

MARINE: DNA matching led to repatriation of remains

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cemeteries on Betio. When the war ended, a military graves registration company returned to conduct recovery operations. In 1949, a military review board declared Lyle's remains unrecoverable.

Many of the Tarawa remains were disinterred, then buried on the island in what was called the Lone Palm Cemetery while awaiting movement to the U.S. They were disinterred again and after ID efforts failed, buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, also known as the Punchbowl.

The case file on Lyle Charpiloz indicates now that some of his remains were interred in the Punchbowl at that time under the label Tarawa Unknown X-5.

In May 2014, History Flight headed for Betio to continue recovery operations, in partnership with the DPAA. More remains were recovered, including from a site where Charpiloz was believed to have been buried, although there is confusion as to whether he was buried in Cemetery 26 or Cemetery 33.

The newly discovered remains were sent to the DPAA lab for analysis.

In October 2016, the DPAA began exhuming 94 sets of unknown Tarawa remains buried at the Punchbowl, including Unknown X-5. Based on recovery context and shared DNA, the remains were consolidated with what was recovered by History Flight.

About a year later, a DNA reference sample arrived from Salem, Oregon.

The mitochondrial DNA collected from a swab of Marie's cheek matched the mitochondrial DNA sequences of samples taken from the right tibia, right collarbone, right shoulder blade, both upper arm bones, and tooth No. 8 of Tarawa Unknown X-5.

Lyle Charpiloz's name is recorded on the Tablets of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with others killed or lost during World War II. A rosette will be placed next to it to indicate he has been accounted for.

Marie was 13 when the telegrams arrived in 1943, the first one saying her brother had been wounded and the second one saying he had been killed in action.

The family had no funeral or burial for Lyle, no closure, not until now, nearly 75 years later, and for only Marie.

Commentary... Why get pre-approved?

By Matt Ingram
Guest Columnist

Spring is officially here; however with the cold mornings one might think its months away. With the new season comes "Spring Fever." If you are planning on purchasing a home in this year and want to be competitive with your offer, now is the best time to consider getting pre-approved.

The prospect of buying a home is exciting, and it's certainly fun to look at home listings on the Internet. But without knowing what you can afford, you are essentially walking into a blind home search, usually leading to wasted time. This is the main reason obtaining a pre-approval is so important. The process offers a you a guideline for what you can afford as well as a competitive edge when making an offer. Few experiences are more frustrating than falling in love with a home that's for sale and then discovering you can't afford it. When you have an idea of how much you can afford before buying a home, the search for a new place becomes a lot more exciting. You'll know that every house you visit can potentially be yours.

Your Realtor greatly appreciates a pre-approved buyer. A Realtor will help

you find the perfect house in your price range, thereby saving you time. The pre-approval process allows for your Realtor to narrow and focus the search to find your perfect home. It also helps to speed up any negotiation process that may ensue with your offer. In a time where several offers may come in on your dream home, your pre-approval identifies you as a credible buyer. Astute sellers will only accept offers from buyers who have a pre-approval in hand verified buy a local lender.

The best things in life are free, and that certainly extends to pre-approval letters. Pre-approvals are 100 percent free; there is no cost to go through the process. As the seasons pass the housing market will turn as hot as a scorching summer day, so why not go for it? The benefits outweigh the risks — because there really are no risks. At the end of the day a pre-approval takes all the guesswork out of your home-buying experience, allowing you greater purchasing power in finding the right home for you and your family.

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STEBER: Author explores the West with historical group

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his writing, Steber has been awarded the Western Writers of America Spur Award for Best Western Novel, Independent Publishers Award for Best Regional Fiction, Western Heritage Award, Benjamin Franklin Award, Mid-America Publishers Award, Oregon Library Association Award, and Oregon Literary Arts Award. Three of his books have been optioned to movie production companies.

Steber's books are exciting contemporary stories and historical documentaries about the American West and people otherwise forgotten. His stories contain honest character descriptions and vivid landscape detail.

In addition to his writing, Steber is an engaging Western personality, and has the unique ability to make his characters come alive as he tells a story. He has spoken at national and international conferences. He particularly enjoys visiting schools where he talks to students about the importance of

education, developing reading and writing skills, and impressing upon them the value of saving our history for future generations.

Before discovering that what he really wanted to do was write, Steber earned a degree in economics from Southern Oregon University and lived for a short time in Portland. He now owns his own publishing company in Prineville, Bonanza Publishing, that releases all his work.

Steber has two sons, Seneca and Dusty, and lives near Prineville, Oregon. He writes in a cabin in the timbered foothills of the Ochoco Mountains.

Copies of his books will be available for sale Tuesday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. The society still has available for sale a limited number of books having to do with the Sisters area. There will also be two special raffle prizes offered by Sisters businesses as a fundraiser for the historical society.

Steber's presentation marks the final Fireside Stories evening this year and the Three Sisters Historical Society is already planning next year's series for January through March 2019.

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