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### VA and DoD Healthcare Providers and VBA Adjudicators are Sharing Medical Information

Received by LTC Frank Piper, Jr., SP, PA-C

As of February 13, 2007 VA and DoD healthcare providers and VBA adjudicators are sharing medical information from the Interagency Federal Health Information Exchange (FHIE) repository enhanced with Bidirectional Health Information Exchange (BHIE) software. This shared system provides a secure electronic real-time data exchange for active duty, separated, discharged, retired military, and reserve military personnel, and dual-eligible veterans from select military treatment facilities, including those in Western Europe. Text data and reports now available include: drug and food allergies, laboratory orders, chemistry and hematology results, surgical pathology reports, cytology results, microbiology results, outpatient pharmacy information, radiology reports, DoD non-government pharmacy information, DoD summaries of outpatient episodes, pre- and post-deployment health assessments, post-deployment health reassessments, and expanded admission/discharge/transfer information.

### Society of Army Physician Assistants 28th Annual Refresher Course 23-27 April 2007

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### Thank You

Received by Paul W. Lowe, PA-C

I was extremely overwhelmed and honored in being selected as President-Elect for the Society Of Army Physician Assistants. SAPA is an organization of people that represents those traits I've come to appreciate most in life. First, we are (or have been) servants to our country, performing missions that many cannot or will not perform. Second, we have the awesome responsibility to personally minister to the physical and mental needs of those who are hurting. Our selfless service makes a difference in the lives of so many others. I'm honored to be a part of a collection of "like-minded" men and women. To be selected as your President-Elect is something I'll always treasure and I'll be dedicated to performing my duties to the very best of my abilities. Thank you for your support.

### Scholarship for Army Veterans, Retirees, National Guard, Reserves and Active Duty

Received by Donald A. Black, PA-C

As most of you know, the PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT family lost their first PA EVER to be killed in combat. Captain Sean P. Grimes, PA-C lost his life while serving in Iraq on 4 March 2005. Since that day SAPA with the generosity of the Grimes family has established the CAPTAIN SEAN P. GRIMES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. If you need, or someone you know needs educational financial assistance please visit the SAPA website for details. ([www.sapa.org](http://www.sapa.org)) If you have additional questions please contact: Donald A. Black, PA-C, MPAS, Ret LTC, SP email: [donald.black@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:donald.black@se.amedd.army.mil) Ph: 931-338-1828

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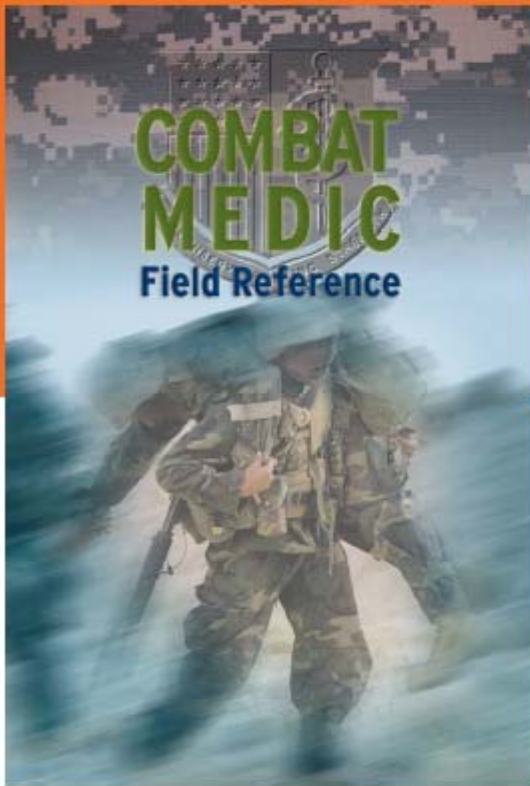
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This flyer is provided in response to the numerous requests I have received, mostly from deployed PAs and medics, on how to obtain copies of the Combat Medic Field Reference. I also provide the following disclaimer: My role in editing this text was a part of my job and I receive no compensation for its sale.



