

DIRECTIONS FOR USING THE POW/MIA DATABASE

To run the pow database at the c:> log into POW directory (eg. cd\POW). Then type [POW].

When you get past the opening page you will find these commands at the bottom of the screen.

Ret/Beg/End/Nxt/Prv/Skp/Abr/Cpy/Lst/Filt/Tally/+/-/help/Quit

to access these commands either move the highlight with the -> or <- cursor keys to the desired command and press <ENTER> or type the first letter of the command.

Ret.....Retrieve

This command is used if you want to find a specific name. You do not have to spell the entire name but the letters you do enter must be the correct spelling (eg. SHEL will find SHELTON)
If the name that comes up is not the one you want you can press Nxt and it will display the next record in the database or Prv to get the previous record or Lst to list a page of records. See Lst

Beg.....Beginning

Takes you to the first record in the database

End.....Ending

Takes you to the last record in the database

Nxt.....Next

Takes you to the next record

Prv.....Previous

Takes you to the previous record

Skp.....Skip

Takes you X number of records forward or backwards in the database (use a positive number for forward or negative number for backwards).

Abr.....Abbreviations

This command will bring up a glossary of abbreviations used in the records. To quickly find an abbreviation, after entering the abbreviation file press <F1>. The screen will prompt "Enter search string". Enter the abbreviation and <ENTER> and the abbreviation definition will be on the top line of the screen. To copy to paper, use your screen print key for each page of abbreviations or print arb.txt with your word processor (ARB.txt is an ASCII file).

Cpy.....Copy

If the record has Y in the Biography Available field, you can view or print the biography using this command. It will ask you Printer/Screen/Quit Type the first letter of your choice.

Lst.....List

To list the records following the on screen record press L.
To bring back the record of your choice use your up or down cursor keys to highlight the record then press the ESC key.

Filt....Filter

This is used to select records that fit a condition that you set. When pressed the request Set/Cancel/Quit will appear.

S will open up several fields for you to enter data (eg. USAF in the Branch of service will filter all records that have USAF in that field. Adding Y in the Biography available will filter all that have a biography.)

To move from one open field to another use up and down keys. When you have defined the fields to be searched press <ENTER> until you have reached the last field or press <Page Dn>.

At the top right of your screen there will be a Filter On. This is to remind you that the records you are viewing are the "filtered" records.

C will cancel the filter you have set and

Q will take you back to the command row.

Tally

This will count the records in the database or if you have set a filter will count the records that meet the conditions of the filter. The count will show on the bottom of the screen. Press <ENTER> to return to the command line.

+ and -

This is for databases with more than one page of fields. If we include further fields in an updated version and use more than one page per record you will use these to toggle from one page to another.

Help

Brings up a help screen defining the use of the various key in this program.

Quit

Closes the database and returns you to the C:>

If you have any problems in navigating through this program please write to:

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All disks have been certified error free and TEST installed prior to shipping. Attempting to COPY these disks may result in the disk being damaged as data written on the disk is done in a binary format.

The program assumes that the installation will be from the A:\ drive. If this is not the case, please call me so that revisions to the file can be made.