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**“MISSION COMPLETE”**

**17 MAY 2019**

**U.S. Army Cpl. John G. Krebs**

**MISSING:** Cpl. John G. Krebs was a member of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, Task Force Smith, engaged in combat operations against the North Korean People's Army south of Chonui, South Korea, when he was declared missing in action.

Krebs was 19 when he and his twin brother, George, were fighting in the Korean War in Chochiwon, South Korea, on July 11, 1950. Both were members of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

At 0816, 11 July the task force opened fire on a column of thirty-three North Korean tanks supported by a massive number of infantry. Due to a lack of modern anti-tank weapons the task force was able to knock out only four tanks. This was followed by North Korean infantry columns attacking and enveloping both flanks of TF Smith. Despite being badly outnumbered, the poorly equipped task force held off the North Koreans for over six hours before withdrawing under intense pressure and after suffering heavy casualties.



According to Alfred Wetmore, a soldier fighting alongside the Krebs brothers that day. "I remember clearly seeing George going after John, saying 'John's up there. I've got to get him' when others were telling him not to go. No one saw either of them again," Wetmore told the agency.

Georges' body was recovered and is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Sterling, but John was listed as missing in action.

**RECOVERY:** In February 1951, the American Graves Registration Services recovered five sets of remains from northwest of Chonui in the village of Kujong-ni. Two sets were identified, but the other three were unidentifiable, designated as unknowns and buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

In September, 2019 one of those sets of remains was disinterred from the grave in Hawaii and sent to the DPAA lab for analysis.

The remains of Cpl. John Krebs were finally identified in December 2018 through the use of dental, anthropological and chest radiograph comparison analysis.



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**INTERMENT:**

US Army Corporal John G. Krebs came home to rest on May 17, 2019 next to his twin brother US Army Private First Class George J. Krebs in Calvary Cemetery, Sterling, IL



More than 200 people came out to Calvary Cemetery to honor CPL. Krebs, who was buried with full military honors for his sacrifice in the Korean War.

A military honor guard stood at attention as a 21 gun salute was fired and the bugler played taps before CPL Krebs' relatives received the folded American flag that rested on the coffin.

Despite decades of time, the ceremony brought a sense of closure to the family, comfort to his friends, warmth to his fellow Americans, and pride to his Veteran brothers and sisters.





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**CHAPTER COIN and POW/MIA FLAG:** A National POW/MIA Flag and Chapter 2, IL challenge coin was presented to CPL Krebs' surviving niece. Our coin symbolizes a "test of our metal" in supporting the on-going efforts to ensure the remaining 90,000 plus servicemen, servicewomen, and civilians, unaccounted for, are returned to our Country and to their loved ones.

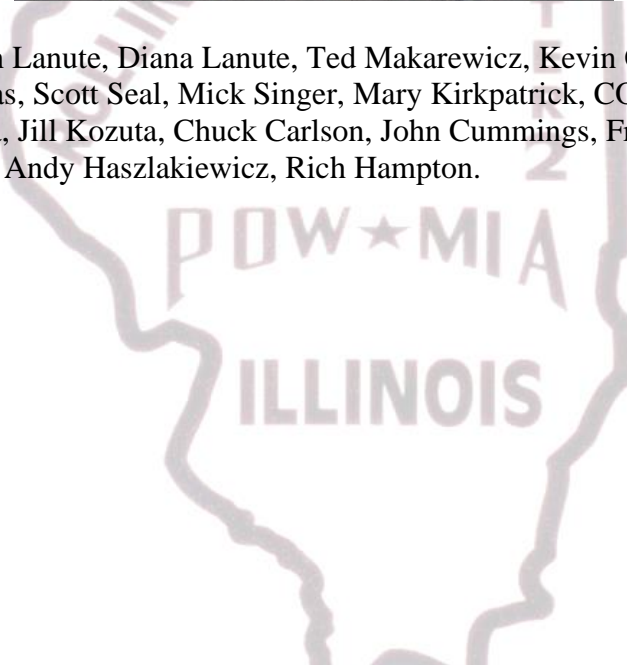




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**Rolling Thunder Participants:**  
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ATTENDEES (19) Rich Lanute, Diana Lanute, Ted Makarewicz, Kevin Calder, Steve Johnson, Jim Purcell, Larry Clucas, Scott Seal, Mick Singer, Mary Kirkpatrick, COL(ret)Wayne Kirkpatrick, Jeff Kozuta, Jill Kozuta, Chuck Carlson, John Cummings, Frank Gampetro, Greg Smith, Mike Burghardt, Andy Haszlakiewicz, Rich Hampton.



**Funeral**  
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