

## POST OFLAG 64 ITEM

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FALL 1999

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### REUNION IN 1999

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The time has arrived to send in your reservations for the reunion and the hotel.

Pat and Martha need your names and your money so they can make their commitments to the hotel for meals, etc and to the tour companies. A program and a reservation form are included in this issue for you to use in case you lost or misplaced the other ones.

A list of persons that have made their commitment is included in this issue. If your name is not on this list contact Pat and the Hotel

**NOW!**

### REUNION IN 2000

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Bill Corey and Duanne Kennedy had made arrangements for the reunion in 2000 to be held in Louisville, Ky. Bill contacted us and stated that it was not possible for him to host the reunion in 2000. Duanne Kennedy was contacted and stated that he was willing to host the reunion in 2000 at Laughlin, NV as per the original plans. A copy of Bill's letter is in this issue of the Item.

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Loew, Lewis	Barton, Irene	

Frank Diggs has written a new book about the experiences of American Prisoners-of-War. The title of the book is "*Americans Behind Barbed Wire in World War II: Inside a German Prison Camp*" The book will be ready for distribution probably in September. Frank will bring copies to the reunion in Charleston

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as of Sept. 1, 1999

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Bradford, OL, Jean,Len  
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Gould, Eugene(4)  
Graf, Ed & Peg (2)  
Graul, Donald  
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Higginboham, Caroll(3)  
Holder, Boomer & Clementi (2)  
Jones, Curtis, Norma(2)  
Kanners, Marcia, David (son)  
and Sue dau/law((3)  
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Kennedy, Duane & Helen Sandi(2)  
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& daughter Mary Mason(2)  
Lee, Royal, Harriet(2)  
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Lowe, Lew, Janet & Charlie(3)  
MacArevey, Jim, Nan(2)  
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Miller, Thomas, Eleanor(2)  
Muehlbauer, George and Evie (2)  
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Sachnowitz, Nate, Pat(2)  
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Sherman, James guest. Emmerson, David  
and Mila and Nancy Azar(4)  
Thomas, Vinton & Donna Warriner(2)  
Thompson, Bob, Gladys(2)  
Waful, Donald (1)  
Warthen, Bill, Dorothy & Ellen(3)  
Yarock, Irv(1)

OFLAG 64 FESTIVITY PLAN

WEDNESDAY OCT. 20

DAY 1: 10:00 am ----Arrival/Registration  
4:00 pm-----Hospitality room opens  
6:00pm----- Happy Hour-Cash Bar  
With an oyster roast and Frogmore stew being served at 7:00pm

THURSDAY. OCT.21

DAY 2: 8:30----- Charleston Buffet  
10:00-----Posting of the colors  
Followed by:  
Business meeting  
Presentation of your visit to Charleston.

Noon: Activities begin--**OPTIONAL TOURS** (to be selected on registration form)  
Lunch at Magnolias restaurant/Downtown sightseeing/shopping----\$55.00  
Patriots Point & Fort Sumter with lunch on ship, CPO Mess-----\$38.00  
Boone Hall and Fort Moultrie -----\$28.00  
On your own.....

6:00pm----- Dinner cruise on Charleston Harbor  
10:00pm----- Return to Hotel

FRIDAY. OCT. 22.

DAY 3: Breakfast on your own---

9:30am (Speaker, possibly- Gen Signius, Sen McCain, etc.)

12:00 noon---Buses to Citadel depart for lunch with corps (tentative)  
View Campus/exhibits/museum

3:00-----Citadel Dress Parade

5:00pm----- Return to hotel

5:30 pm -----Bar opens on back deck/ hospitality room open.

6:00pm----- On your own for perhaps a quiet dinner in Charleston, or the theater.

*SEE ATTACHED RECOMMENDATIONS*

SATURDAY. OCT.23

DAY 4: Breakfast at your leisure..

Free day on the town etc. (Optional tour) Patriots Point/Ft.Sumter-----\$38.00

5:00pm----- Open Bar in Hospitality Room and Patio Bar

5:30pm -----group photograph (location to be decided on)

6:00----- Farewell Dinner and auction

8:30pm----- Plantation Singers to perform

SUNDAY. OCT.24

DAY 5: 9:am Full breakfast followed by FAREWELL SERVICE and Retirement of  
the Colors. *UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.*

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# REGISTRATION FORM

OFLAG 64 ANNUAL REUNION  
WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER - SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER, 1999

_____ NAME (AS DESIRED ON NAME TAG)	_____ WIFE'S NAME (AS DESIRED ON NAME TAG)
_____ OTHERS ATTENDING	_____ OTHERS ATTENDING
_____ PRINT YOUR ADDRESS	_____ PHONE NUMBER
_____ YOUR UNIT	_____ PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHERE YOU WERE FREED ( OFLAG 64, ON ROUTE, LUKENWALD, HAMMELBURG  
MOOSEBURG, NURNBURG)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL, IF KNOWN.

BY CAR \_\_\_\_\_ BY PLANE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR \$125.00 FOR EACH REGISTRANT MADE PAYABLE TO: OFLAG 64 REUNION 99. REGISTRATION INCLUDES ITEMS ON ATTACHED FESTIVITY PLAN EXCEPT THOSE INDICATED AS OPTIONAL.

REUNION ACCOUNTING:  
REGISTRATION FEE \*\*\*\*\* @ \$125.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOURS: ( each tour is subject to getting 30 people to go or money back)

LUNCH AT MAGNOLIAS AND TOUR OF DOWNTOWN\*\*\*\*\* @ \$ 55.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
PATRIOTS POINT & FORT SUMTER, LUNCH ON CVA\*\*\*\*\* @ \$ 38.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(THURSDAY'S TRIP)  
BOONE HALL AND FORT MOULTRIE\*\*\*\*\* @ \$ 28.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
PATRIOTS POINT & FORT SUMTER, LUNCH ON CVA\*\*\*\*\* @ \$38.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(SATURDAY'S TRIP)

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE SENT:\*\*\*\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO:  
OFLAG 64 REUNION 99  
C/O PAT WATERS  
412 RICE HOPE DR.  
MT PLEASANT, SC 29464

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE ON YOUR OWN. CALL TODAY!**

HOLIDAY INN,  
MT. PLEASANT, SC  
1-800-290-4004

reservations **MUST** be made by September 15th to guarantee rate and space

FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET, PLEASE MAKE AN ENTREE SELECTION:

ROAST BEEF\*\*\*\*\* (how many)  
MAHI MAHI\*\*\*\*\* (how many)

OFLAGREGISTRATION

## MAIL CALL

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Our Guest Editor, Irv Yarock has read all your letters and says,

**Errol Johnson**, New Haven, KY, reminds us that he is a "Hammellburger", and has been to several reunions, enjoys reading the Item, and plans to be with us in Charleston. Thanks for the donation to the Postage Fund.

