 19, Tue.	Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 7:00pm



Post 449 Gems of Service

They really Are....Edotor

1st Vice Report By: Kathy McCarthy (262) 442-6703
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WOW !!! Pinch me I am the new 1st Vice President of the Auxiliary. What an honor to have been voted in to this position. I am looking forward to working with an amazing group of women who has the same goals I do, 'Helping Our Veterans'!!!

In the near future I will be attending the Midsummer Conference in Appleton, in hopes of meeting new people who can give information, suggestions and over all, guide me so I can do this Auxiliary proud.

If you have any suggestions or questions or me, please feel free to contact me at any time.

I look forward to the next 2 years.

Hugs and God Bless All.

Kathy

P.S. Thank You Betty Conlon for giving me that application to join this great organization last November. Much Love!

Hello From 2nd Vice, Colleen Rupert

(414) 336-8261 colleen_rupert2002@yahoo.com time.

Hello Everyone!!

I would like to congratulate all the new 2014 officers.

I have an urgent request going out to all the members of our Post—school supplies are needed for Metcalf School as early as August.

Please remember there is no meeting in July, The next one will be August 19th. I hope everyone has a blessed summer.

Until next time ☺ chow!

God Bless

Chaplain Sandy's Message

By: *Sandy Dearing* sandydearing@yahoo.com

Dear God,

Our country, the USA, will be celebrating its 238th birthday this month. I know that 238 years is not very old compared to the rest of the world, but we have been busy and have accomplished a lot in that short time. We have managed to gain our independence from England, bounce back from our own civil war, fight for freedom in two World Wars and stand for justice in many other places around the world.

All that we are and all we have done we owe to you and I just want to say THANK YOU! Thank you for the land that I love and the people who live here. Thank you for the rolling hills of the Smoky Mountains, the craggy peaks of the Rockies, the silver lakes of Minnesota and the muddy swamps of Louisiana. Thank you for the San Francisco trolleys, the Mississippi riverboats, and the New York subway. For Maine lobster, Alaskan salmon, Kansas City steaks and Memphis ribs. Thank you for the sights and sounds of New York City, the sunshine and beaches of the Florida coast, the food and music of New Orleans and the wide open spaces of Texas. For the towering Pines of the Pacific Northwest, the awesome Redwoods of California, the sprawling plantations of South Carolina and the rich farmland of America's heartland. Thank you for Georgia peaches, Michigan blueberries, Hawaiian pineapple and Wisconsin cranberries.

Thank you, God, for the freedoms we enjoy. We are free to speak our mind, choose our job, live where we want and worship you. Thank you for all that this nation stands for and the abundance we enjoy as we open our hearts and hands to so many in need around the world.

Thank you for the brave men and women who risk their lives each day to keep us safe and defend these freedoms. I pray that you will watch over them and keep them safe. Please bless our nation as we remember that these 238 years are truly a gift from you.

Thank you! Love, Sandy



Notes From The Membership

Desk By: *Anita (Sam) Catura*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Janell Robinson: Recruited by: Jacque Maier
Mentor: Gayle Schneider

Catherine Warren: Recruited by: Kat Kalyvas
Mentor: Janese Baket



Plus, we have received 5 more renewals for 2014. Good Job!

We are now at 466 members. Just 13 more to meet 100%!! Please check with your friends and any member you may have recruited in the past, to make sure they have sent in their renewals.

Just a reminder to turn in your "time and talent" sheets if you picked one up at the last meeting or if you received one in the mail. Just drop it off at the Post to my attention and someone can put it in my mailbox.

I am excited to have the opportunity to attend the State Convention. I look forward to learning more about membership to better serve our unit.

As summer kicks into full swing, remember we still need to keep our members involved. The needs of our Veterans, their families and the Post do not take a break for the summer. Let's all pull together and work in "service not self". We are members of this wonderful organization to help and support the work of the Post and its members for God and Country.

In closing: always share a smile. Spread cheer and healthy, happy attitudes. Smiles are contagious. If nothing else; a smile makes people wonder what you are up to.....

Keep those memberships coming in!!!

Your Unit 449 Membership Team
Sam Catura & Laura Roche



Please "Like" us on Facebook - our page name is "American Legion Post 449"

Thank You

Alex, Mick, & all you Volunteers who have made our Monday Taco Night and Thursday Patio Cookout Night "blue-chippers". The success of these two events has been accomplished with your efforts. We acknowledge this with gratitude.

