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(POVA)

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Fellow Psywarriors,

IMPASSIONED PLEA.....WITH TEARS IN MY EYES.....If you have an AOL or YAHOO email address, your provider consistently rejects emails from POVA. It thinks we are spamming you, so you will often not receive your newsletter or other commo from us.

PLEASE GIVE ME AN ALTERNATIVE EMAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN STAY IN CONTACT WITH YOU.....PLEASE!!!!

This is our next-to-last newsletter before our 17th Biennial Reunion in Cleveland, OH, 19-22 July. Cleveland is a great city with great attractions, we have an excellent hotel and backups, all at reasonable rates, and good times planned to see the sights, take care of some POVA business, and get started on our 2018-2020 Biennium.

If "Cleveland" is anything like our past reunions, it will be a great time for friends and families to come together, celebrate our fellow Psywarriors, remember those we have lost and those who have passed since we all came home, and lay the groundwork for the good work we are doing to help our fellow veterans in need.

A big change in our Reunion agenda will now happen.....POVA has partnered with the PSYOP Association (POA) to present a panel discussion of key issues important to our PSYOP profession. With special presenters and guests, this Sunday morning (0800-1200) presentation/discussion will be timely, up-to-date, and bring us an excellent event to close our reunion. Many thanks in advance to Dennis Bartow, POA President, and COL Robert Curriss, PSYOP Regimental Commandant, for pulling this together into an excellent brief to end our Reunion. **PLEASE PLAN TO STAY UNTIL NOON ON SUNDAY 22 JULY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.**

Check the "updates" on the reunion at the end of this newsletter. There are several changes that will affect our reunion schedule of activities. **Reunion Updates are now all moved to the USAPOVA website from the newsletter, so check back regularly for updates.**

For the latest information on our reunion (hotels, banquet selections, etc.,) please visit the POVA website <http://www.usapova.com/upcoming-events/>. From the website, you can make your reservations for hotel accommodation and for the Reunion Banquet.

Very Respectfully,

C. V. (Chad) Spawr
President

New Life Member for POVA



POVA welcomes new Life member David Pelkey. POVA's Life Member roster now totals 142.

You can view our entire Life Member roster on POVA's website at <http://www.usapova.com/current-members/>

Welcome to our Newest Allied PSYOP Veteran

POVA has recently enrolled COL-Ret. Viacheslav (Stan) Gusarov as a new member. Stan is from Ukraine, and served in Psychological Operations with American PSYOP forces in Iraq. POVA is pleased to have Stan as a member, and hope it is a long and productive relationship with an important American ally. In the picture, Stan is on the far right of the group.

Stan joins Australian veteran Derrill de Herr and German veteran Anastasios Tassos Fountis, both of whom are POVA Life Members.



Did You Know?

Lest we forget

Did you know there are 25 US military cemeteries and 27 memorials and monuments in 16 foreign countries and territories? They hold the remains of 218,000 individuals who died there during World Wars I and II. The grounds are hallowed by the blood of heroes, without regard to rank, creed or race. Promise yourself to visit as many as you can.

Call for Raffle Items for the POVA Biennial Reunion Raffle

POVA will hold a raffle to continue raising funds for our educational and charitable activities in support of our Association and our fellow veterans and their families in need. You can help by donating something that we can add to the list of raffle prizes. In 2016, late Life Member Tony Newcomb donated a bottle of vintage (1968) Viet-Nameese Snake Wine, a truly unique raffle prize. It generated a great deal of interest and conversation!

Because POVA is an IRC 501c3 tax-exempt non-profit corporation, the value of any raffle prize you donate is fully deductible from your taxes.

The Long Way Home Project

The recent Ken Burns mini-series about the Viet-Nam War has provoked many different views and thoughts, and for some has reopened the wounds many still suffer with that war. Many feel

it is a fair and balanced view, while others believe it was a complete whitewash of the communist subjugation of the Republic of Viet-Nam and vindication of the anti-war movement here in this country. There is, no doubt a gulf of opinion.

