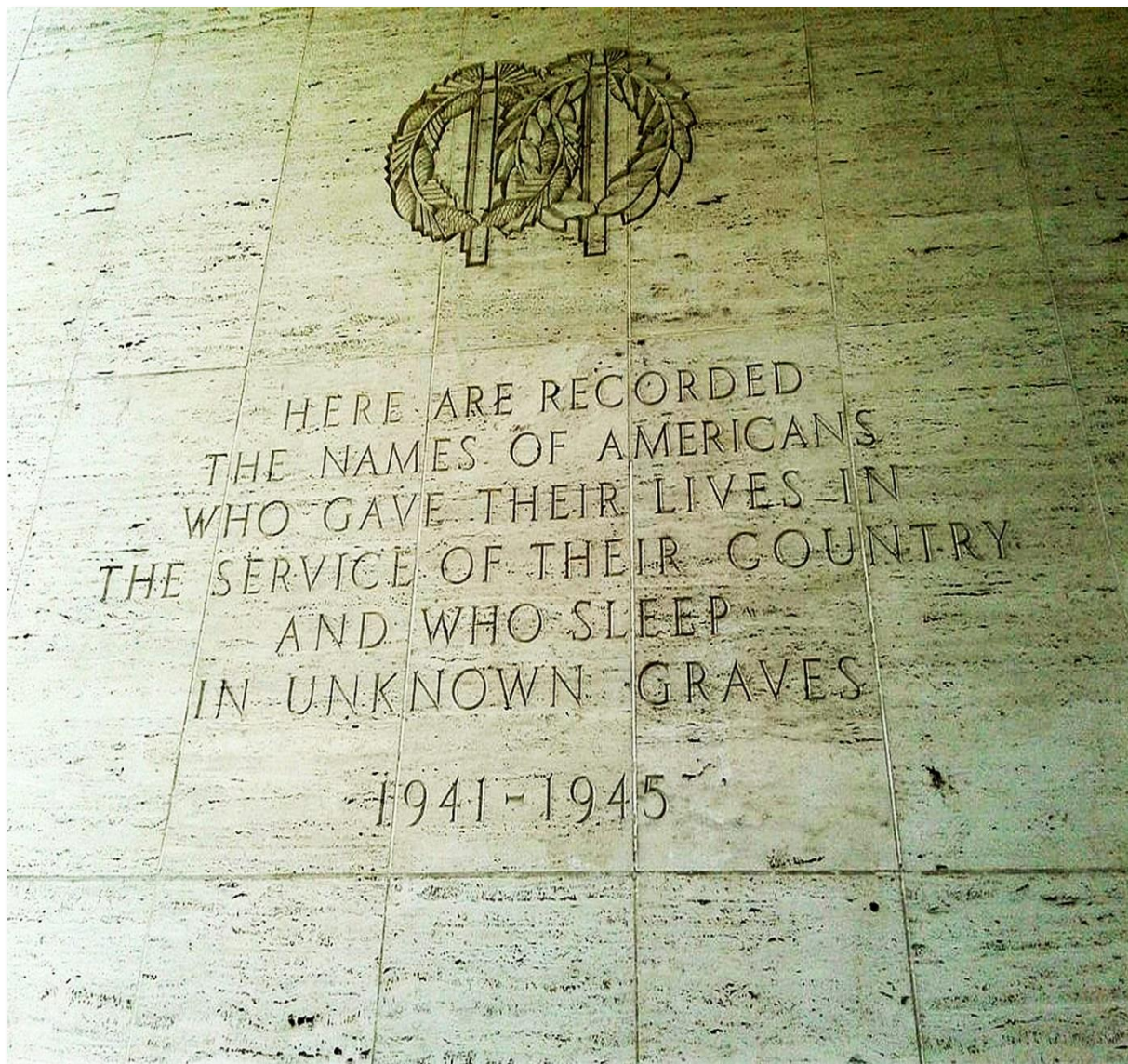


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It was the end of 1945. There was world peace again and life went on for the living. For the 418,500 who perished in the war, families and friends tried valiantly to capitalize on the freedom won by their sacrifices and move on without them.

