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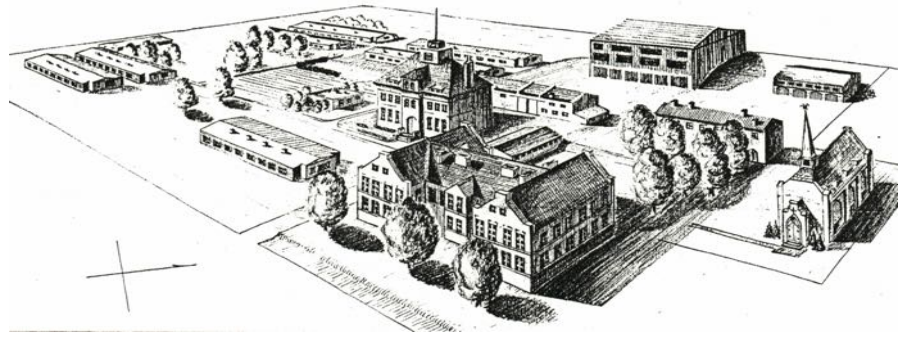
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We apologize to any others
we may have overlooked
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contacted us.

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organization.*



Drawing by Jim Bickers, shown without barbed wire fences or guard towers

WRITE YOUR KRIEGY'S BIOGRAPHY

Please consider writing a biography for your Kriegy. Several family-written and research-team-written biographies have been posted to the Oflag 64 Remembered website and will be used in the future museum as part of an interactive display for each Kriegy. Check this link for current biographies and autobiographies: <http://www.oflag64.us/kriegy-biographies.html> and check page 5 of this issue for a look at the layout of the webpage.

The task sometimes seems daunting, but we have bio writers who are willing to help you get started. There is no length requirement, any length works just fine. We have some that are shorter and some that are quite a bit longer. We would love to know about your Kriegy's early life, if he graduated from a military school, if he was part of an ROTC program, when and where he received his first commission. We'd also be interested in learning what outfit he was with, some of his military experiences, his capture, his escape, military awards, and later life experiences. Please also include photos if available. We realize that all this information might not be at your disposal, so just include what you can. If you need examples to give you more ideas, we can provide them for you.

Of the family-written bios that have been posted, some were written by an individual and some were written by group effort among family members. Do what works best for you. Please let us know if you have questions.

Best to you,
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A Little Company Business

Many Thanks

We wish to express our continued gratitude to Minuteman Press for their ongoing excellent service in printing our ITEM each quarter. The quality of their printing and the timeliness in which the ITEM is printed is very much appreciated. Thank you Mike Vorse, Nate Howe, and Samantha Lemire!!!

And MANY THANKS to Ric Kolseth, our POW Database manager, for uploading the updates we send. Please check the website POW Database page to make sure your Kriegy's information is correct and email us any changes at: elodie@oflag64.us

Postage Fund Contributions

There is now more than one way to contribute to Oflag 64 related funds.



For contributions to the Postage Fund only (which not only covers the cost of printing and mailing the ITEM to our remaining Kriegies or their widows, but also pays for running the Oflag 64 website), please make your checks payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund, and send them to:

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STEVE FISHER
in memory of his dad, Leo Fisher
LUCY LUSSENDEN
ANNETTE SECOR NELSON
in memory of Richard Secor

Museum Contributions

Please write your check payable to and send to:
Friends of Oflag 64, Inc.
12768 Turberville Lane
Oak Hill VA 20171-2214

OR

donate **ONLINE** at:
www.friendsof64.org

You can also access the donation page on the Polish-American Foundation website at:
<https://bit.ly/3Gx2JfZ>

These funds are separate from the Postage Fund and will be used to help support the future Museum in different ways.

THANKS to all who donate to our various Oflag 64 funds.

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Do You Have Any....

Oflag 64 artifacts to donate to our museum? We are always looking for artifacts that will help tell the story of our Kriegies while in captivity. For more information and a copy of the donation form, please contact Dave Stewart at:
dslvtx@gmail.com



The Polish-American Foundation for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin is comprised of both a Council and a Board. Both are actively involved in preparations for the Museum. The Council is the governing body of the Foundation, and the Board is the "boots on the ground" body working to make things happen. Both are critical to the furtherance of establishing a new museum.

The Council has recently held elections and has voted for the individuals below to hold Council positions. Each new member is eager to begin his/her service.

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Recently rotated out of the Foundation Council is **Marlene Thompson McAllister**, who has been an extremely valued member of the Council's team. We thank her for her wisdom, expertise, ideas, and thoughtful suggestions as she faithfully served in her capacity on the Council. She will be missed but is looking forward to serving in other capacities involving Oflag 64 projects.

If you would like to become involved in any of our Oflag 64 projects, please contact me at: elodie@oflag64.us



MAIL CALL



It's always a great pleasure hearing from our Oflag 64 families. Thanks for keeping us in "your" loop and for sending information. We love reading about how and what you are doing. Please stay in touch!