POVA Life Member Robert Martinez led creation of a similar mini-series in the early 2000's. Known as "The Long Way Home Project," this series tells a very different story. For many Viet-Nam veterans, it more closely resembles the "truth" about the Viet-Nam War we fought, and portrays the war as exactly what it was.....a war of subjugation by one country over another. While the main combatants were Viet-Namese, both North and South Viet-Nam were independent countries recognized by the United Nations and several dozen treaty agreements. This was no "civil war."

The POVA Biennial Reunion will have DVD's of "The Long Way Home Project" available for sale at a discounted price. Having watched the entire series, it is much less politically nuanced and seeks not to whitewash anything. Look for our POVA Store table at the Reunion in Cleveland.

Here is the search link to the Facebook page on "The Long Way Home Project:" Vietnam **War Lessons-The Long Way Home Project.**

THE SUNDAY 22 JULY SPECIAL POVA-POA "RENDEZVOUS" IS FINAL!

The Cleveland Biennial Reunion will feature the first-ever Sunday morning special member program designed to bring together our members with truly outstanding speakers and presenters to discuss issues of significance to our fellow Psywarriors. This first-ever program will feature:

Mr. Derrill de Herr, veteran of PSYOP during the Viet-Nam War
PSYOP Regimental Commandant Robert A. B. Curris
POA President Dennis Bartow
BG-Ret Edward Burley
COL-Ret. Lawrence Dietz (former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment)
COL-Ret. Curtis Boyd
Program Moderator: LTC-Ret. Joseph Meissner

All speakers and presenters are POVA Life Members. These are some truly awesome people!

Further information on the program and relevant details are contained in the briefing flyer on the next page. This promises to be a very interesting Sunday morning session.....complete with a buffet breakfast.

(Editor's Note: Sincere thanks to COL Curris and POA President Bartow for bringing this outstanding event to life for us all).

**The Psychological Operations Association
invites you to join us for a ...**

POA Rendezvous!

A Rendezvous of PSYOPers with Destiny.

- **Time:** 0800 – 1200 hours, 22 July 2018.
- **Location:** Cleveland Marriot East, 26300 Harvard Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44122.
- **Breakfast Buffet is available. Price to be published.**
- **Featuring interesting and informative briefings as well as a Blue Ribbon Panel with members who are pillars of the PSYOP Community!**
- **This is an open event! You DO NOT have to be either an attendee of the POVA 2018 Reunion or a member of POA to participate in the POA Rendezvous.**



0800 – 0810: **Welcome** and Opening Remarks. Introduction of Panel Members and other Key Attendee's.

0810 – 0840: **Briefing** by Demill De Herr (Australian POVA Life Member): **Australian PSYOP in Vietnam**

0840 – 0915: **Briefing** by Bosnia Larry Dietz (Former PSYOP Regiment Honorary Colonel): **PSYOP in the Battle of Udrigovo (Bosnia-Herzegovina) - A Personal Narrative.**

0915 – 0930: **Break**

0930 – 1015: **Briefing** by Dennis W. Bartow (President, POA): **Battlefield Evangelists in the NATO Environment: PSYOP at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Germany.**

1015 – 1030: **Break**

1030 – 1140: **Blue-Ribbon Panel.** The Blue Ribbon Panel members will provide an informed insider's perspective on many issues facing the PSYOP Community. The members of the Blue Ribbon Panel have been carefully selected to provide insights from a broad cross-section of the PSYOP Community.

Panel Members: BG-Ret. Edward Burley (Former 2POG Cdr)
COL-Ret. Larry Dietz (Former PSYOP Regiment Honorary Colonel)
COL-Ret. Curtis Boyd (Former 4POG Cdr)
COL Robert A. B. Curris (Commandant, PSYOP Regiment)
LTC-Ret. Joe Meissner, Moderator (Former 2POG DCO)

Panel Theme: *PSYOP, A Path to the Future: An Education in the Education of the Regiment.*

Topics: A primer on how the Regiment interacts with both AC and RC forces and commands. How we train the total force. How the current digital environment impacts that. How the branch is progressing.

Questions: 1. How to better leverage our professional associations?
2. How do we train for emerging threats and artificial intelligence?
3. Social Media and PSYOP -where's the line?