**Herb Garris**, Pinehurst, NC seems to do a lot of traveling and looks up ex-krieges wherever he goes. Herb is a prolific correspondent, still has time to study to become a VA Service Officer. Did you pass?

**Jack Rathbone**, Denver, CO wants to know whether our October reunion misses the hurricane season. We suppose Jack, a geologist, was the one responsible for delaying the Nevada earthquakes and flood until after we left.

**Al Moss**, Silver Springs, MD tells of a display he put on for the King and Queen of England back in June of 1942. "Old Timers" will recall the poor level of training back then. In fact, just a few months before that I (Irv) put on a rifle platoon in the attack with regular army troops with live ammunition at Camp Blanding, and parts of the General Staff, to include General Marshall and Sir John Dill (then C/S of the British Army) came to watch, and shaking in their boots afraid that someone would get hurt. Today Reserve and Guard troops do this in summer and/or week-end training, Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

**Bill Warthen**, Vidalia, GA sent a newspaper article commemorating the first anniversary of the opening of the POW Museum at Andersonville, GA The museum is built as a tribute to the 800,000 Americans held POW's in our several wars. None of the people mentioned in the article were familiar to me (Irv), but in an accompanying letter Bill mentions a guy who may have been LTC **Max Gooler** who was the senior American Officer at Camp P.G. 21 in Italy. In case any of you don't know it, Von Ryan's Express and the subsequent movie is fiction based on fact, written by David Westheimer.

**Curtis Jones**, Swarthmore, PA must still be working, because he was the first one to ask for the dates of the Charleston reunion so he could put it in his calendar. Thanks for the donation to the Postage Fund.

**Tom Mitchell**, Holland, PA-no commitment, but we hope to see you at Charleston. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

**Alvin Robin**, Tampa, FL hopes to be in Charleston. In fact, what excuse do you Floridans have? South Carolina is just a hop, skip and a jump away. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

**H.Randolph "Boomer" Holder**, Athens, GA made the Wall Street Journal as Chairman of the Board of Clarke, Brand and ? Waiting to welcome us to his part of the country. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund. See you in Charleston.

**Joe Seringer**, Wooster, OH and FL, gets some of the postage fund donations, which is OK as he is our accountant Joe has had a knee replacement. Should be in good shape for the football season. Will be with us in Charleston.

## MAIL CALL

**Otis Bradford**, Grove City, OH- one of our earliest registrants for Charleston. Don't forget the famous hat ! Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

**Stan Segal**, Bakersfield, CA- no commitment to Charleston, but thanks for the donation to the postage fund. Why not try the East Coast?

**Paul Marable**, Waco, TX writes in answer to **Bill Whorley's** daughter's request for information about her father. Paul was with Bill in the 90<sup>th</sup> Division and has written to Bill's daughter. Paul also mentions ( he wrote a book ) in his book some more of our Kriegies, **Amon Carter**, **John Jones**, **Ken Goddard**. The request for information by Bill Whorley's daughter again emphasizes something we have mentioned several times i.e. discuss your career with your family. It's normal to want to forget the whole experience, but when you're gone, your family suddenly discovers there is a large gap in their knowledge about you, and if they are lucky they may find someone who can at least partially fill that gap.

**Lillian Wright**, 316 Stonewall Road, Cantonsville, MD 21228 is looking for anyone who knew Bill Wright. Communicate directly with her. Bill never spoke about his time at Oflag 64 or his cross country march. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

**Alan Dunbar**, Las Vegas, NV sent a few pictures furnished by "**Bill**" **Harrison** that appeared in a Red Cross Bulletin. I'll (Irv) bring them to Charleston along with his address as he has many more. Reminds me (Irv) of the kriegies whose name I can't recall, but he was from the 26<sup>th</sup> Inf of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and worked in our tailor shop. He wrote home for the heaviest shoes he had, which happened to be golf shoes, figuring that if his wife didn't take out the studs, he could. She sent back a letter saying " I sent your shoes and have been reading the Red Cross Bulletin. Should I send your clubs?

**W.G. Bill Harrison**, 5546 North 6<sup>th</sup> St, Fresno. CA 93710, how about coming to Charleston and bringing all your collection of pictures?

**Warren Walters**, Columbus, GA - it's been a long time. Was it **Curt Jones** that gave you the name of Wildcat? Curt and Norma are regular attendees at our reunions, so why not try to come to Charleston? I (Irv) haven't seen you since the day you came up to Worcester to make sure we were doing some special drill with some name your boss gave it, and after many hours of research. I discovered that it was no different than the regular drill in the Army Manual. Thanks for the donation to the Postage Fund.

**William Warthen**, Vidalia, GA – with all the problems the military is having recruiting, they ought to hire "Bill". In almost every letter (this time I have three of them) he hits pay dirt. This time it's **COL Ray** who was at Hammelburg and will try to make it to Charleston. Ray was in the famous class of '39 at and was next door to **Pat Waters** ( Pat was about 8 years old at the time ) when he and **General Waters** were instructors at West Point. As far back as **COL Ray's** West Point days (35 to 39) **Johnny Waters** was at West Point as a Tactical Officer and even back then Waters was considered " the ideal young officer". **COL Ray** mentions that **Roland Wooten** of St. Stephens, SC was his kriegie roommate. Anything to **MG Wooten** who did a stint as CG at Fort Devens?

## MAIL CALL

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**Lew Lowe**, Phoenix, AZ- Lew and Janet are faithful attendees complete with a variable number of cameras. His letter is the first one I (Irv) have seen that says "see you in Mt. Pleasant" vs "see you in Charleston". Of course he is technically correct. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund."

**James MacArevey**, Menands, NY- Jim and Nan are among the "steadies", but they missed last year and are planning to be with us this year. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

**Roy and Helen Chappell**, Kaufman, TX – they are announcing to the world that they are doing their share. They are announcing their first **GREAT GRANDCHILD**. With the size of their family, anyone want to challenge them? Maybe we should have a contest.

**Marvin Chaevalier**, Iowa City, Iowa- **Marv & Faye** are among those already signed up for Charleston. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

**Pat Waters**, Mt Pleasant, SC – Just a note and a contribution to the postage fund. No mention of registrations, but from the letters we are receiving, we suspect that it is heavy. Pat, like the rest of us, is flooded with address labels, and the one on his letter reminds us that he spent five years in the Navy. However, **Martha and Pat** are willing to put up with us gravel agitators.

