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U.S. Army Cpl. Donald MacLean

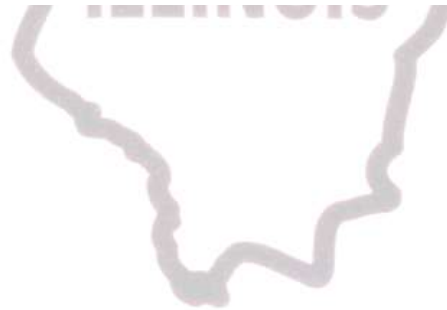
MISSING: U.S. Army Cpl. Donald MacLean was trained in light infantry, MacLean went to the Korean War as a private 1st class in Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division.

During the brutal **Battle of Chosin Reservoir** that raged for nearly two weeks in below-zero temperatures with U.S. forces overwhelmingly outmanned and outgunned, MacLean was killed in an attack near the reservoir and reported as missing in action on 2 Dec 1950. His remains were buried on the eastern bank of the reservoir alongside other members of the "Chosin Few" killed during the bloody battle. The U.S. Army declared him "presumed dead" on Dec. 31, 1953, and promoted him posthumously to corporal.



RECOVERY: In a 1954 agreement between the United Nations and the Chinese and North Korean Communist forces, remains of soldiers thought to be American servicemen were turned over to the U.S. Army's Central Identification Unit in Japan. Declared "unidentifiable," MacLean's remains were interred in Section U, Grave 1117 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, a scenic ancient volcano crater known as "The Punchbowl" in Honolulu, Hawaii.

His family never forgot about him. His sister June, now deceased, wrote the U.S. Army and provided a DNA sample three years ago in the hope that it might help identify her brother's remains. In 2012, the Central Identification Unit re-examined the records and determined that modern testing might help attach names to the unidentified dead soldiers. MacLean's remains were exhumed earlier this year and testing revealed his identity.





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DIGNIFIED TRANSFER: Don DeLordo, David Whiteside, Laura Whiteside, Mark Mazurkiewicz, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Gary Bills, and John Brunson of Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 – IL assisted with the Dignified Transfer of Remains and escort to the funeral home on 28 August 2013 at the United Airlines cargo terminal assisted by Patriot Guard riders, Warriors Watch, and the American Legion.





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INTERMENT: Escorted by Illinois Chapter 2, Rolling Thunder members; Gary Bills, Mark Mazurkiewicz, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Colin McRae, John Brunson, Mary Walters, Rich Flynn, Mick Singer, and Mary Jo Scarlette U.S. Army Cpl. Donald MacLean was finally laid to rest today, 63 years after the young man died in the Korean War in the battle of Chosin Reservoir



More than 100 people came out to Windridge Memorial Park Cemetery in Cary Saturday to honor Cpl. Donald Victor MacLean, who was buried with full military honors for his sacrifice in the Korean War.

A military honor guard stood at attention as a 21 gun salute was fired and the bugler played taps before CPL MacLean's relatives received the folded American flag that rested on the coffin.

Despite decades of time, the ceremony brought a sense of closure to the family, comfort to his friends, warmth to his fellow Americans, and pride to his Veteran brothers and sisters.



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CHAPTER COIN and POW/MIA FLAG: A National POW/MIA Flag and Chapter 2, IL challenge coin was presented to CPL MacLean's surviving twin sister, Donna Mitchell. Our coin symbolizes a "test of our metal" in supporting the on-going efforts to ensure the remaining 90,000 plus servicemen, servicewomen, and civilians, unaccounted for, are returned to our Country and to their loved ones.



Rolling Thunder Participants:

Dignified Transfer

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