

The Thunder Gazette

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PLEASE NOTE

OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT

**V.F.W. POST #6768
8584 Olde Eight Rd.
Northfield, OH**

**SUNDAY, March 19, 2023
2:00 p.m.**

No Board Meeting

To be a member in good standing, one must:

- a. Attend at least 3 meetings & 3 events per year;
- b. Pay the annual membership dues of \$40/yr;
- c. Abide by the Membership Patch rules;
- d. Remain loyal to Rolling Thunder® in word, deed and action;
- e. Conduct him/herself in a professional and courteous manner at all times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, March 19, 2023 -Membership
Meeting - 2:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 31 - Sunday, April 2, 2023
- Piston & Power Show**



National K9 Veterans Day, March 13th, is a day set aside to honor and commemorate the service and sacrifices of American military and working dogs throughout history.

It was on March 13, 1942, that the Army began training for its new War Dog Program, also known as the "K-9 Corps," according to American Humane, marking the first time that dogs were officially a part of the U.S. Armed Forces



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MISSION STATEMENT

THE MAJOR FUNCTION OF ROLLING THUNDER® INC. IS TO PUBLICIZE THE POW-MIA ISSUE: TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC THAT MANY AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR WERE LEFT BEHIND AFTER ALL PREVIOUS WARS, AND TO HELP CORRECT THE PAST AND TO PROTECT FUTURE VETERANS FROM BEING LEFT BEHIND SHOULD THEY BECOME PRISONERS OF WAR-MISSING IN ACTION. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO HELPING AMERICAN VETERANS FROM ALL WARS.

ROLLING THUNDER®, INC. IS A NON -PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND EVERYONE DONATES HIS OR HER TIME BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IN THE POW-MIA ISSUE.

Our Adopted MIA/POW – Wade Groth



GROTH, WADE LAWRENCE

Name: Wade Lawrence Groth
Rank/Branch: E4/US Army
Unit: 50th Medical Detachment, 43rd Medical Group,
44th Medical Brigade
Date of Birth: 14 May 1947
Home City of Record: Greenville MI (joined Army in
Cleveland OH)
Date of Loss: 12 February 1968
Country of Loss: South Vietnam
Loss Coordinates: 121721N 1074713E (ZU030600)
Status (in 1973): Missing In Action
Category: 4
Aircraft/Vehicle/Ground: UH1H
Refno: 1046

Other Personnel In Incident: Harry W. Brown, Alan
W. Gunn, Jerry L. Roe (all
missing)

Government Affairs -

1. S.42 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): BUILD
for Veterans Act of 2023 -
To improve the management and performance of
the capital asset programs of the Department of
Veterans Affairs so as to better serve veterans,
their families, caregivers, and survivors, and for
other purposes. Has been referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-
congress/senate-bill/42?s=1&r=5](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/42?s=1&r=5)
Ohio Senator Brown is a co-sponsor of this bill. Need
to get Senator Vance on board.

2. S.10 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): VA
Clinician Appreciation, Recruitment, Education,
Expansion, and Retention Support (CAREERS)
Act of 2023 -
To improve the workforce of the Department of
Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-
congress/senate-bill/10/text](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/10/text)
No Ohio senators have signed onto this bill yet.

3. H.R.214 - 118th Congress (2023-2024):
Veterans' True Choice Act of 2023 -
To amend title 10, United States Code, to
provide eligibility for TRICARE Select to
veterans with service-connected disabilities, and
for other purposes.
[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-
congress/house-bill/214/text?s=1&r=41](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/214/text?s=1&r=41)
No Ohio representatives have signed onto this bill
yet.

4. H.R.232 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): Real
Justice for Our Veterans Act of 2023 |
Congress.gov | Library of Congress
[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-
congress/house-bill/232/text?s=1&r=29](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/232/text?s=1&r=29)
There are no co-sponsors to this bill yet.

5. H.R.236 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): To
direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to
designate a week as "Battle Buddy Check Week"
for the purpose of outreach and education
concerning peer wellness checks for veterans,
and for other purposes. | Congress.gov | Library
of Congress
[https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-
congress/house-bill/236/text?s=1&r=27](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/236/text?s=1&r=27)
Sponsor: Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-
18] (Introduced)
There are no Ohio co-sponsors yet to this
bill.

01/10/2023 - Committees: House - Veterans'
Affairs Latest Action: House - 02/08/2023
Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (All
Actions)

On April 26, 2022, VA announced the addition of
nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed
service-connected disabilities due to exposure to fine
particulate matter for Veterans who served any
amount of time in

- Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria or Uzbekistan
during the Persian Gulf War, from September
19, 2001, to the present, or

- The Southwest Asia theater of operations from August 2, 1990, to the present.

