



Zoltan J. Dobovich

September 14, 1925 - November 1, 1946

SSGT. Zoltan J. Dobovich perished on Nov. 1, 1946 when his B-17G Flying Fortress that departed Naples, Italy, bound for Bovington, England crashed into the French Alps killing the 8 crewman. In the months following the loss, attempts to locate the men or the crash site proved unsuccessful. Some initial remains were recovered in 1947, at which time no individual identifications could be made. These remains were subsequently buried in a single grave at Arlington National Cemetery. In 1972-75, and in 1979 additional remains were recovered from the crash site, primarily by Italian military authorities; however, none of these remains were individually identified. In 1983 Italian military personnel again recovered remains from the crash site and through DNA testing, SSGT. Dobovich was identified.

He is survived by his niece, Rosalie Baker; and two nephews, Joseph Dobovich, and Carlton Dobovich.

Funeral service will be held 11 am, Thursday, December 27th at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. Interment and military honors will follow at the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, North Hanover Twp., NJ. Veterans, friends, and relatives are welcome to visit with the family Wednesday, Dec. 26th from 7-9 PM at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Zoltan J. Dobovich*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Zoltan J. Dobovich*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Welcome home cousin Zoltan. We all salute you and are grateful for your service to the country. May you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jeffrey A Seitz##imported-end##*

December 27, 2012 at 02:35 PM



“ *Ssg Dobovich, you were my mentor when I was growing up, every Soldier, Airman, Marine and Sailor that served during WWII mentored me into what I truly wanted to do with my life. It is to stand tall, protect and serve my Country!
Thank you and your lovely family I had the honor to meet.##imported-begin##Casey, Charles SGT. 314th INF (combat medic)##imported-end##*

December 26, 2012 at 09:57 PM



“ It was a once in a like time experience to have the honer to help with the escort today, and I Thank you from the bottom of my hart for the oportunity.

*For God and Country
Department of Georgia
American Legion
Tommy L. Hatton
Web Master www.galegion.org##imported-begin##Tommy L Hatton##imported-end##*

December 24, 2012 at 05:12 PM



“ SEMPER FI HE IS FINALLY BACK HOME IN NJ
MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE BRIGHT GOD BLESS!##imported-begin##GYSGT GEORGE PURKINS USMC RET. HADDON TWP NJ##imported-end##

December 24, 2012 at 11:22 AM



“ Welcome home, hero. Thanks for your service and your sacrifice.
RIP##imported-begin##Colonel William Glasser##imported-end##

December 24, 2012 at 04:47 AM



“ We are thankful for Men like Mr. Zoltan. I am an American in Hungary and the Hungarian name Zoltan caught my attention. Thanks for making Europe and the world a safer place!!!##imported-begin##Curry Montague##imported-end##

December 23, 2012 at 05:22 PM



“ *Les enfants de ceux que vous avez libérés vous expriment leur éternelle reconnaissance. Reposez en paix.
Sincères condoléances à toute la famille
Christian###imported-begin## Christian RAOUT###imported-end##*

December 23, 2012 at 03:20 AM



“ *sgt dobovich reposera enfin en paix près de ceux qui l'ont tant attendu, sincères condoléances à toute sa famille.###imported-begin##René Mugnier###imported-end##*

December 23, 2012 at 02:41 AM



“ *My deepest condolences go out to the relatives of Staff Sgt Zoltan J. Dobovich.*

I hope they take some comfort in knowing he has come home.

I am sure he will rest in peace, now that he is finally home.

The best to the Dobovich family.