**Stan Woodhurst**, Augusta, GA- is another addition to our mailing list, and Stan and his wife plan on Charleston. Thanks for the contribution to the postage fund.

**John Ray**, Natick, MA – see the story about him under Bill Warthen, who discovered him, but I (Irv) couldn't resist reminding people that there is a place called Massachusetts.

**Jack Stewart**, Lincoln, NE – was one of our late comers, joining us at Oflag 64 the end of November, and doesn't mention what happened to him when we left in January. He mentions the fact that youngsters are getting interested in WWII. My experience (Irv) has been that most elementary school kids never heard of WWII. Maybe the movie "**Saving Private Ryan**" is doing the trick. Also, cable television has recently replayed "**The Big Red One**"

**Jimmie Kanaya**, Gig Harbor, WA – wish you could make it to one of our reunions, but if that's not possible, I (Irv) am sure we'd all be interested in a short, concise article on the Neise confinements. The stories we get are bits and pieces. The whole situation was a black mark on our history, but the only answer I (Irv) have is the situation we are going through now, particularly with HMO's where someone behind a desk with no medical training is making decisions. Our Congress, with very limited military experience is making decisions, etc. Whoever made the decision ( probably in the State Department ) sure didn't know what he was doing

**Lillian Wright**, Baltimore, MD has been trying to piece together bits of information because **Bill** ( deceased ) never spoke of his experiences. She mentions some book she's reading, which tells of the ersatz wine we received and tried to make drinkable, and the "smokey Joes" we made to cook on, and which some Boy Scouts adopted, etc. If anyone out there was friendly with Bill, we're sure she would appreciate any information you can provide. Her address is : 316 Stonewall Rd, Catonsville, Maryland, 21228.

## MAIL CALL

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The following letters were received too late to be sent to Irv Yarock, ( it's a long way from OK to MA), so the responses are by Bob Thompson.

**Jim Bicker**, Wilmette, Ill sends a cartoon of our membership problems. Says he will be in Charleston.

**Don Waful** , Syracuse, NY says he will be in Charleston. That's great Don, we'll see you there. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

**Carroll Higginbotham**, Fallen, NV checks in with a donation to the postage fund and the news that he will be in Charleston. Both items are good news.

**Agnes McDonough**, Hempstead, NY , lifelong friend of Capt. "Red" McDonough, says she is grateful for the letters she has been receiving and appreciates the invitation to the reunion in Charleston. She also sends a donation to the postage fund, which is appreciated.

**John Davis**, Annandale, VA sends a generous donation to the postage fund and wishes everybody a great time in Charleston. Thanks and wish you could be with us in Charleston.

**Henry Desmond**, Columbus, OH, requests a copy of the original roster of Oflag 64. That has been one our more popular items. Also send a donation to the postage fund. Thanks for both, Henry.

**Sid Waldham**, Cleveland, OH writes that he will be unable to attend this year's reunion, but maybe later on. Thanks for the donation to the postage fund.

**Marvin Chevalier**, Iowa City, IA. says he will be in Charleston. He also bragged some about his grandson that went to Europe with him and called on Hammelburg. It looks like Marvin has a real smart grandson. He is planning on a PhD and an MD and becoming a college professor. **WOW!**

**Jimmie Kanaya**, Gig Harbor, WA says he is looking forward to being in Charleston. Jimmie received a battlefield commission in the 442<sup>nd</sup> Inf Regt. as an Asst Inf Bn Surgeon in the medical Admin. Corps. He also said he never had to dig a foxhole, because he used the one that belonged to the wounded man that was being sent to the rear.

**Herb Garris**, Pinehurst, NC says he has already sent in his reservations for Charleston and is looking forward to being there. Herb sent a couple of book reviews. Both of these books are about times and places that we are all familiar with. One describes coming across Northern France and the other describes coming up from Africa, through Italy and Southern France then on into Germany. See you in Charleston, Herb.



August 28, 1999

Dear Friend:

My name is Robert Galloway, the son-in-law of George P. Waters (Pat,) who is hosting the Oflag 64 reunion this upcoming October. My company, Galloway Productions, is a film and video production company, specializing in programming for ESPN, The Family Channel, and others. The company recently was recognized with two honors from the national Telly Awards for its production of *The Patton Museum: An Overview*, and is planning several other "military" related projects this year.

Pat and I have spent much time over the past few months talking about your arrival in October. He's excited and very honored to have your group here in Charleston, and I assure you, he's been working hard to make sure your visit is successful. Pat has a tremendous respect and bond with your group, for you, as his father, John K. Waters did, served our country and survived tremendous adversity.

It is wonderful that you and your families gather each year together, and we're lucky that you're coming to Charleston this year. It will be a time of rekindling, recollections, and a togetherness that is truly unique. This all is in addition to seeing Charleston, which is a great place to visit.

When Pat first informed his daughter, Heather Waters Galloway and me of the plans for October many months ago, discussion came up of producing a television program that documents your reunion, and about your time as POWs. I agreed with Pat that we could produce a video program, that could possibly air on *The History Channel* or *The Military Channel*. This project would remind Americans who know, and teach those who don't, that your story is a heroic one, a story about courage, pain, and lasting friendships. America needs to be reminded in so many ways that the soil we live on is precious. But even more, your stories and your life after the war could help teach young people some lessons, some hope, some tips to survive a world that seems to get pretty crazy at times.

I am currently preparing to produce the video, and am working on narrowing the angles. There are so many ideas, we could produce more than one video! But I'll try and stick with one idea. We aren't planning to focus on the RAID and the end of the war. Presently, we're thinking of exploring your march to Hammelburg. In a documentary style, I would talk with several of you about the marches, how cold it was, how you prayed, and cried. I would ask you how bonding with your fellow man enabled you to carry-on, how the barns felt, how the food tasted, and how it changed the way you would live every day of life after it all. We could show artifacts (letters, a pack of cigarettes you traded, etc.) If you have a journal, I'd like to share some of the entries about the marches.

My plan is to film segments of the reunion, as you enjoy being together and enjoy Charleston. I would also like to have five to ten men that I could sit down, individually and interview. While I wish I could interview every one of you coming to Charleston, I simply won't have the ability.

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Whether I ended up interviewing you or not for the program, I am also looking for any video and/or pictures that you would have of your Army days, photos or video that you might have gathered while retracing your steps, any artifacts that you have, i.e. clothing, personal items, journals, etc. These type of things would help "tell" the story. I could shoot these with the camera if you had them with you, or we could arrange a "safe" way to do this at another time.