VA is taking a new approach to making decisions on presumptives, one that takes all available science into account, with one goal in mind - getting today's Veterans, and Vets in the decades ahead - the benefits they deserve, as fast as possible.

VA identified, through a focused review of scientific and medical evidence, a biological plausibility between airborne hazards, specifically particulate matter, and carcinogenesis of the respiratory tract; the unique circumstances of these rare cancers warrant a presumption of service connection.

Veterans and survivors who had claims previously denied for any of the below respiratory cancers are encouraged to file a supplemental claim for benefits:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx;
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea;
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea;
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea;
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung;
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung;
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung;
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung and;
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

VA will contact impacted Veterans and survivors to inform them about their eligibility and it will provide information on how to apply.

To apply for benefits, Veterans and survivors may visit VA.gov or call toll-free at 800-827-1000.

"UNTIL THEY ALL COME HOME"

Remember: You are the voice of our POW and MIAs.

Remains Identified

WWII Remains Identified:

None listed this month

Korean War

U.S. Army Cpl. Carmen Carillo

Defense POW / MIA Accounting Agency

#DPAA scientists often must sort through hundreds or thousands of bone and tooth fragments to reconstruct and identify service members unaccounted-for from complex contexts.

Operation TIDAL WAVE involved the crashes of 22 American B-24 Liberators in Ploesti, Romania, on 1 August 1943, resulting in the loss of 225 American Airmen. Most of the service members' remains were subsequently recovered and buried by local Romanian citizens. Due to the circumstances of loss and burial, skeletal fragmentation and commingling of individuals are some of the biggest challenges facing DPAA #scientists working on the "Ploesti Project."

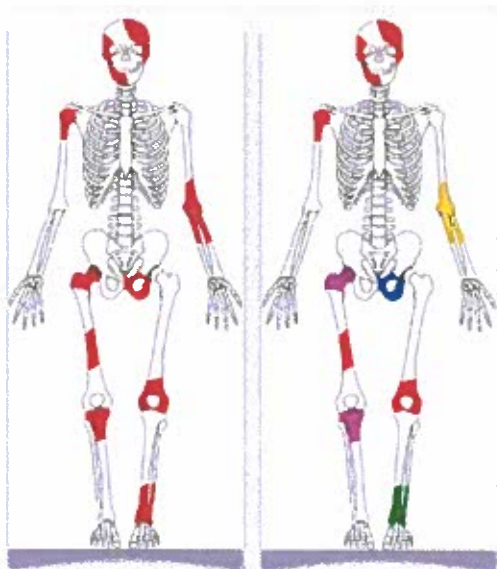
To overcome these challenges, DPAA scientists, in #partnership with #datascientists from University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), have developed a unique software program. This program, the Commingled Remains Analytics or CoRA program, serves as a database where DPAA scientists can inventory, track, and find associations within large collections of fragmentary and/or commingled skeletal material.

For the Ploesti Project, #CoRA makes the job of tracking and associating thousands of fragments easier, allowing DPAA to make identifications more quickly and efficiently.

In the left diagram you can see an example of how fragmentary some of the remains representing one individual can be, and in the right diagram, each color represents remains recovered from a different casket, showing the level of commingling.

You can learn more about CoRA here:

<https://www.coracore.org/>



PLOESTI HOMUNCULI FRAGMENTS

***I was prepared to fight, prepared to die. But
I was not prepared for my country to leave
me behind.***



Our busy lives can make it hard to keep up with loved ones and friends. Make the time today to pick up the phone and check on a buddy. You never know the positive impact one call can make.

Chaplain's Corner

(submitted by Dan McGinnis)

Spiritual Renewal

Chinese medicine has practiced pearl powder exfoliation for thousands of years, using ground pearls to scrub away dead cells resting at the top of the skin. In Romania, rejuvenating therapeutic mud has become a widely sought-after exfoliant that's purported to make skin youthful and glowing. All over the world, people use body care practices they believe will renew even the dullest of skin.

The tools we've developed to maintain our physical bodies, however, can only bring us temporary satisfaction. What matters more is that we remain spiritually healthy and strong. As believers in Jesus, we're given the gift of spiritual renewal through Him. The apostle Paul wrote, "Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). The challenges we face daily can weigh us down when we hold on to things like fear, hurt, and anxiety. Spiritual renewal comes when we "fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen" (v. 18). We do this by turning our daily worries over to God and praying for the fruit of the Holy Spirit—including love, joy, and peace—to emerge anew in our lives (Galatians 5:22-23). When we release our troubles to God and allow His Spirit to radiate through us each day, He restores our souls.