79,000 were still listed as Missing in Action. Although attempts to locate crash sites and recover remains were carried on in wartime, they were unsuccessful. Thus, Gilbert Rauh and Mike Iriarte's wreck sites and the remains of their ten-man crews were never found. They were officially listed as killed in action in January of 1945. Like all servicemen and women in World War II who went missing in action in the Pacific Theater, were never recovered, and, most probably, would never be recovered, the names of the McLauchlen and Allison crews were etched in the Tablets of the Missing, at the Manila American Cemetery, in the Philippines. There are 39,000 names recorded there.





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AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

**Gilbert A. Rauh**

**Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army**



**Service # 0-738787**

**436th Bomber Squadron, 7th Bomber Group, Heavy**

**Entered the Service from: New York**

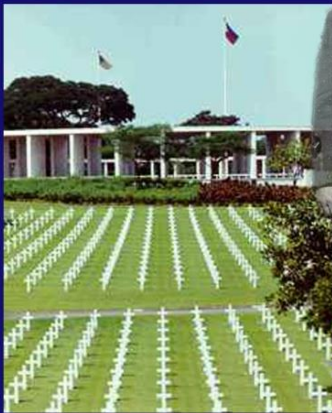
**Died: 1-Dec-43**

**Missing in Action**

**Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery  
Manila, Philippines**

**Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart**

RANSOME CURTIS	2 LT
RANSON DAVID J	PVT
RANSON JOSEPH C	TEC 4
RAPER HULON L	PVT 454
RAPP MAX	PFC 18
RASMUSSEN HARALD E	2 LT 16
RASMUSSEN LARS F	PVT
RASO ELISEO	PVT
RAST PAUL R	PFC 673
RATAJCZAK EDMUND J	S SGT
RATCLIFF FRED E	PVT
RATHBLOTT IRVING	1 LT
RATLIFF JOHN F	S SGT 32
RATON FRANCISCO	CPL
RATTNER SIDNEY M	PV
RAUCH RUSSELL L	1 LT
RAUH GILBERT A	2 LT 43
RAUH THEODORE A	1 LT
RAUHAUSER GLENN M	PVT
RAUSA ROBERTO	PFC
RAVELO JUAN	PVT
RAVINA PEDRO	PVT
RAWLEY JAMES X	2 LT 3
RAWSON WENDELL P	2 LT
RAY CLAUDE A	S SGT
RAY GEORGE H	S SGT
RAY JOE	TEC 5
RAY LAWRENCE O	SGT
RAY MARION	T SGT
RAY REUBEN E JR	
RAY WILLIAM A	LT
RAY WILLIAM R	SGT
RAYBURN JOHN L	P



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Mike Iriarte and his crew crashed one-hundred yards off an uninhabited jungle island in the Andaman Sea. While three or four parachutes were seen leaving the plane before it crashed, there was only one known survivor. The other nine crew members were initially listed as missing in action and were officially declared killed in action in February of 1946. They are also memorialized in the Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines.

### AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

**Francis M. Iriarte**



**Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces**

**Service # 0-744199**

**9th Bomber Squadron, 7th Bomber Group, Heavy**

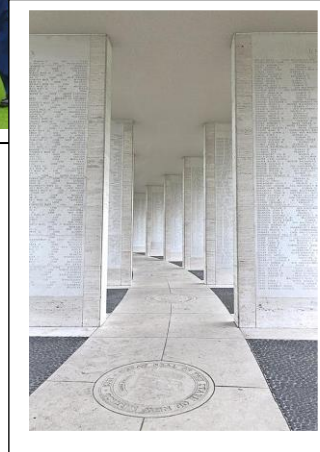
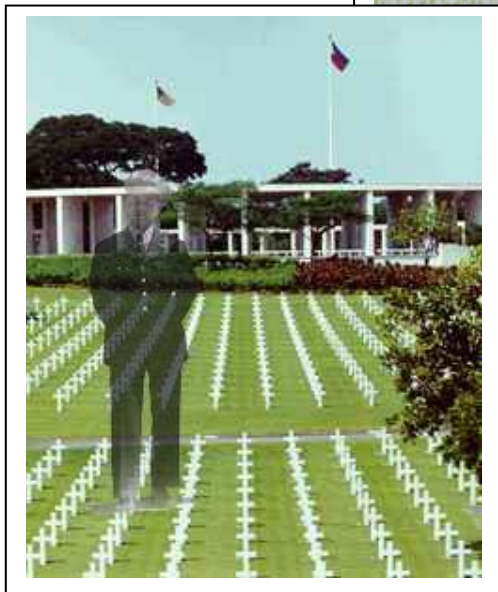
**Entered the Service from: New York**