My knowledge of your story is limited. That's why I would be "asking" you all about it in the interviews. If you have some writings you've done on your experience, I would like to read a copy of it, as I prepare for your arrival. I did read the journal of the late Victor Kanners, and was touched by each page. It's good to know his family will be heading to Charleston!

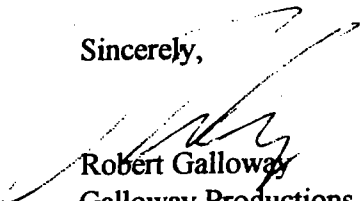
I would love to hear from you in the days ahead if you'd be interested in talking with me for the camera, and/or you have some "artifacts" I could use for the program. Please respond at your earliest convenience, as October will be upon us before we know it.

Robert Galloway  
1927 Falling Creek Circle  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

On behalf of Pat and Martha Waters, let me say that my wife, Heather Waters, and I, are looking forward to meeting each of you in October!

God Bless!

Sincerely,



Robert Galloway  
Galloway Productions

Information Card  
VIDEO PROGRAM PRODUCED BY ROBERT GALLOWAY  
"Oflag 64 Reunion"

Please fill out the following if interested. While the number of men interviewed for the program will only be 5-10, we would like to have input from as many interested regarding photos/film, and artifacts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in sharing an interview with you regarding our marches to Hammelburg.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have photos/film/video, or artifacts(letters, etc.) from my time in World War II or things I collected upon my return, that I would share for Robert Galloway to make a copy of or take a photo of, and return safely. **I would share this even if I wasn't one of the "random" 5-10 men interviewed.**

If yes, please list the items you could share. Please understand that these items would not be harmed in any way, and either photographed at the reunion, or with a special arrangement at another time.

LIST:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a journal I could share with you regarding the marches.

\_\_\_\_\_ My wife and or family are coming and would not mind being interviewed either.

Please write your name/address/phone number below.

Robert Galloway will contact each person who responds to him. Please understand that he will have to choose at random 5-10 men to interview during the reunion. Robert will contact those selected for the interviews and discuss times and dates with them.

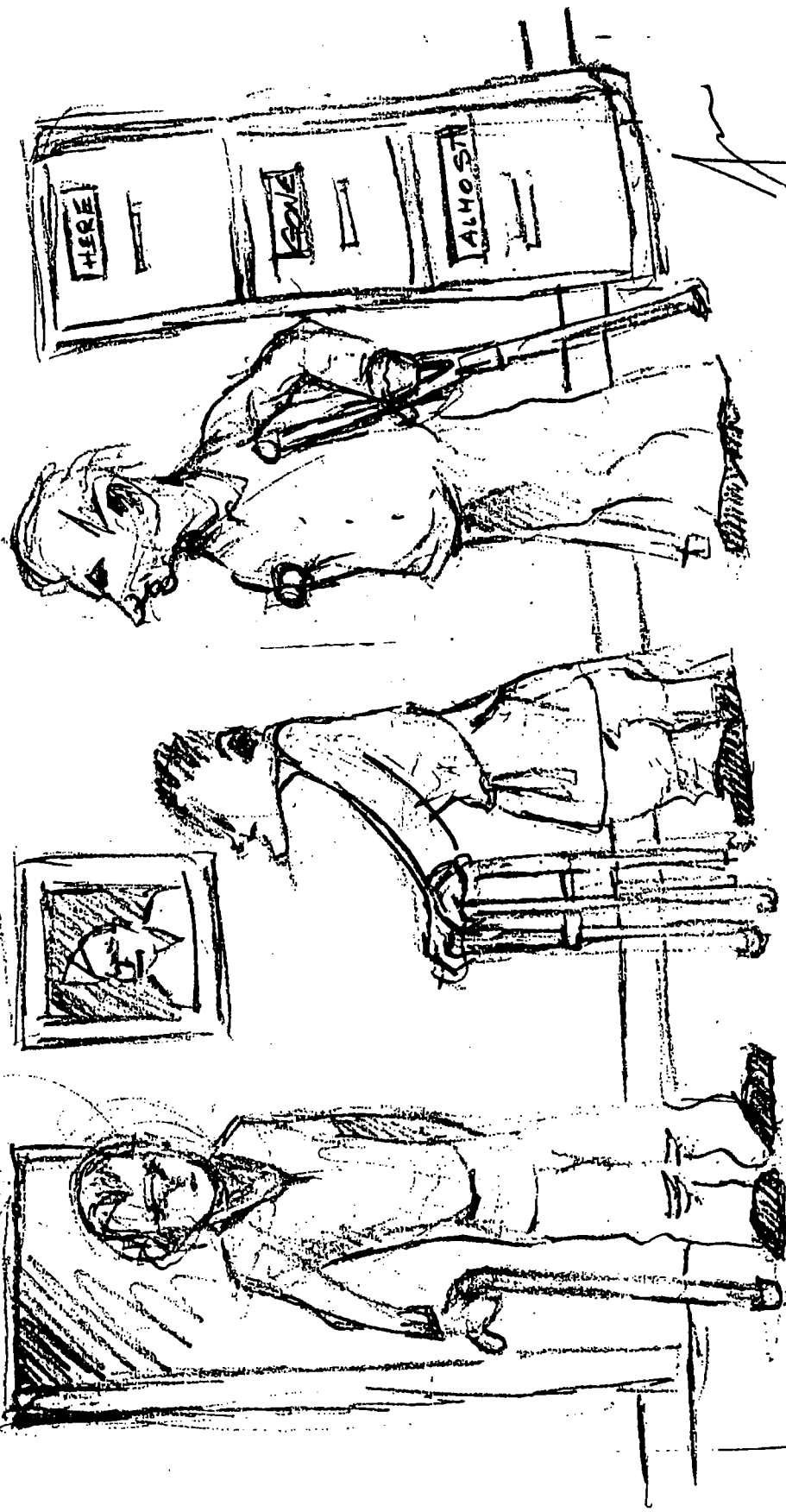
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Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
(843) 971-0942

FEEL FREE TO FAX THIS TO (843) 971-0942 OR EMAIL TO GALLOWAYRD@AOL.COM

IS JIM BICKERS TRYING TO TELL US WHAT OUR REUNIONS ARE BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE?

THE GREATEST GENERATION  
TOM BROKAW

ENTRITT  
VERBOTEN



"ADDELL!"

J. BICKERS

Tulsa, Ok  
Aug. 3, 1999

Andersonville National Historical Site  
Rt. 1 Box 800  
Andersonville, GA 31711

Supt. Fred Boyles,

Dear Sir,


My contacts with you in the past have been as the Editor of The Post Oflag 64 Item, the newsletter of the prisoners that were interned at Oflag 64 in WWII. All of the men that have visited your site are very impressed with the site and have nothing but praise for the installation.

