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Subject: RE: Gov. Nikki Haley Presents WWII Veterans With The S.C. Prisoner Of War Medal

Howard,
Can you respond to email below regarding Mr. James Rawlings "Jimmy" Dixon?
Please let me know if our office can be of any assistance.
Thank you,
Katherine

From: Debbie Barthe [<mailto:DebbieBarthe@scsenate.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 10:50 AM
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Katherine,

Senator Williams and I were speaking this morning, he was headed to a funeral for James Rawlins Dixon. Mr. Dixon passed away early this week, he was a WWII vet and a POW. His family had been working with Senator Lyndsey's Grahams office to see if he could have full military honors funeral, but he did not meet the requirements. Senator Williams commented when we saw this press release that we wondered if Mr. Dixon had been included in this event and if his medal can awarded posthumously to the family. I have included a copy of his obituary below.

Can you check on this and let me know? I have the daughter, Becky's number if you would like it. I know the family was very disappointed that he could not have full military honors so the awarding of this medal would provide much comfort to the family during this difficult time.

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Mr. James Rawlings "Jimmy" Dixon, 93, passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2105 at McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2015 at Thomas Memorial Baptist Church officiated by the Rev. Larry Zaky and the Rev. Dr. Mark Johnston. Burial with military honors will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A visitation will be held from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at Burroughs & Cooper Funeral Home.

Born, February 11, 1922 in Bartow, FL, he was a son of the late Guy Otis and Annie Dozier Dixon. Mr. Dixon was the President of Dixon Construction, and a member of Thomas Memorial Baptist Church, where he was a deacon. Jimmy Served his Country Proudly in the United States Army, serving during WW11, earning the

EAME Service Medal, three Bronze Stars, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was also a Prisoner of War. Mr. Dixon served on the Camp Pine Hill Board of Trustees, and was a member of the Bennettsville Rotary Club. He was an Honorary member of Sandy Grove Baptist Church, and was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

Along with his parents, listed above, he was preceded in death by his son, James Thomas "Tommy" Dixon and an infant son; brothers, Guy Dixon, Billy Dixon, Clair Dixon, and Irvin Dixon.

He is survived by his loving wife, Louise Blackman Dixon of the home; daughters, Rebecca "Becky" Dixon Jackson and husband, Bill of Aiken, SC, and Jane Dixon Walker of Bennettsville; a brother, Gene Dixon and wife, Ernestine of Bonneau, SC; a sister, Dorothy DuPree and husband, Ray of Bonneau, SC; a daughter-in-law, Audrey Dixon; grandchildren, David Knight and wife Rhonda, Blake Dixon, Austin Dixon, Anna Walker, Mary Margaret Walker; and a great-grandchild Cameron Knight.

Memorials may be made to Thomas Memorial Baptist Church, 308 West Main Street, Bennettsville, SC 29512; or to Camp Pine Hill, 2096 Baptist Road, Bennettsville, SC 29512.

Online condolences may be made at www.burroughscooperfh.com.

Burroughs & Cooper Funeral Home is assisting the Dixon family.

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September 3, 2015

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Gov. Nikki Haley Presents WWII Veterans With The S.C. Prisoner Of War Medal

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Gov. Nikki Haley was joined today by Adjutant General Robert Livingston, Jr., Howard Metcalf, Director of the S.C. Division of Veterans' Affairs, and T.J. Martin, former Commander of the S.C. Prisoner of War Commission to present 13 World War II veterans and 7 World War II veterans' widows with the newly-created South Carolina Prisoner of War Medal.

"What we are doing today is something that makes South Carolina even more of a patriotic state, which is giving a Prisoner of War Medal to every person who sacrificed in a way that many of us will never know," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "They taught our country so much. They taught our country what it means to really love and invest in your country. They taught what it means to love your state. They taught what it means to love your neighbors. And they taught us in a way that no sacrifice can ever live up to this. They are heroes, not for the time that they served, but for life."

The South Carolina Prisoner of War Medal was created by S.1173, which was introduced and sponsored by Senator Wes Hayes and signed into law by Gov. Haley on July 2, 2014. The Medal will eventually be awarded to every South Carolinian who has been officially designated as a prisoner of war by the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Medal was designed by the Ex-POW Commission, The S.C. Division of Veterans' Affairs, and the Adjutant General's office.

Photos from today's event can be found [here](#).

Veterans honored at today's ceremony include the following men:

- Lieutenant Colonel Chester Hackett, 96, Columbia, SC, Army Air Force, 1 year P.O.W. Camp Lucky Strike
- Captain Robert S. Dunbar, 94, Army Air Corp, 9 months P.O.W. Camp Stalag Luft 3
- First Lieutenant Jack Moak, 93, Columbia, SC, 21 months P.O.W. Camps Luft 1-3 and 7A
- Lieutenant Ernest Jenkins, 97, Charleston, SC, 16 months P.O.W. Camps Luft and Barth Germany
- TECH Sergeant Lou Fowler, 91, Columbia, SC, 16 months P.O.W. Camps Dulag Luft Fanfort, Stalag Luft 6, East Prussia
- Staff Sergeant James N. Gatch, 92, Army Air Corp, 1 year P.O.W. Camp Stalag Luft 4 (accepted by his son Charles Gatch)
- TECH Sergeant Emerson Roberts, 92, Columbia, SC, U.S. Air Force, 11 months P.O.W. Camp Stalag Luft 4
- Sergeant Paul Hollen, 92, Mount Pleasant, SC, Army, 6 months P.O.W. Camps Neunberg and Mooseburg
- Sergeant Claud D. Young, 92, Army, 5 months P.O.W.
- Corporal Bill Pebley, 88, Little Mountain, SC, Army, 4 months P.O.W. Camps Stalag 12 A&B
- Corporal Pete Wylie, 91, Columbia, SC, Army, 4 months P.O.W. Camp Stalag 13 C
- Private First Class Paul Luckadoo, 93, Fort Mill, SC, Army, 10 months P.O.W. Camps Stalag 7 A&B
- Private Reginal Salsbury, 90, Army, 9 months P.O.W. Camp Mooseburg

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