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“MISSION COMPLETE”

4 JUNE 2024

US ARMY CPL RICHARD SELOOVER

MISSING: In September 1950, Seloover of Whiteside, Ill., was a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He went missing in action along the Nakdong River in the vicinity of Yongsan, South Korea, on Sept. 6, 1950 during one of the heaviest battles of that war. Because of intense fighting, his body could not be recovered at that time.

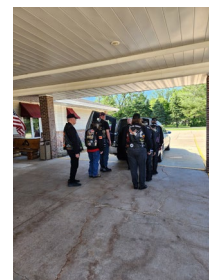
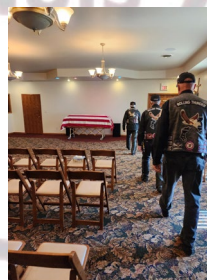
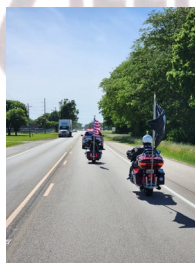
The exact circumstances of his death were unknown, and the U.S. Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Dec. 31, 1953. On Dec. 29, 1950, Unknown Remains X-348 was recovered from an isolated grave near the village of Bon-Po, roughly 5 miles from where Seloover was reported lost. The remains could not be identified at the time and were buried as an unknown in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.



RECOVERY: In June 2021, DPAA personnel disinterred Unknown X-348 and sent the remains to the DPAA laboratory for analysis. Scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as chest radiograph and other circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

PFC Seloover's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for. Seloover will be buried in Rock Falls, Ill., on 4 June 2024.

DIGNIFIED TRANSFER 30 May 2024



The Illinois State Police provided the escort supported by the Fire and Police departments, IL

Rolling Thunder, Chapters 1 and 2-Illinois supported by Patriot Guard Riders escorted PFC Seloover 107 miles to McDonald Funeral Home, 1002 12th Avenue, Rock Falls, Illinois 61071, and were honored to be able to perform the duties of escorts.

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INTERMENT 4 June 2024



Following an assembly at McDonald Funeral Home, 1002 12th Avenue, Rock Falls, Illinois 61071, U.S. Army CPL Richard Seloover finally came home to rest on 4 June 2024 next to his family members at Coloma Cemetery, 908 Avalon St, Rock Falls, IL.

A US Army Honor Guard provided the 21-gun salute and bugler playing taps before the next of kin received the folded American flag that accompanied the remains.

Wayne Kirkpatrick, Chapter 2-Illinois, Rolling Thunder gave a short eulogy at the families request.

A POW/MIA Flag, flown during the Dignified Transfer, was presented to the next of kin by Ted Makarewicz and Tony Yarborough of Chapter 2 on behalf of the members of Rolling Thunder, Illinois.

The funeral procession was along a 3- mile route where local citizens, fire and police departments and the public turned out to view the funeral procession and to honor U.S. Army CPL Richard Seloover, who was buried with full military honors for his sacrifice in the Korean War.

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.

ROLLING THUNDER CHAPTER 2-IL ATTENDEES (6) Ted Makarewicz, Anthony Yarborough, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Ron Carpenter, Nick Bender, and Mark Mazurkewicz

POW/MIA FLAG: A National POW/MIA Flag, flown during the Dignified Transfer, and subsequent escort, was presented to the next of kin and family members. The POW/MIA Flag symbolizes a “test of our metal” in supporting the on-going efforts to ensure the remaining 81,000 plus servicemen, servicewomen, and civilians, unaccounted for, are returned to our Country and to their loved ones.

MEMORIAL BRICK: A Commemorative Brick will be added to the KIA / POW / MIA section of the Veterans Memorial at Woodstock Harley-Davidson, memorializing U.S. Army CPL Richard Seloover.