I am also a member of the Tulsa Chapter of The American Ex-Prisoners of War and attend meetings regularly. As with most of our members, when the time comes to serve as an officer of the organization I am pleased to do so. As you are aware our members represent men that were prisoners in both WWII and the Korean War and represent all ranks and branches of the military services.

At our meeting today an item came up that was disturbing to me and to the man that reported it. I thought that I would contact you and see if you could shed some light on the situation. The man was a prisoner of the North Koreans for an extended period of time probably in excess of 3 years. This man was at Andersonville in the past week or so at some function and he was inquiring of the officials of the site as to artifacts and memorabilia from the Korean War. He was told that the site had no interest in the Korean War and would not accept any items from the Korean War veterans. The man reporting this was very upset and became emotional as he was talking about it. As you can imagine several of our members were also disturbed by what the man was saying.

I cannot imagine this happening and am hopeful that you can clear the air and explain what the policy is concerning the Korean Prisoners of War.

Kindest Regards,

  
Bob Thompson  
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Tulsa, Ok. 74133  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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August 13, 1999

Mr. Bob Thompson, Editor  
*The Post Oflag 64 Item*  
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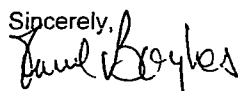
Dear Mr. Thompson.

I received your letter with the account of your encounter with the former POW of the Korean War. I would like to respond immediately to explain the policy of Andersonville National Historic Site and the National Prisoner of War Museum regarding donations.

The gentleman you referred to has received some very poor information. Andersonville is in fact accepting donations from all conflicts and time periods throughout this country's history. In fact, we are focusing more closely on the Korean War right now, because we currently have very little in the museum collection from the Korean War. Andersonville has over 5,100 three-dimensional historic artifacts in the collection, and of these, only approximately 75 are from the Korean War. We would very much like to increase this number. In fact, during the recent visit from the Korean War Ex-Prisoners of War, the park accepted four donations on the spot, and discussed the possible donation of a large number of items at a later date.

Andersonville National Historic Site was established in 1970 to commemorate and tell the story of all American Prisoners of War. There is no circumstance imaginable where we would refuse artifacts on the basis of disinterest or decide to deliberately neglect a particular conflict or part of our history. While I do not know the source of this misinformation, I can assure you that the park staff is dedicated to the park's mission and would not make such statements. Of course, we must reserve the right to evaluate individual objects in a donation to ensure that they meet the requirements set by Congress and the National Park Service for inclusion in the museum collection and the park's research library. There may be cases when we decline individual objects on this basis. However, we encourage all former POWs and their families to contact us if they have items related to POWs, no matter what time period or conflict. Those interested in donating may contact Eric Reinert, Museum Technician, at the address and telephone number above.

I ask that you distribute this information, and this letter, as widely as possible, perhaps through your publication, if possible. While we have publicized the park, the POW museum, and our mission as widely as possible, there is always some incorrect information that is spread, given human nature. We are happy to set the record straight, and I invite any former POW to contact me or my staff here at Andersonville if they have any questions about donations, the park, or our mandate to remember and tell the story of the American Prisoner of War.

Sincerely,  
  
Fred Boyles  
Superintendent

Cc: Mr. Lloyd Pate, President  
Korean War Ex-POW Association

Mr. Bill Fornes

HERE'S A COUPLE OF INTERESTING STORIES ABOUT THE SAME TIME AND THE SAME PLACE.  
 BILLY BINGHAM AND AL MOSS WERE IN NORTHERN IRELAND AT A PARTY GIVEN BY THE KING  
 AND QUEEN OF ENGLAND. WE LOST BILLY BINGHAM RECENTLY AND WE MISS HIM.  
 GOD BLESS YOU GOOD FRIEND

## 8. I ASKED THE FUTURE QUEEN FOR A DATE

In 1942, I was a 2nd Lieutenant, station in Crewe, (Cheshire), England. We had a military parade for the old King George and the Queen of England. Officers were selected from The Honor Battalion, to have "tea and crumpets" with their Majesties.

The old King George<sup>13</sup> had a terrible speech impediment and as you were introduced, by a Brigadier, the King would mispronounce your name; but the Queen had a good ear, and would pronounce it correctly.

As I was going through the Royal Line, I noticed two young girls . about 12 and 17 years old, at the end of the line, dressed in Scottish "Kilts", with a tartan. Since I had been to Scotland, I wanted to impress the King and Queen's daughters with how much I knew about "kilts"

I asked them if they belonged to the Macintosh Clan. The only one I knew at the time. Both of the girls shook their head, 'no'. The Tartan tells you what "Clan" they belong to, but at the time I didn't know.

I was about to run out of time, so I told the older girl, Elizabeth, the present Queen of England, that they were having an Officers dance at the home of The Earl of Crewe that night, and asked her if she would like to go.

About that time a British Field Grade Officer grabbed my arm and squeezed it more than I though he should. He said, "You're not supposed to speak to a member of the Royal Family without proper introduction."

I didn't particularly like his attitude, since I thought I was in England, helping to save the British tail, and I replied, "The hell you say". The officer took my name, army serial number, and my military unit (outfit).

I had almost forgotten about this episode until about a couple of weeks later. I was summons to bring all my records and report to GHQ, LONDON, ENGLAND (Eisenhower Headquarters). When I got there, I had never seen so many Colonels and Generals in all my life. I saluted ever S. O. B. that out ranked me, and they all did.

<sup>13</sup>George VI (Albert Frederick Arthur George), 1895-1952, king of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (r.1936-52), became king on the abdication of his brother, EDWARD VIII. During WORLD WAR II, he worked to keep up British morale by visiting bombed areas, war plants, and theaters of war. He and his wife, ELIZABETH, had two daughters: ELIZABETH II and Princess MARGARET. Like his father, he was held in deep affection by his people.

## His Majesty Was Happy

# U. S. Forces Show Off Might For British King and Queen

June 27 - By Rice Yahner 1942  
 Associated Press Staff Writer

With the United States Forces in Northern Ireland, June 26.—King George and Queen Elizabeth, for the first time in this war, have watched United States forces demonstrate the power with which they intend to help British armies in repulsing any German invasion of the Island Kingdom.

In a full-dress mock battle, the boys from the United States put on a show which paraded everything from the operation of an electric doughnut maker to medium tanks in their full striking power.

One member of the palace entourage who has followed the royal family for 12 years said:

"It was the best show put on during the war and the King seems happier than I have ever seen him."