**Died: 16-Feb-46**

**Missing in Action or Buried at Sea**

**Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery  
Manila, Philippines**

**Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Purple Heart**



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ALLEN WILLIAM C. S. SGT. 56 SQ 375 TRP CARR GP. MISSOURI  
 ALLEY GEORGE H. SGT. 70 BOMB SQ 42 BOMB GP(M). CALIFORNIA  
 ALLEY JOHN S. JR. CAPT. 769 BOMB SQ 462 BOMB GP(VH). ILLAH  
 ALLEGER ROBERT F. 2 LT. 26 BOMB SQ 11 BOMB GP(H). NEW YORK  
 ALLIS GILBERT I. S. SGT. 1 RESUPPLY SQ 143 TRP CARR GP. MASSACHUSETTS  
 ALLISON STANLEY M. 1 LT. 9 BOMB SQ 67 BOMB GP(H). OHIO  
 ALLRED ROBERT E. 2 LT. 19 BOMB SQ 22 BOMB GP(H). IOWA  
 ALLRED WILLIAM M. PFC. 200 CA REGT. NEW MEXICO

CASE HAROLD W. T. SGT. 373 BOMB SQ 308 BOMB GP(H). ILLINOIS  
 CASE LOUIS D. T. SGT. 698 ORD CO(AVN). CALIFORNIA  
 CASE MARTIN A. 1 SGT. 57 INF REGT(P). PHILIPPINES  
 CASENAS MANUEL A. PVT. 57 INF REGT(P). PHILIPPINES  
 CASENAS PRIMO R. PVT. 57 INF REGT(P). PHILIPPINES  
 CASEY ANDREW B. 1 LT. 31 INF REGT. OHIO  
 CASEY JOHN D. S. SGT. 9 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H). MASSACHUSETTS  
 CASEY JOHN R. JR. 1 LT. 45 FTR SQ 8 FTR GP. CALIFORNIA  
 CASEY KENNETH W. S. SGT. 424 BOMB SQ 307 BOMB GP(H). OKLA  
 CASEY LEE R. TEC 4. SIGNAL CORPS. TEXAS  
 CASEY ORMAN W. 1 LT. PHIL ENGR DEPT. TEXAS  
 CASEY PATRICK R. CAPT. 900 ENGR CO(AVN). IOWA

INSO FROCTUOSO. PVT. 57 INF REGT(P). PHILIPPINES  
 INTELA FRANCISCO. PFC. 57 INF REGT(P). PHILIPPINES  
 IRBY RICHARD. CWO. HQ PHIL DEPT. ILLINOIS  
 IRELAND VERNON R. 2 LT. 3 PUR SQ 24 PUR GP. CALIFORNIA  
 IRIARTE FRANCIS M. 2 LT. 9 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H). NEW YORK  
 IRISH CLAYTON E. 1 LT. 200 CA REGT. NEW MEXICO  
 IRISH HOWARD H. JR. 1 LT. 91 CA REGT(P). MICHIGAN  
 IRLANDE FELIPE. SGT. 91 CA REGT(P). PHILIPPINES  
 IRONS CHESTER A. SGT. AIR CORPS. ARKANSAS  
 IRVIN JAMES C. 1 LT. 339 FTR SQ 347 FTR GP. CALIFORNIA  
 IRVINE FREDRICK D. PVT. 14 BOMB SQ 19 BOMB GP(H). MICHIGAN  
 IRVINE JAMES C. CPL. AIR CORPS. COLORADO

MOYERS EUGENE L. SGT. 9 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H). TENNESSEE  
 MOYERS GLENN W. PFC. 31 INF REGT. WEST VIRGINIA  
 MOYES CARL D. 2 LT. 1350 AAF BASE UNIT. CALIFORNIA  
 MOYLE WILLIAM R. 1 LT. HQ SQ 7 TAG RCN GP. MICHIGAN  
 MOZIAN HARRY A. S. SGT. 491 BOMB SQ 341 BOMB GP(M). N.Y.  
 MOZINGO WILLIAM R. CPL. AIR CORPS. MISSISSIPPI  
 MROZ JOHN V. 2 LT. HQ 308 BOMB GP(H). MASSACHUSETTS  
 MUCHEWICZ STANLEY M. S. SGT. 148 INF 37 DIV. OHIO  
 MUELLER CHARLES F. CAPT. 808 MP CO. MICHIGAN  
 MUELLER DONALD K. S. SGT. 424 BOMB SQ 307 BOMB GP(H). WASH  
 MUELLER KURT V. T. SGT. 9 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H). ILLINOIS  
 MUELLER VICTOR A. 2 LT. 301 FA REGT(PA). IOWA

