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CHAPTER 2 OF ILLINOIS
Wauconda, Illinois



“MISSION COMPLETE”

18 MAY 2025

PVT James Loyd: U.S. Army Pvt. James C. Loyd was born on November 11, 1924, in Brilliant, Alabama. He was one of eleven children born to John Elbert and Pearlie Loyd, growing up surrounded by a bustling, hardworking family.

At the age of 18, with a sense of duty and a spirit of patriotism, James enlisted in the United States Army on May 15, 1943. He was assigned to Company "F," 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division — a division known for its distinguished and valorous service across multiple campaigns during the war.



MISSING: In January 1944, Private Loyd was serving on the front lines in Italy as the Allies fought to advance from the Anzio beachhead towards Rome. On January 31, 1944, during a nighttime reconnaissance patrol near the village of Conca, north of Cisterna di Latina, his unit encountered heavy enemy resistance. In the chaos and darkness, Private Loyd became unaccounted for when his patrol returned to Allied lines. Despite exhaustive efforts, no further trace of him was found. He remained listed as Missing in Action (MIA) through February 1, 1945, and was officially presumed dead on April 19, 1945, under the provisions of the Missing Persons Act.

RECOVERY: In 1945, remains designated X-834 were recovered near the small hamlet of Ponte Rotto, close to where Loyd had last been seen. At the time, due to limited identification methods, the remains could not be conclusively linked to him and were buried at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy.

Decades later, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) revisited the case. Noticing the potential connection between the unidentified remains and Private Loyd, the DPAA disinterred the remains in September 2021. Using advanced dental, anthropological, and mitochondrial DNA analysis, scientists confirmed on March 14, 2024, that the remains belonged to Private James C. Loyd.

DIGNIFIED TRANSFER 9 May 2025

The Illinois State Police provided the traffic control, supported by Wilmington and other local Fire and Police departments. The hearse was led by, Rolling Thunder, Chapters 1 and 2-Illinois Mounted Color Guard supported by American Legion Riders and other groups, who escorted PVT Loyd 53 miles from Midway Airport to Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 East Kahler Road, Wilmington, IL.



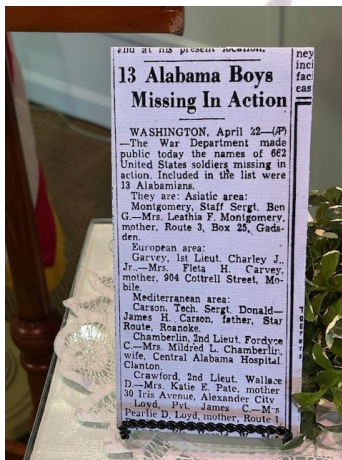
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ROLLING THUNDER CHAPTER 1-IL ATTENDEES (?) Dave Skinner, Wendy Vach,

ROLLING THUNDER CHAPTER 2-IL ATTENDEES (10) Ted Makarewicz, Andy Haszłakiewicz, Chuck Carlson, Scott Miller, Nick Bender, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Dave Bakke, Rich Gruener, Neil Joslun, Mark Mazurkewicz, ,

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ROLLING THUNDER CHAPTER 2-IL ATTENDEES: (1) Ted Makarewicz

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 PVT James Loyd.