## A Field Reference for 91W Medics in Training or Deployed

### Combat Medic Field Reference

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Introducing the **Combat Medic Field Reference**, providing easy access to information on emergency medical care, force health protection, limited primary care, evacuation, and warrior skills.

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**Received via email from Sharon Hanley of AAPA  
Veterans Caucus  
CALL TO ACTION**

**H.Res. 111** – To establish, in the House of Representatives a Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. Introduced January 30, 2007 by Congressman Peter King (R-NY), **H.Res 111 calls for a select committee to “conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War Missions, or Gulf War, including MIA’s and POW’s.”**

The Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs concluded in 1993 that: **“There is evidence, moreover, that indicates the possibility of survival, at least for a small number, after Operation Homecoming....”**

**Isn’t it time we find out what happened to that “small number” and address the “unresolved matters” relating to our POW/MIAs**

Since the last congressional hearings were held in 1996, much new information has surfaced regarding the mis-handling and suppression of POW/MIA information. A former analyst with the Defense POW/MIA Office, provided this information along with many other disturbing details requiring Congressional attention. Specifically, he detailed a report referred to, in house, as the “185 Report.” This report discussed the possibility that as many as 185 American POWs were alive as late as 1976. During the same time frame the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) concluded their own study. They found the possibility existed that as many as 57 American servicemen might be alive.

In March 2006, memos written by a former Defense Intelligence analyst while serving as an investigator with the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs were discovered. These memos detailed the Vietnamese admission that some 19 servicemen listed as died while missing were in fact captured. These servicemen survived in captivity for varying lengths of time, one by Vietnamese admission survived three years. The committee never addressed this matter. In an interesting side note, 10 of the nineteen servicemen Vietnamese official acknowledged “survived into captivity” are among the 57 our own (JCRC) concluded might still be alive.

In February of 2005, the Joint Commission Support Directorate, the investigative arm of the U.S./Russian Joint POW/MIA Commission concluded; “Americans, including American servicemen, were imprisoned in the Soviet Union.” This is but the tip of the iceberg, requiring congressional attention. It is time to address the volumes of new information available on POW/MIA matters from World War II, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam and the Gulf.

**It’s time for Congress to take another look at the POW/MIA issue.**

## **The Top Seven Reasons We Need H. Res 111**

**1. The Gulag Study 5<sup>th</sup> Edition issued Feb. 11, 2005** - compiled by the Joint Commission Support Directorate (JCSJ), the investigative arm of the U.S./Russian Joint Commission on POW/MIAs, concluded; “Americans, including American servicemen, were imprisoned in the former Soviet Union....”

**2. The Tourison Memos** - “My review of JCRC casualty files has surfaced several messages which list a total of nine American servicemen Vietnam has acknowledged were captured alive, all of whom are listed by DOD as having been declared dead while missing.... This information has come from Vietnamese officials a piece at a time over the past two years.” Another memo states: “My review of POW/MIA case files disclosed DIA/JTFFA message traffic referring to individuals DOD now has information survived into captivity.” Thirteen cases are cited representing 19 servicemen. These memos were written by former Defense Intelligence Agency analyst Sedgwick Tourison, during his tenure as an investigator with the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. Whatever the reason, this information was not made public during the life of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs.

**3. Failure to Investigate the “185 Report”** - In 1993, the Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO) received a report that 185 American POWs had been held in Southeast Asia after 1973, possibly as late as 1976. The report was recognized as possibly credible. During the mid-1990’s a Russian geologist was interviewed and reported that he was told in 1976 by Vietnamese counterparts that the Vietnamese Government at that time was holding live American POWs. Neither report has been properly investigated.

**4. Failure to Authorize Live Sighting Investigations** and the attempt to limit Stony Beach activity. Reports of live POWs in Southeast Asia are not investigated.