BLAIR DONALD E. 1 LT. 493 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H). PENNSYLVANIA  
 BLAIR RAYMOND D. T. SGT. 499 BOMB SQ 345 BOMB GP(M). OREG  
 BLAIR WILLIAM J. CAPT. HQ SQ 3 BOMB GP(L). VIRGINIA  
 BLAKELY QUENTIN W. PVT. 64 BOMB SQ 43 BOMB GP(H). IDAHO  
 BLAKEMORE NEVILLE D. CAPT. 15 BOMB SQ 3 BOMB GP(L). VIRGINIA  
 BLAKLEY FRANK H. MAJ. 305 AIRDRONE SQ. ALABAMA  
 BLAKLEY BOBBY V. S. SGT. 530 BOMB SQ 380 BOMB GP(H). TEXAS  
 BLANC WALTER A. S. SGT. 9 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H). NEW YORK

HUTCHINGS WILLIAM H. JR. S. SGT. 2 WEATHER RCN SQ. MASS  
 HUTCHINSON DAVID H. S. SGT. 490 BOMB SQ 341 BOMB GP(M). N.Y.  
 HUTCHINSON JAMES E. 2 LT. 5 SGT. AIR COMMAND GP. CAL  
 HUTCHINSON JOHN T. S. SGT. 9 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H). N.Y.  
 HUTCHINSON MALCOLM F. 4 LT. HQ SQ 308 BOMB GP. OREGON  
 HUTCHISON DAWSON. WO2. HQ V AIR SV COMD. MISSISSIPPI  
 HUTTON DALE H. 1 LT. 85 LML BN. MICHIGAN  
 HUITO EBERLE L. SGT. 403 BOMB SQ 43 BOMB GP(H). TEXAS  
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 GROSS HOWARD W. S. SGT. 529 BOMB SQ 380 BOMB GP(H). OREG  
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 GROSS STANLEY R. 1 LT. 823 BOMB SQ 38 BOMB GP(M). WASH  
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 EVANS EARL A. SGT. 7 SQ 2 CMBT CARGO GP. MICHIGAN  
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 EVANS FRANKLIN. SCPL. 59 CA REGT. TEXAS



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George carried on. He had another son, me, eleven months after he returned home, went back to work in retail and lived the American dream, buying house on Long Island and raising a healthy and prosperous family. He was a dedicated husband to his wife, Hazel, the rock that kept him sane through the War and afterwards and, he was a great dad. He and Hazel avoided all conversations about the war. Gibby and Mike were hardly ever mentioned. If their names came up, the conversation would change direction.

George was hardened by his experiences and worked intensely to keep his emotions hidden from his children. Coping with post-traumatic-stress-disorder, as it was called when it was eventually recognized as a real condition, was very stressful for both Hazel and George as they tried to keep suppressed. Thirty-five years later in 1980, it all came crashing back to the surface and remained in play for the rest of his life.

Hazel passed in November of 1984 and with the love and support of his children, George hung on without his rock until he passed two-days shy of his seventy-ninth birthday in 1996.

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In 2010 I began writing my George's WWII story from a box full of clippings, photos, medals and other documents that had been in the attic since 1996. That is where I was finally introduced to Gibby and Mike. Two chapters in that book were dedicated to their stories. I remembered visiting the Hofmann and Rauh families in Westchester County when I was very young and some of the photos actually brought back distant memories. In particular, I remembered Aunt Jeanne who I now discovered was Gibby's sister. I contacted her after many years in early 2014 and when I mentioned George was my dad, the vague memories for both of us came pouring back.

I went to Newburgh, New York, to visit Jeanne and her daughter, Donna, to talk about my book and try to fill in many blanks. It was a fun and productive visit. I came home with a handful of photos and much new information I did not have. As I was saying goodbye, Jeanne mentioned matter-of-factly that she was approached by people from the US Army in 2013 to take a blood sample for DNA analysis. She was not sure why and I never gave it a second thought.