Accompanied by United States

Ambassador John G. Winant, the monarchs spent one full day of a three-day visit to northern Ireland chatting and dining with United States troops and bouncing around in jeeps.

At the Army's Ulster encampment, they applauded a precision drill by Iowans, saw antitank gunners score 14 direct hits on a moving target and ate roast beef in the enlisted men's mess hall.

At the beginning of their day, Their Majesties reviewed part of the Armored Force, watched the Infantry swing past, and rode in bouncing tanks through pits and over bunkers while sirens wailed over the din of make-believe battle.

Then the King and Queen were taken to a display of armored forces

equipment, including medium and light tanks, armored cars, field hospitals, kitchens and still more secret weapons and other materiel.

Queen Elizabeth asked tanned Sgt. Reuben Krage, of Elyria, Ohio, half a dozen sharp questions about his howitzer.

"It is a beautiful weapon," he replied.

Later, he said "she was a 'swell girl.' She talked like she knew something about guns. You would not have known she was a Queen."

The Queen also questioned Lieut. Jewett A. Dix of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., about his gas mask.

Next the royal party went to the messall.

While Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, commander of American forces in Northern Ireland, sat between the King and Queen, 58 officers and men filed by the kitchen and received the same meal as the royal party.

It was roast beef, peas, tomatoes, pear salad, cherry pie and coffee.

Then the King and Queen viewed a demonstration of weapons of the field organization of modern Infantry divisions.

The Queen took Sgt. John Murray of Des Moines, Iowa, a radio set so small that it could be held in one hand, and talked with Pvt. Earle T. Teague of Statesville, N. C., who was miles away.

Earlier, while watching a close order drill by a unit, mostly from Villisca, Iowa, commanded by Lieut. Alfred B. Moss of Washington, D. C., the King said to a British general:

"We had better introduce this at once."

The royal entourage came to Ireland in the cruiser Phoenix.

# Oflag 64: Veteran Recalls Days as World War II POW

HERB GARRIS  
Reviewer

**JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE**  
By William D. Stevens  
Jemel Books, 2340 Devoe  
Drive, Lincoln, Neb. 68501,  
1999, \$17.95

This book came to my attention when the author made contact with the editor of the Oflag 64 newsletter, who then recommended that I might do a review for him.

The unusual title stems from a note of congratulations to the author from one of the senior Army generals, shown at the end of the book, which contains a very provoking and complimentary remark: "In years to come, I am sure you will look back with justifiable pride in the service you rendered your country."

It was aptly and most appropriately selected and the contents of the book bear out such a wise choice.

This book is one of many written by soldiers who have had the misfortune of becoming a prisoner of war. Yet the story is so close to that of this reviewer that the parallel is nearly unbelievable.

While the author came into battle in France through Cherbourg, originally destined to join in the

seizure of Brest, he was soon diverted to Gen. Patton's Third Army in its powerful drive toward the Rhine and German heartland.

My entry was some days earlier in the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. His unit soon followed the drive toward Fountableau, into Lorraine near the German west border and he was captured in the small town of Xanrey.

The remarkable research of primary resources, mainly the letters which were exchanged between home and himself, as well as notes from his vivid memory worked well into the Steven's presentation.

Often a POW is asked for one of the most impressive events to which he was subjected, and here the reviewer agrees wholeheartedly with the author with the reply which outweighed most all others was the dreaded air raids.

Making it all the more defenseless was the fact that we were jammed into the European freight cars with over 50 men piled in and the two doors locked. Such an occurrence happened to both of us along the way enroute from the battle zone to the points of interrogation in Germany and Poland.

The devastation of the bombers and fighter planes was tremendous, but were quickly corrected



*William Stevens as a POW*

in a few hours with traffic restored. It took fine crews to restore the tracks, switches and the signal systems, however the organization and efficiency was remarkable.

Stevens' capture and subsequent movement into Oflag 64 in Szubin, Poland brought many compelling memories to the reviewer. Upon our respective arrivals we were both impressed with the overall cleanliness and orderliness of the camp from the entry gates to our assigned barracks. It was well run with a high state of discipline and morale.

This was reinforced by a dominant senior American officer, Col. Pop Goode, who always encouraged us to present a soldierly appearance each day.

In addition, the International YMCA had provided us with many fine services for avocations nearly unlimited to stymy the prevailing boredom. Classes in German and French, musical glee clubs, a dance band and symphony orchestra, dramatic scores, musicals as well, and the stage equipment needed, and a sizable library of maybe 4,000 volumes under the aegis of Henry Soderberg, a young 24-year-old Swede.

The German authorities ordered a march out of the Oflag on Jan. 21, 1945. The plan was to herd us into the heartland of Germany rather than have the Russians gather us in on their wild rush to Berlin from the East. They were less than 75 miles to our rear when we marched out. At the end of the first days march we approached a German-occupied Polish cattle farm. We were fed soup and ersatz coffee, and got a good night's sleep, bedding down

in the tons of hay for the cattle.

All along a small group of my friends agreed on an escape plan, and we were successful. Remaining deep in the hay until the next day around noon, we surfaced after the roll call had been made and the column had begun its march.

Admittedly the roll call was done hastily for no one feared the Russians than our German guards.

The column moved into even more challenging weather and living conditions across the north tip of Germany of the Baltic Sea, toward Hanover and then south to Hammelburg, and finally for repatriation in Moosburg near Munich, nearly 1,100 miles altogether.

The reviewer's group, using all kinds of transportation, made its way eastward to Warsaw, and ultimately were taken by train to Odessa on the Black Sea for repatriation. They shipped out on Allied ships through Istanbul to Naples.

Stevens' patriotic fervor spilled out in the early days when Pearl Harbor took place. As a pre-law student in the ROTC at the University of Nebraska, he entered the Army and was selected for OCS and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry. He then joined the Yankee Division or the 26th Infantry Division. That unit sailed for England and then embarked on the continent at Normandy.

His combat duty led to his being awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and the exemplary Combat Infantry Man's Badge. One event which did cause him some inconvenience along the way was his firm and correct resolve to answer only at the earlier interrogation: his name, rank and serial number.

For his lack of cooperation he was given a period of solitary confinement in the medieval castle at Diez adjacent to Limburg and Stalag XII A.

With the appropriate number of points, Stevens left the Army and returned home to civilian life. He married and finished his law degree, practicing successfully for many years. Then he decided to write this fine work which is well done and with such feeling and understanding of why he deserves the distinct and worthy kudos — with justifiable pride.