**5. Failure to Properly Investigate Reports of POWs in North Korea** - A Background Paper prepared, in 1996, by I.O. Lee, analyst Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO) stated: “There are too many live sighting reports, specifically observations of several Caucasians in a collective farm by Romanians and the North Korean defectors’ eyewitness of Americans in DPRK to dismiss that there are no American POW’s in North Korea.”

**6. Failure to Properly Investigate the case of Capt. Michael Scott Speicher** - A well placed source provided the following information to the National Alliance of Families in the summer of 2003; “The one source that claimed to have been held with Speicher and fed him on a daily basis stated they had been held for 10 years in the underground prison; that individual was released and left Iraq. The individual that reported feeding the pilot was talking to an individual outside Iraq when he made the claim, and the U.S. side never interviewed him.... Don’t be misled by those who would pooh pooh the Speicher reporting.”

**7. Failure to follow-up on the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, January 1993** - “There is evidence, moreover, that indicates the possibility of survival, at least for a small number, after Operation Homecoming....” Isn’t it time we ask the next question..... what happened to that “small number?”

## Why We Need H. Res 111

### What the Documents Have to Say:

1. **Report from the Escape and Evasion Section of the 6004th Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Oct. 19. 1955** - "Ashley and four crew members, (Turner, Olsen, Shaddick, and Ishida) were known to be alive in Communist hands as of the close of the Korean conflict, Jul 53." What happened to these men?

2. **Memo From John T. Berbrich, Defense Intelligence Agency dated 23, May 1973, to Commander Chuck Trowbridge** - "Dr. Shields called on 21 May..... he viewed both situations as we did and that it appeared that he should not be adamant in denying that there are no U.S. PWs in SEA (Southeast Asia.) I agreed, adding that the Cambodian situation is also less than clear and conclusive."

3. "I am not certain that we have fully clarified everything. I know that quite a few documents were destroyed. However, one document, probably sensational, is still in storage. I have a copy of it. **It's content is as follows: at the end of the 1960s the KGB (external foreign intelligence) was given the task of "delivering informed Americans to the USSR for intelligence gathering purposes."** General Dmitri Volkogonov, Chairman Russian side of the U.S./Russian Joint Commission on POW/MIAs. **Would General Volkogonov make such a statement without.... evidence?**

4. **Testimony of Avraham Shifrin before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate, February 1, 1973** - "First I must ask you to excuse my English, because I cannot speak like you. I learned my English in concentration camps and my first teachers were kidnaped American officers."

5. **Dispatch No. 947 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic from American Embassy Moscow April 5, 1954** (note: on the document April is crossed out and May is handwritten in) - "The United States Government has recently received reports which support earlier indications that American prisoners of war who had seen action in Korea have been transported to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and that they are now in Soviet custody."

6. **Joint Casualty Resolution Center Message Traffic 282114Z Jan 92** - "The fact is an anthropologist with many years of experience rendered a professional opinion that **based on the condition of Lt. Mc Kinnie's (sic) remains, he was alive subsequent to Operation Homecoming...."**

7. **"As of now, I can come to no other conclusion,."** Former Secretary of Defense and CIA Director James Schlesinger before the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, **when asked directly if the United States left men behind in Southeast Asia.**

**This information may be accessed from our website. Follow the link.**

Documents Supporting the Case for H.Res 111  
[www.nationalalliance.org/legis.documents.pdf](http://www.nationalalliance.org/legis.documents.pdf)

Sample Letter –

Dear Representative

Please co-sponsor H.Res. 111, introduced by Congressman Peter King of New York. H.Res. 111 calls for the formation of a Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. According to the legislation; "The select committee shall conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War Missions, or Gulf War, including MIA's and POW's."

We are aware of past investigations and hearings conducted in both the House and Senate. Those investigations left many unresolved matters.

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Please add your name as a co-sponsor for H.Res 111, as introduced by Congressman King.

Very truly yours,

## 2007 CORE Conference Notes

Received by Paul W. Lowe, PA-C

Thank you to the SAPA BOD for the ability to attend the 2007 CORE Conference. The ability to interact with AAPA leaders and become familiar with different AAPA programs was extremely beneficial.