In my research, I discovered that the VFW Post in Thornwood, NY, was named in honor of Gilbert Rauh. I contacted the Commander, Drew McFadden, who invited me to come and tell Gibby's story to their members and many others who attended on Memorial Day in May. There were seventy or so people there including a large group from the local high school. I remember vividly how quiet and attentive everyone was – surprising for a high school group. They were super respectful and hung on every word.






The veteran attendees sat in the first few rows. I remember them nodding and shaking their heads in remembrance of their own service as I spoke. It was quite touching but nothing like a conversation I had with one veteran at the reception after the lecture. His name was Jack Carosi.









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Jack was a decorated WWII veteran who had served with the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, he stormed Omaha Beach at Normandy, France, in the H-Hour landing. As he spoke of that day, he went deeper and deeper into the emotions of the experience – he was reliving all of its upset and pain as he spoke, as if he were laying on that beach once again. He cried softly and frequently and I joined him. I will never forget that moment and what these men had endured for my freedom. Three years after we spoke, Jack Carosi, husband, father, proud grandfather, peacefully passed away on February 23, 2017. Another member of the greatest generation who should never be forgotten.

On September 20, 2014, I was invited to represent the Rauh family at the dedication of a POW/MIA Monument at Mount Pleasant Town Hall. Six service men from Westchester County were on the Missing in Action rolls and the monument was being placed in their honor<sup>11</sup>. Gibby was one of the six.

  
Hawthorne Post 112      Kensico Cemetery      Westchester Detachment

**POW / MIA MONUMENT DEDICATION**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014- 1:00 PM**  
**Mt Pleasant Town Hall, Valhalla, NY 10595**

 <b>Lt. Barton S. Creed</b> Peekskill, N.Y. <b>MIA, Laos</b> March 13, 1971	 <b>William Phelps</b> Cortland, N.Y. <b>MIA, Vietnam</b> November 23, 1971	 <b>William Crumm</b> Scarsdale, N.Y. <b>MIA, Vietnam</b> July 7, 1967
 <b>John A. House</b> Pelham, NY <b>MIA, Vietnam</b> June 30, 1967	 <b>William D. Thornton</b> Tarrytown, NY <b>MIA, Vietnam</b> January 28, 1967	 <b>Gilbert Rauh</b> Mt Pleasant, NY <b>MIA, Philippines</b> February 4, 1946

**Remembering our Missing in Action from Westchester County**  
**PLEASE JOIN US AT THIS DEDICATION TO HONOR OUR HERO'S**  
Chairman: Commander Peter Fiumefreddo – (914) 424-2283 or [legionpost112@aol.com](mailto:legionpost112@aol.com)

<sup>11</sup> Captain John A House was subsequently recovered and buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on September 27, 2018.

