

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION**

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John Eakin,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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)	Civil Case No. 5:16-cv-00972-RCL
v.)	
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United States Department of Defense,)	
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Defendant.)	
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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 2

Extracted pages from "Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Estimates"

Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Estimates
DEFENSE PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING PERSONNEL OFFICE
(DPMO)



February 2012

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I. Description of Operations Financed (cont.)

- Obtain DNA reference samples from family members of missing personnel who attend the meetings. This Family Reference Sample (FRS) is loaded into a database and is critical to the accounting for personnel missing before 1991.
- Conduct an aggressive, targeted outreach program including news releases and internal and external television coverage.
- Transition **The Torch** newsletter from a printed document to a digital document to disseminate information on POW/MIA activities.
- Create and distribute the National POW/MIA Recognition Day poster to the Military Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the veterans' service organizations, families of the missing organizations, and interested Americans.
- Maintain an internet web site with periodically refreshes in response to user feedback and suggestions.
- Establish internet access for family members to obtain or review documents related to individual case files.

Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs) Project

The IDPFs are a key source of ante-mortem records used to identify human remains. All investigations begin with the POW/MIA community requesting these files. The files contain paper records and photographs organized in folders by the service member's serial number. During World War II (WWII), the U.S. Army Graves Registration Service compiled IDPFs for each serviceman and woman who died during the war. These records were created for those who died in service stateside and overseas in WWII and in later wars and conflicts. These files are currently located at the Washington National Records Center (WNRC), a NARA pre-archival facility in Suitland, Maryland. The U.S. Army is the owner of these IDPF files which were placed in the facility in 1970. The U.S. Army Adjutant General is the Executive Agent (EA) for the records, but the U.S. Army Records Management

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and Declassification Agency (RMDA) in Ft. Belvoir, VA is responsible for paying the management, storage, and shipping fees for the records which averages \$50 per file. Because of current budget constraints, the RMDA began initiating a permanent accession the records to NARA, which would restrict the Department's access to the files and dramatically increase the costs and timeliness associated with acquiring the files for research and analysis by the POW/MIA communities. When a file is requested, it is scanned into the Federated Case Management System to establish the beginning of an individual single case file. When DPMO became aware of this future transfer, a request was made to the U.S. Army Adjutant General to extend the temporary designation of the IDPF files, preventing them from being permanently accessioned to NARA. The Adjutant General approved the extension for five years.

The DoD POW/MIA communities are partnering on this project with the goal of digitizing these files for use among all of the communities of interest. The project will require the release, transport, handling, scanning, and return of approximately 405,000 WWII and 37,000 Korean War IDPFs from the WNRC, each averaging 80 pages per file, and the total equaling approximately 35.4 million pages of various types of aged paper records. The project will require logistics and production control, labor to support a large-scale production scanning operation, and a quality assurance system to monitor the quality of the scanned documents.

The three-year project to scan all 442,000 IDPF files into an archival data library will provide "at will" access to sustain research and analysis to support the POW/MIA mission. The paper files will be transported from the WNRC to the project facility for scanning and then repackaged for transport to the NARA facility in St. Louis, Missouri. The project estimate is \$9.5 million over the 3 years and the U.S. Army has agreed to fund \$600K per year. The DPMO will continue to find efficiencies within funding resources to complete the project.