After listening to the different topics and the discussion of problems experienced by other chapters, I was proud of the way our chapter operates. One of the most valuable asset to our organization is our Executive Director. Many of the other chapters seemed to be “floundering” due to motivated but inexperienced volunteers who direct their chapters. I feel SAPA avoids many “pitfalls” due to the experience, advice and general oversight provided by Hal.

Another valuable asset we have is the strong, dedicated service given by our conference team. I’m sure the year-long planning and action needed to organize this endeavor is most likely overwhelming at times but every year it turns out to be a valuable time and experience for our members.

A valuable membership benefit is our periodic newsletter. I can only imagine how much effort it must take to collect, organize, type, proof, print and mail each newsletter. Our society owes a great deal of thanks to Casey for his efforts.

I could echo the same type of accolade for every other board member. Our Secretary, Treasurer, Active Duty and Reserve Directors and President are all dedicated to sacrificing themselves toward the success of SAPA. I’m extremely proud to be a part of such a great organization with such dedicated workers.

During the conference there were a few suggestions I believe SAPA should consider.

1. We are due to update our charter in 2008. One item for renewing is the last time our Policies and Procedures were updated. I suggest that each responsible officer view their respective portion of the Policy and Procedure guide and either make updates or state that “all the information is accurate and no changes are needed”. One person, most likely the Secretary (or a designated person) should collect the data and print an updated manual prior to 2008.
2. Members will get involved if asked. One way we could try involving more members is to have each

board member “take someone under their wing”. It could be like mentoring someone (or a few someones) in your specific job. I also think that that “someone” should be one who has never been in office (a new face). I would encourage each board officer to ask someone if they would like to help.

3. The AAPA will archive (at no expense) all of our important documents, minutes and newsletters. If we are not taking advantage of this free service, I think we should. We spoke of having an “off-site” back-up archive which this will serve.

I guess we can discuss these items at our upcoming board meeting. Thanks once again for the opportunity to attend this conference. See y’all in April

## ATTENTION SAPA MEMBERS

Received by Paul W. Lowe, PA-C, Membership Director

If you are an AAPA member, you should take this opportunity to check your personal data. Most specifically, you should check your constituent chapter. It can be a little confusing so I’ll try to guide you through the process:

- a. Go to web site [WWW.aapa.org](http://WWW.aapa.org)
- b. Select the “Members Only” tab
- c. Select the “On-Line Directory” tab
- d. Choose “Update Your Contact Information” tab
- e. Sign in: *user name* is your AAPA number. *Password* is your Last Name with first letter capitalized
- f. Select: “Edit your Personal Information”
- g. Look at your AAPA Data. You may edit most of the data shown. If you desire to have SAPA as your constituent chapter, the Chapter must say “ARMY”. If it doesn’t, you may “EDIT” that block.

Please make sure your desire for your constituent chapter remains accurate. Each year, the number of authorized delegates to the annual AAPA meeting is directly dependant on this data. Another consideration is for your membership to be current through 31 January of the year being surveyed. If your membership expires prior to that, you will not be counted with our numbers. If possible, please always renew your AAPA membership prior to that 31 January deadline. Thank you for your support of our organization

## Concurrent Retirement Disability

### Payments Increase

#### Received via email by Sharon Hanley of the AAPA Veterans Caucus

Concurrent Retirement Disability Payments (CRDP) is a phased-in restoration of the retired pay deducted from military retirees' accounts due to their receipt of Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) compensation. The phased-in restoration began January 1, 2004 with the first payments dated February 2, 2004. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) processed the 2007 CRDP increase based on the new restoration rate of 49.60 percent. The increase is effective Jan. 1 and retirees can anticipate receipt of the increase in their Feb. 1, 2007, payment.

You are eligible if you have a DVA-rated, service-connected disability of 50% or higher, unless you are a disability retiree with less than 20 years of service or a retiree who combined your military time and civil service time to qualify for a civil service retirement. If you combined your military time and civil service time in order to enhance your civil service retirement from OPM, you are eligible for CRDP payments; however, you will have to reinstate your retired pay by coordinating with OPM.