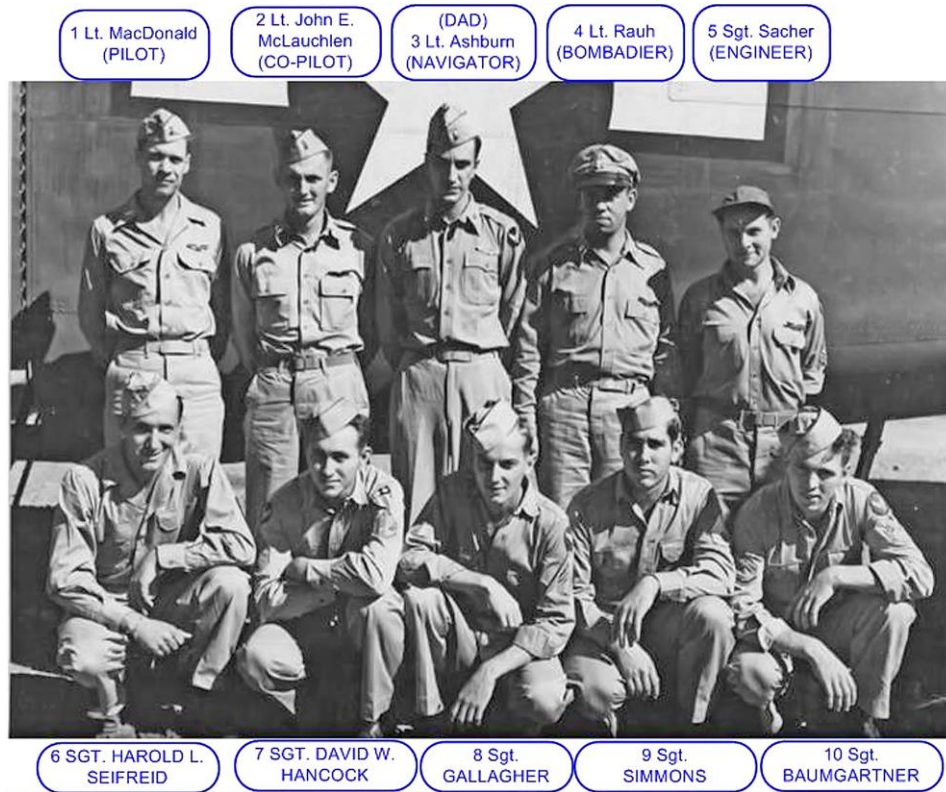


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Aunt Jeanne passed away in 2015, my father's book was completed and posted online in 2016, including chapters detailing the fate of his two best friends, Gibby and Mike, who were lost forever. Six-years passed, seven more untold-veteran-stories-books were written and posted, then, an unexpected email arrived from Anita and Richard McLauchlen. John E. McLauchlen, Pilot of the Apocalypse was Richard's uncle. Rich and Carol Ashburn had contacted the McLauchlens in March of 2015 when they were researching a WWII B-24 training crew photo including Rich's father, Carlyle Ashburn, and Gilbert Rauh. Individual photos of the crew members on pages 63-64 were taken from this photograph. The McLauchlens confirmed the person standing second from the left was indeed 'Uncle John.'



I sent the McLauchlens a copy of my father's book in March of 2022, highlighting Gibby's story in Chapter 6. On March 22, 2022 I received the following message –

*I thought you might like to know that we received a call from a woman who is with a genealogy group that does research for the military. She didn't know details but someone from the military is going to call my husband about his uncle John McLauchlen Jr who went down over Burma. She says this may or may not mean they have found his remains. We surmise it could be them wanting to locate relatives because they are starting to search Burma where he went down. We are trying to not get too excited but this sure gives us a spark of hope. Just thought you would like this news.*

Anita A. McLauchlen, B.S





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Then on August 30, 2024, an unexpected and astonishing thing happened. Donna received a call from Michael Mee at the U.S. Army Department POW/MIA Accounting Agency in late August. Gibby's remains had been found and 100% identified.

Gibby would finally be coming home!

Not knowing about this agency, I gathered as much information as I could and found that Gibby was one of eight members of the crew whose remains had been recovered, five of which had been positively identified.



*"Fulfilling Our Nation's Promise"*



### Experience



#### Chief, Identifications

Human Resources Command

Mar 2009 - Present • 15 yrs 8 mos

Ft. Knox, KY

Casualty & Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC), Past Conflict Repatriations Branch (PCRB)



#### Commander, 49th Services Squadron

49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB NM

1999 - 2001 • 2 yrs

# DPAA

Pilot - 2nd Lt John E. McLauchlen

Interred at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, KS – July 2024



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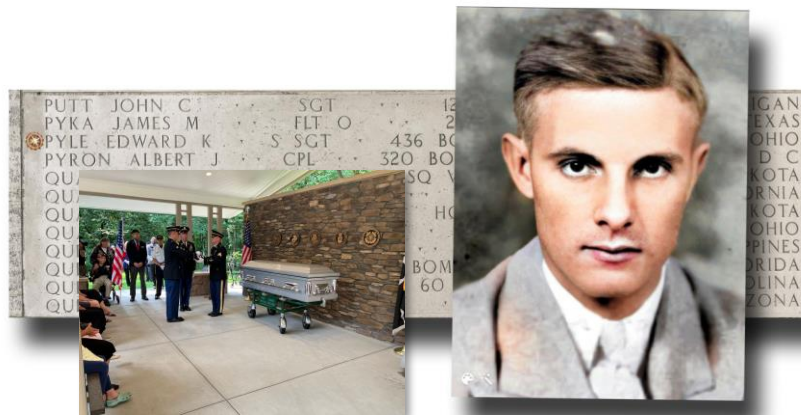
Radio Operator - T Sgt Harold I. Seifreid

Interred at The Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Marana, AZ - April 2024



Gunner - S Sgt Edward K. Pyle

Interred at Augusta, MI - July 2024



Gunner - S Sgt Frank J. Tedone

Interred at Arlington National Cemetery - July 2024