1140 – 1155: **Video on the Burg-Museum Parsberg, Germany: From Bismarck to Hitler**

1155 – 1200: **Conclusion:** Expressions of Gratitude and Farewells

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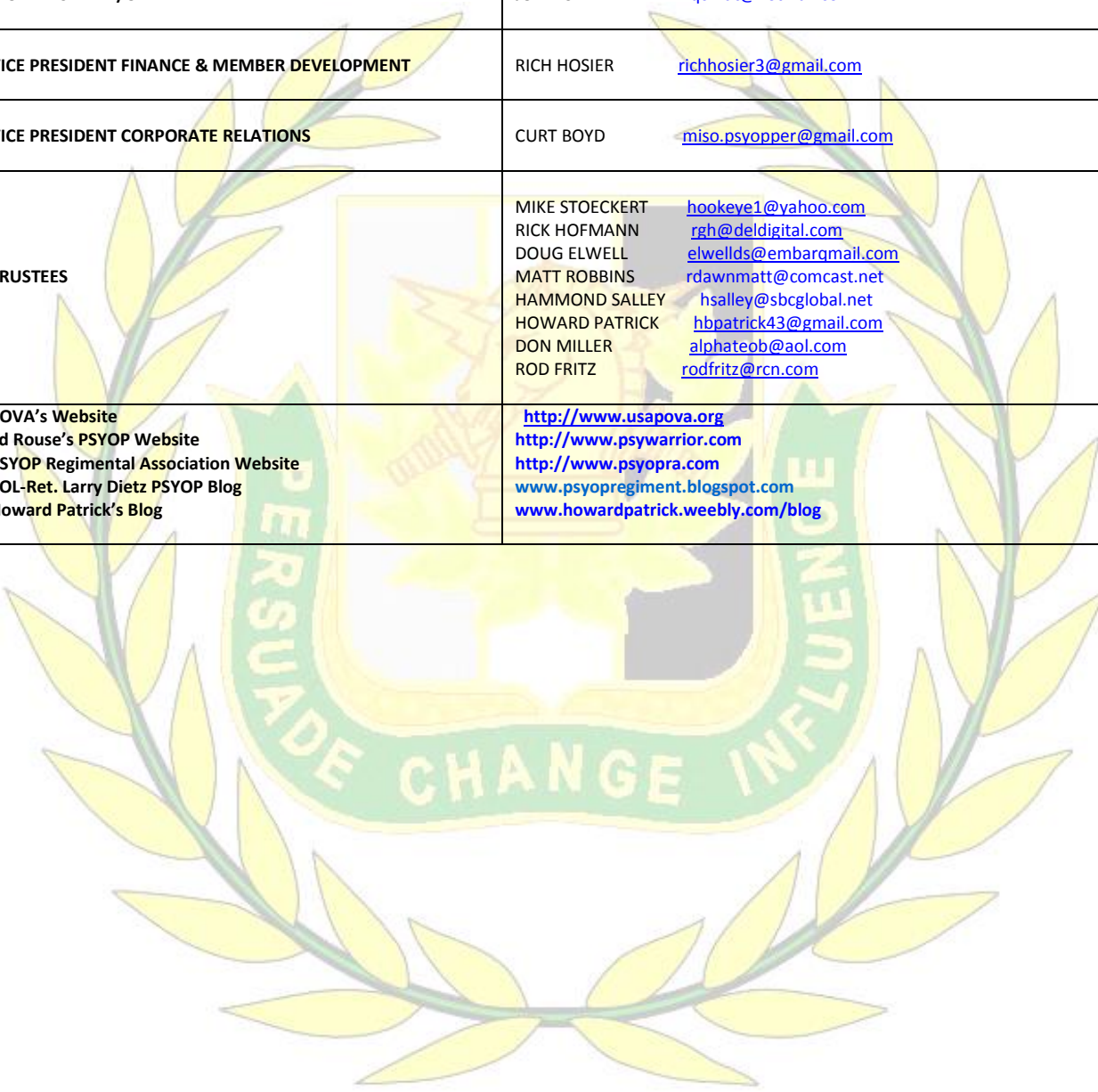
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