CRDP pay computation begins with the "table rates":

If rated unemployable	\$750.00
If rated at 100%	\$750.00
If rated at 90%	\$500.00
If rated at 80%	\$350.00
If rated at 70%	\$250.00
If rated at 60%	\$125.00
If rated at 50%	\$100.00

To help illustrate the process, let us assume the following for an eligible retiree:

Gross pay:	\$1,800.00
VA 90% disability amount:	\$1,608.00
CRDP table rate (90% rating):	\$ 500.00

To compute CRDP, subtract the CRDP table rate from the VA disability amount:

VA disability amount:	\$1,608.00
CRDP table rate (90% rating):	- \$500.00
Difference:	\$1,108.00

Now, multiply the difference by the applicable restoration rate (we use the 2007 restoration rate of 49.60% for this example):

2005	10.00%
2006	28.00%
2007	49.60%
2008	69.76%
2009	84.88%
2010	93.95%
2011	98.18%
2012	99.64%
2013	99.96%
2014	100.00%

Difference:	\$1,108.00
2007 Restoration rate:	x 49.6%
Product:	\$549.57

Add the product to the table rate amount to arrive at the 2007 CRDP amount:

Product:	\$549.57
CRDP table rate (90% rating):	+ \$500.00
2007 CRDP amount:	\$1049.57

Additional information concerning CRDP can be found on the DFAS website in the Retired and Annuity Pay section.

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### **Army Surgeon General Submits Retirement Request**

**Reprinted in part from Mar 12, 2007 release by  
the U.S. Army Public Affairs**

On March 11 Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, Army Surgeon General and Commanding General of Army Medical Command, submitted his request to retire from the U.S. Army to Acting Secretary of the Army Pete Geren. Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock, current Deputy Surgeon General, immediately assumed the Surgeon General's duties. Acting Secretary Geren further directed March 11 the immediate convening of the required advisory board who will recommend a slate of candidates from among officers in the Army Medical Department for consideration as the next Surgeon General. Title 10, United States Code requires such a board. The officer ultimately selected must be approved by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate. This board will be announced as soon as possible with the intent to convene on a date in April. Major General Pollock will execute the duties of The Surgeon General/Commanding General, Army Medical Command until a new officer is named. "We must move quickly to fill this position - this leader will have a key role in moving the way forward in meeting the needs of our wounded warriors," Geren said March 12. "We have an Army Action Plan underway under the leadership of the Vice Chief of Staff, Army, General Dick Cody, and the Surgeon General has a critical role in the execution of that plan. I am confident Maj. Gen. Pollock will ably lead the Army Medical Department during this transition period."

"I submitted my retirement because I think it is in the best interest of the Army," Kiley said yesterday. "I want to allow Acting Secretary Geren, General Schoomaker, and the leaders of the Army Medical Command to focus completely on the way ahead and the Army Action Plan to improve all aspects of Soldier care. We are an Army Medical Department at war, supporting an Army at war - it shouldn't be and it isn't about one doctor."

Kiley was appointed the 41st Surgeon General of the Army and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on Sept. 30, 2004. He started his military career July 1, 1976, appointed as an Army captain serving a surgical internship and then an obstetrics and gynecology residency at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas. He received his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington D.C. He is a board-certified OB/GYN and a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

"It has been my honor and my privilege to serve this Nation and her Soldiers for over thirty years," Kiley said. "I have the greatest respect for former Secretary Harvey, Acting Secretary Geren, and the senior Army leadership under General Schoomaker and General Cody. And I could not be prouder of the incredible Americans in the Army Medical Command who care for the warriors who have volunteered and sacrificed so much to defend our country and our way of life. I was blessed to have walked among them."

"We thank Lt. Gen Kiley for his dedication to duty and long years of service," said Acting Secretary Geren March 12.