*Herb Garris is a Pinehurst resident who often reviews military books for The Pilot.*

Jack Stewart's book may be obtained by calling Jack or Jo Stewart at: 402-489-2323. Cost is \$15.95 not including postage or handling, or contacting:

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WILLIAM R. CORY  
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June 15, 1999  
Bellevue, Michigan

Dear Bob

This is a very difficult letter to write in attempting to explain, that after my plea to you and to Duane to allow me the privilege of holding the 2000 Reunion in Louisville, I now find myself unable to do so.

I hope you haven't gone so far with the announcement in the next Post Office by them that it won't necessitate another correction (but if that indeed is the case - please put out a 1 page retraction at my expense - I really mean this).

Without going into details it just can't be done here in 2000.

Sending this Priority, or better, Express Mail for earliest possible receipt by you.

I am truly sorry.

Bill

June 17, 1999

MR BOB THOMPSON  
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TULSA, OK 74133

Dear Bob:

Sorry to note in the post of log item  
summer 1999 that Bob OSHLO had died. Bob OSHLO  
and I were captured by ROMMELS AFRICA CORPS in TUNISIA  
North Africa at the same place near FAID PASS a  
few miles from MOUNT LESSOUA on 17 FEB 1943. May  
he rest in peace.

In the book "In the Presence of Mine Enemy"  
by Chaplain Daniel on page 5 he describes how the King  
of England ordered the chief of the Imperial staff to put the  
American Drill which he had just seen into the British  
manual. Since I was the Lieutenant who commanded the  
2<sup>d</sup> platoon Co-F 2<sup>d</sup> B<sup>n</sup> 168<sup>th</sup> Inf Regt 34<sup>th</sup> Div. in the  
performance, I am enclosing an associated press news  
release for the information of anyone who may be  
interested when reading the Chaplain's book.

Enclosed is check for the postage fund.

Sincerely yours,  
Alfred H. Moss

# Book Offers Detailed Story of European Theater

HERB GARRIS  
Reviewer

## A RAMBLE THROUGH MY WAR

By Charles T. Marshall  
Louisiana State University  
Press, 1999, \$29.95

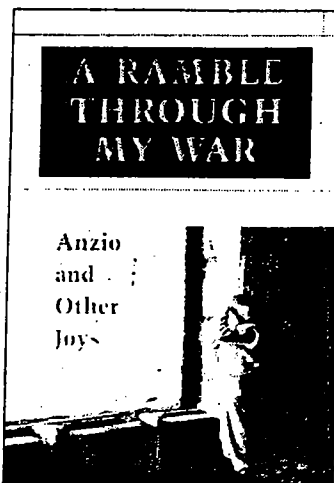
This is a very interesting book with its detailed coverage of the Allied landing on Anzio, the fall of Rome, an exemplary invasion of Southern France, to the final days and the occupation of Germany.

A graduate of Columbia University, the author after volunteering for the Army, was assigned to the 14th Armored Division, and then to a four month course at the Military Intelligence School, based upon his full fluency in German.

He then became proficient for assignment to an Order of Battle unit. These teams were invaluable to study the enemy and its capabilities and intentions, so vital to the leaders and planner when timely and accurately provided.

Marshall's team was attached to the U.S. 6th Corps. This unit made a virtually undetected landing on Anzio to the total surprise to the German leadership.

Many historians have been harshly critical of this invasion for its seemingly slow initiative in moving to seize them high grounds some 10 miles ashore — the Albano Hills.



The critics fail to realize that the long and tedious logistic and support train, already under intense fire from the defenders, was required to support the corps early advantage. Those hills soon became a mission for the Germans soon after the armada was detected.

In a short time it was covered with over 125,000 troops on the controlling ground and outnumbered the 100,000 Allied troops of the attacking force.

Just how did the Order of Battle Team work? First, its strongest asset was to have in its compliment members fully fluent in the enemies native language.

In this case many were from families which had come from Germany, and most likely it was spoken in the homes in growing up. In the author's case, very similarly, he fol-

lowed it even into college with German as his major.

With that edge the team began its search with another prime source: the prisoner of war interrogations.

The most difficult to deal with were the S.S. and the Gestapo captives with its unique and driven high discipline. Officers of high rank held an urgent priority with their wide base of knowledge and experience.

While gruesome enough the dead soldiers on the battlefield furnished a wide and fruitful lode with a small "Soldbuch" always on his person, giving a short resume of his life and military assignments. Letters from home were also very helpful." In short, any source which after a crosscheck for accuracy and with current time basis made the story complete and more valuable for tactical

use.

An example of discoveries by the team included a first jet fighter plane as a new secret weapon, and the report of two new and intercontinental space rockets — the V-3 and V-4.

Near the war's end, a strategic surprise occurred in the arrival of some 500 rocket scientists from the Rocket Research Center at Peenemunde on the Baltic Sea.

The interesting details of the author's story are left for the readers, but it will be found most enjoyable and interesting. It is well organized and clearly crafted and a great credit to the talented writer. This book is highly recommended, especially for those who served with the 6th Corps and fine divisions under its aegis.

*Herb Garris is a World War II veteran and former POW.*

THE PILOT-Southern Pines, North Carolina

Monday, July 26, 1999

# T A P S

## Kermit Hansen Left a Legacy of Service

Kermit Hansen, in many ways, could have served as the inspiration for Tom Brokaw's book praising the World War II generation.

Hansen, an Elkhorn, Neb., resident and former Omaha banking executive who died Thursday in Colorado at age 82, served courageously in World War II. Like millions of other veterans of the war, he came home, built a career, raised a family and became a leader in the business and civic life of the community.

Hansen went a step further. In 1970, he accepted an appointment to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, where he spent the next 21 years as a steadying force during some of the university's more turbulent times.

As a regent, he was thoroughly dedicated to education. His practice of visiting classes in session was practically unheard of in university governing circles. But his efforts served him well. Few of his peers on the governing board ever spoke as authoritatively about issues affecting the quality of teaching and learning.

Hansen served with Robert Prokop, Nancy Hoch and Robert Simmons among other outspoken regents. Sometimes he was forceful, as he was in criticizing his fellow board members when they hired an insider, Martin Massengale, to be the NU president. Massengale had been the only finalist remaining after outside candidates, sensing that Massengale was the favorite, dropped out of consideration. Hansen lambasted the Massengale bloc for its mishandling of the presidential search.

But at other times, Hansen brought a voice of moderation and common sense when others on the board were consumed by impulsiveness. A graduate of what is now the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he showed how it was possible to be friend of the University of Nebraska at Omaha but without betraying his alma mater.

Hansen was a gracious conversationalist, a broad-gauged individual who loved nature and donated an extensive collection of recorded music to UNO. He was loyal to his community, state and country. Each generation, he once told students at Burke High School, must understand and protect its freedom. "Freedom is perpetuated by enlarging it, understanding it and transmitting it," Hansen said. "It is not imperishable."