Your Legion Family

MILWAUKEE BLOOD CENTER
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Contact Carol Lers At 262-691-5873 or e-mail
Carol @ carolelers@msn.com to schedule your
appointment

NEWS FROM THE MOVE OUT GROUP

Post 449 is proud to be one of the many community sites across Wisconsin who offer the *Move Out* program. Move out is a weight management program funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and supervised by Dr. Jeff Whittle. It is designed to help Military Veterans, their families, and their friends, enjoy healthy, weight-friendly lifestyles.

Members in the group are led in a fun, 'do-able' activity every Tuesday as shown to the right. We began in January with approximately 5 people & now average 17-20 participants/week. Every one that attends is very supportive of Post 449, & very appreciative to have this opportunity.



Join Us for **FREE** Low-Impact Exercise Sessions Every Tuesday Evening @ 5:00 P.M., American

Legion Post 449, 3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield, in the Hall to the left
Please call Nancy Wilke @ (414) 384-2000, Ext. 42893 if you have questions



Come & check us out & meet a wonderful group of people (Men & Women), all ages, who meet once a week at the Post, to have fun moving to a beat, as we "Walk Away The Pounds".

Your Move-Out Team

Chuck Steinkraus and Brad & Sam Cutura



FIRST DISTRICT INSTALLATION & PICNIC

AUGUST 10, 2014 12:30 P. M.

Mukwonago Post #375

627 County Rd. NN, Mukwonago 53147

Kitty Larkin will be installed as 1st District Auxiliary President and

David Latimer as Legion 2nd Vice Commander

1:00 Picnic Lunch

"EVERYONE is INVITED"



MENU: ROTISSERIE CHICKEN BY MUKWONAGO COMMANDER STEVE

SIDE DISHES: Brought by Attendees

DESSERT & BEVERAGES PROVIDED



ANNUAL POST 449 PACKER PARTY

Sunday – August 3, 2014

Tickets: \$1.00 Ea. OR 7 for \$5.00 (can be purchased from bartender)

Post Opens at 11:30 a.m.

Post Closes at 10:00 p.m.

Food Served 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Live Entertainment 3 To 6 p.m.

PRIZES (You need not be present to win)

1st Prize through 6th Prize - 2 Packer Gold Package Tickets

7th - 10th Prizes . . **Mystery Prizes**

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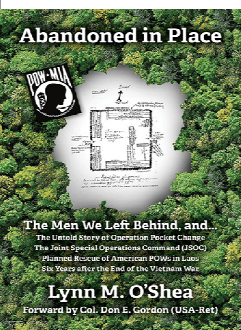


Column by: **Earl Wood**

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The following is an excerpt from *Abandoned in Place*.

[Begin Excerpt] One can only imagine the sense of anticipation in the room. Those in attendance listened closely as the General outlined the rigid security requirements for Operation Camshaft. Camshaft, the U.S.

Pacific Command's (PACCOM) classified code name for the mission at hand, would be one of the largest and most secret military operations since the Vietnam War.

If all went well, it would be a strike of surgical precision. If successful, they will have carried out the soldiers' unwritten code: never leave a man behind on the battlefield. Their mission, the rescue of American Prisoner of War held in Laos six years after the end of Vietnam War.

A mission of this importance required the utmost secrecy. So when Brigadier General Michael Nelson, Director for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command, reminded the military men gathered in this room of the strict security requirements

surrounding this mission, there was no doubt as to their attentiveness. General Nelson cautioned those in the rescue operation not to speak of the mission outside the room. They would use only secured phone lines. Memos were to be hand written and personally delivered to lessen the number of individuals with knowledge of the mission. They were instructed not to "use the words Laos, POW, (or) Detention Camp" outside the room.

The Joint Special Operations Command (known by the acronym JSOC, pronounced "J Sock") special operations team, under the code name Operation Pocket Change who would carry out the mission, was ready. Support teams were ready. The men in this room who carefully planned this mission were ready. All they needed was the confirmation of Americans held at the target and the green light to launch the mission.

Beginning in 1973, the U.S. Government had two very different policies on the issue of POWs and MIAs surviving in Southeast Asia. Publicly, the policy, re-enforced in 1976 by the U.S. House of Representatives' Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia, declared no POWs survived in Southeast Asia after 1973. Yet, internally reports such as the classified Project X study clearly showed an official belief in the possibility of survival for some... **[End Excerpt]**

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