Lorri Mills

CA###imported-begin##Lorri Mills###imported-end##

December 22, 2012 at 10:35 PM



“ *Puissent la Mémoire, le souvenir, le sentiment d'amour et de douleur, nous rappeler un peu plus aujourd'hui, et un peu plus chaque jour, les visages, les parcours de ceux qui ont disparus au combat, civils et militaires. Mes respects à la Famille de M. Zoltan Dobovich. A Hazebrouck - Marc Enjalbert, le 22 décembre 2012.*###imported-begin###Enjalbert Marc###imported-end###

December 22, 2012 at 01:52 AM



“ *Vos amis français se souviennent Condoleances*###imported-begin###Paul MATHEVET###imported-end###

December 21, 2012 at 03:12 PM



“ *As member of the Committee for the Commemoration of the B17 of the Aiguille des Glaciers, let me convey my deepest commotion for SGT Zoltan Dobovich to his family.*
Gianni Boschis (Almese, Italy)###imported-begin###Gianni Boschis###imported-end###

December 21, 2012 at 09:54 AM



“ *R.I.P, vous avez enfin retrouvé votre terre, après toutes ces années...*###imported-begin###Frédéric Blond###imported-end###

December 21, 2012 at 06:34 AM



“ *imagine the loneliness all the years.*
bless the boys from so long ago###imported-begin###pym###imported-end###

December 21, 2012 at 05:36 AM



“ Thank you to Ssgt. Dobovich for his service and giving his all for our freedom. He is a true hero and now he will be coming home where he belongs. May God bless him!###imported-begin###Chris Mushinski Ladusau###imported-end###

December 20, 2012 at 11:58 AM



“ I want to thank your love one for his services. It is because of Men like him we have the freedoms in America we have. Thank you for sharing him with us and may God bless you in times like this, Stand tall and be proud. He is was and always an American hero.###imported-begin###Larry Williams###imported-end###

December 20, 2012 at 11:19 AM



“ I was present at the first ceremony in 1947, but ,to day, I can offer at you my deep condolences.

Francis Raout###imported-begin###Francis Raout###imported-end###

December 20, 2012 at 09:24 AM



“ I am truly sorry that it has taken this long. I am glad he is coming home. We love you and will pray for you###imported-begin###Homer Bean SGT 101st ret.###imported-end###

December 20, 2012 at 05:46 AM



“ Welcome Home comrade!##imported-begin##Bob Salvini##imported-end##

December 19, 2012 at 08:53 AM



“ RIP!!!! Eternally great full for your courage.##imported-begin##Janet Brown##imported-end##

December 19, 2012 at 12:03 AM



“ WELCOME HOME BROTHER##imported-begin##NAM KNIGHTS of AMERICA MC##imported-end##

December 18, 2012 at 09:26 PM



“ Welcome home, hero.##imported-begin##Lisa##imported-end##

December 18, 2012 at 06:14 PM



“ RiP.. Thank you!!##imported-begin##Charlene Raco##imported-end##

December 18, 2012 at 02:26 PM



“ THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PROTECTING US..MY DAD SERVED IN THE NAVY THE SAME TIME YOU WERE IN THE SERVICE...MAY YOU BOTH RIP AND KNOW YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

LOVE,
SUSAN##imported-begin##SUSAN SIMONI-YAGER##imported-end##

December 18, 2012 at 11:27 AM



“ Welcome Home S/Sgt Dobovich. Thank you for your service as an infantryman and your move into the Air Force after the war. As Commander and on behalf of the 2900 members of the Camden County American Legion we salute you and offer our thoughts and prayers to your family members. It is never easy but your return offers closure and a return to an environment to which you are more familiar.##imported-begin##Al Peak##imported-end##

December 18, 2012 at 10:58 AM



“ On behalf of the American Legion Post 372 of Cherry Hill, NJ, we offer our sympathy on the loss of your loved one and salute S/Sgt Dobovich - a true American hero !
He was not forgotten and we are glad to have him home !
American Legion Post 372, 1532 Martin Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ www.alch372.com##imported-begin##American Legion Post 372##imported-end##

December 17, 2012 at 04:56 PM



“ To the Dobovich Family,
My deep condolences on the loss of your loved one. He was a true
American Hero and we are grateful for his service to our country.
And finally, after all this time, he will be at home, where he belongs..
Kind Regards,
Sue Quinn-Morris
POW/MIA Awareness Committee of NJ
www.powmiaawareness.org##imported-begin##Sue Quinn-
Morris##imported-end##

December 17, 2012 at 04:21 PM