Hansen's involvement in the community and his dedication to education were his way of enlarging and transmitting the values of his generation to the next. He exemplified the best tradition of service to others. He lived honorably and gave much back to his community and, particularly, to higher education in Nebraska.

During World War II, he fought in North Africa and Europe and rose to the rank of colonel. He and some of his men were captured by the Germans in September 1944. He was a prisoner of war until January 1945.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha, where Hansen was a longtime member.

Hansen is survived by his wife, Mary, and four children - daughters Lauren Daniels and Kristin, and sons Eric and Kurt.

THE CANTON HERALD, Thursday, April 22, 1999

**Loyd Anson Taylor**

Services for former Canton mayor Loyd Anson Taylor, 80, Canton, were held April 16, at Eubank Funeral Home Chapel, Canton, with Rev. Charles Richardson and Dr. Mike Hackney officiating.

Burial was in Haven of Memories Memorial Park, Canton.

Mr. Taylor died April 14, 1999, in Tyler

He was born December 2, 1918, in Jefferson to the late Hermie Hudson and Viola Sims Taylor. He served in the Army during World War II and was a Prisoner of War for one year and one day. He owned and operated Eagle Drug Store for several years and then owned and operated Taylor's Man Shop. He was a former Canton council member as well as serving as mayor. He was a charter member of Van Zandt Country Club, member of Castillian Masonic Lodge, Canton Lions Club and former president and member of Chapter of Council of Wills Point Commandery, Hella Shrine Temple. He was preceded in death by brother, Odell Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, Lilla B. Dodson Taylor, Canton; niece, Diane Taylor Norrell, Canton; nephew, Robert Taylor, Irving; and Godson, Tim Turner, Arlington.

Pallbearers included Dr. Dan Hilliard, Henry Humphries, Dr. John Turner II, Hoss Williams, Lee Heidle and Edd Gatlin.

If desired, memorials may be made to Men's Golf Association at Van Zandt Country Club.

*Wed. June 16 1999*  
  
*Daytona News Journal*  
 United States Veteran

**MESKELL, RICHARD (DICK) T., SR.**—Funeral Mass for Richard (Dick) T. Meskell Sr., 78, Indigo Drive, Daytona Beach, who



died Sunday, June 13, 1999, at Memorial Hospital, will be 9 a.m. Thursday, June 17, at St. Paul's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. Friends may call at Baggett and Summers Funeral Home today (Wednesday) from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., with a Wake service being conducted at 7 p.m. Mr. Meskell was born in Springfield, Mass., and moved to this area 24 years ago from Meriden, Conn. He was retired as an Army captain and served in World War II and the Korean conflict. During World War II he was a POW held by the Germans. He was the recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart, among many other awards. He was retired as a real estate broker and appraiser and held the position of Deputy Highway Commissioner of the State of Connecticut. He was past president of American Right of Way Association, a registered and licensed real estate broker, and a member of Appraisal Institute, Society of Residential Appraisals, and Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers. He held life membership in the Military Order of the Purple

Heart, American Ex-Prisoners of War Association, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 84, 36th Infantry Division Association and American Legion Post 0361. He was an avid golfer and held memberships at Indigo Lakes Country Club, where he was a charter member, Wethersfield Country Club, Wethersfield, Conn., Shuttle Meadow Country Club, Kensington, Conn., and George Hunter Memorial Country Club, Meriden, Conn. For two years he had a column in the Meriden Record called Pin High with Dick Meskell. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie; two sons, Richard T., Jr., Manhasset, N.Y., and Martin J., Franklin Square, N.Y.; two daughters, Carolyn Hafner, Ormond Beach, and Patricia Archibald, Middletown, Conn; sister, Mary Elizabeth Foran, Glastonbury, Conn; and six grandchildren, Matthew Archibald, Kevin, Gregory and Amy Hafner and Bryan and Benjamin Meskell. In lieu of other remembrances, make donations to American Ex-POWS of War, 3201 E. Pioneer Pkwy., #40, Arlington, TX 76010. Arrangements are under the direction of Baggett and Summers Funeral Home, Daytona Beach.

## Leo K. Bustad, 1920–1998 A Personal Remembrance

A remarkable career and life ended on September 19, 1998, in Pullman, Washington, with the death of Leo K. Bustad, dean emeritus of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University.

Born to Norwegian immigrants in Stanwood, Washington, Leo Bustad earned three academic degrees (BS, MS, and DVM) from Washington State University (WSU) and a PhD from the University of Washington. As an infantry officer in Italy and Germany during World War II from 1942–45, he experienced 15 months as a prisoner of war in a German prison camp. Following the end of the war, he returned to the United States in June of 1945. He was subsequently admitted to the WSU veterinary college and graduated with the DVM degree in 1949.

Dr. Bustad worked as a manager for General Electric Company in the Hanford Biology Laboratory from 1949 to 1965, earned a PhD in physiology and biophysics in 1960, received a professor's position in radiation biology and was director of the Radiobiology Laboratory at the University of California, Davis from 1965 to 1973. He came to Pullman as dean of the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 1973. The following ten years (1973–83) were in his own words, "the busiest of my life." His work as administrator, educator, and humanitarian brought national and international recognition not only to Leo himself, but to the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Under the forceful, wise, and innovative leadership of Dr. Bustad, the college went through an upgrading of physical facilities and educational programs of a magnitude seldom achieved by any institution in such a short time span. The change was in keeping with one of Leo's favorite sayings, "Onward and Upward." "Upward," in my interpretation, stands for the uplifting of the educational climate to bring about a more humanistic approach to veterinary education, which Leo advocated in many talks and publications. An example is an article in the spring 1983 issue of this journal ("Dean's Responsibilities and Bioethics") in which he emphasized how important it is for the students to have "an ethical compass that always works and is never lost."



A favorite subject in many of Dr. Bustad's talks focused on a description of the qualities needed for leadership. A leading theme in most of these talks and papers was that a leader must be a whole person. Referring to Albert Schweitzer, a great role model for Leo, he stated that a scholar should not live for science alone. This ethic and reverence for life demand that scholars should sacrifice a portion of their own lives for others. Dr. Leo Bustad lived as he taught. His life has profoundly impacted our college, the profession, and the many students and audiences worldwide who were blessed by his messages and his living compassion for all beings—animal, people, and the environment.

Borje K. Gustafsson, DVM, PhD  
Dean Emeritus, College of Veterinary Medicine  
Washington State University, Pullman, WA