JULIAN E. BOGGESS III, son of the late Kriegy Julian E. Boggess, Jr. – wrote that he could write a biography on his dad but that his dad seldom mentioned anything about his POW experiences so information may be limited. He may work in collaboration with one of our Kriegy bio writers.

CINDY SHARPE BURGESS, daughter of the late Kriegy Wilbur B. Sharpe – wrote to let us know of the passing of Monica Bishara, daughter of the late Kriegy Donald B. Stewart. Monica was a very talented artist and did several watercolors of things related to Oflag 64. We, along with her family, mourn her loss. (See the TAPS section.)

EVELYN EDSON, President of the Scottsville Museum Board in Scottsville VA – wrote to give permission for us to use their interview with the late Kriegy T. J. Bugg, Jr. as needed. We're looking forward in the future to including it with other Kriegy interviews, which give us a glimpse of what our men endured during WWII.

STEVE M. FISHER, son of the late Kriegy Leo W. Fisher – sent a generous donation to Friends of Oflag 64, our non-profit. He also thanked us for our work for Oflag 64 families. Additionally, he sent a package full of his dad's artifacts, including original Oflag 64 photos, playbills, and publications of various sorts, including original ITEMS. (Thanks so much, Steve, for your generous donations.)

PAT SERINGER GROVE, daughter of the late Kriegy Joseph E. Seringer – sent a copy of her dad's autobiography which has been posted to our website. The autobiography is entitled "My Saga".

TERRY RALSTIN HAMLIN, daughter of the late Kriegy James Franklin Ralstin – wrote with a question about the Oflag 64 virtual cemetery on Find-A-Grave. We have learned that the virtual page is only for Oflag 64 Kriegies who made it all the way to Hammelburg. According to the creator of the page, anyone who escaped from the march or didn't march at all, is not eligible to be added to the page. Terry has found her dad's diary and is gathering information to send.

THOMAS S. HANSEN and MATTHEW W. HANSEN, sons of the late Kriegy Carl V. Hansen – wrote to let us know that they will be writing the biography for their dad for our website. They expect to have it finished by early 2024.

MARY SHULAR HOPPER, daughter of the late Kriegy William A. Shular – after receiving our email about Kriegy biographies online, noticed that her dad's bio wasn't included and asked about writing one for him. We sent the information she needs and look forward to receiving her dad's bio in the future.

WARREN JONES, son of the late Kriegy Charles L. Jones – wrote to thank us for uploading the list of biographies to our website. He noticed an error that we in turn fixed and then republished.

ARTHUR LADLEY, son-in-law of Col. James F. Skells – wrote asking about putting James' biography on our website. We wrote to the author of the biography who gave permission for us to add it. That will happen soon.

DAVID LITTLE, grandson of the late Kriegy Thomas H. Wingate – has done a lot of WWII research and periodically finds information about our Kriegies. He recently found a website containing information on Lt. Howard Kenneth Hinds. Check this link:

<https://www.wartimemoriesproject.com/ww2/pow/powcamp.php?pid=3149>

He has also found information regarding an interview with the late Kriegy Herman "Herm" Littman. Check this link: <https://dc.ewu.edu/jjewell/45/>

LUCY LUSSENDEN, widow of the late Kriegy Donald A. Lussenden – was recently going through her papers and found some photos and a check she had written to the Postage Fund. Those were recently received. Photos will be returned ASAP. She also sent thanks for the work we do that benefits Oflag 64 families. (Thanks so much Lucy for your kind words and generous donation to the Postage Fund.)

BILL MOORE, nephew of the late Kriegy Lt. Louis Edward Moore – after receiving our email about posting biographies online wrote a short biography of his uncle. He has been collaborating with Ann Rogers, one of our bio writers to add more information.

ANNETTE SECOR NELSON, widow of the late Kriegy Richard W. Secor – sent a generous donation to the Postage Fund in memory of Richard. She also mentioned in her note that she enjoys the ITEM and thanked Bret Job, Bill Caldwell. and me. (Thanks so much, Annette, for your generous donation.)

NEWSPAPERS.COM sent a couple of messages from donohue38 which includes articles on the late Kriegy Major Robert C. Christensen which we had not previously seen. (See the Kriegy News and Information section.)

SCOTT J. PLENSKOFSKI, researcher and new to our Oflag 64 family – is researching Major Robert C. Christensen. We sent him the information in our files, but we haven't heard from any family members so have been limited to what we've found online. If any of you have information on Major Christensen, we will forward it to Scott. (See the Kriegy News and Information section for new articles on the Major.)

SUSAN WILCOX RICHARDSON, daughter of the late Kriegy Lumund Wilcox – wrote to thank us for posting the biographies and autobiographies to our website.

ALEX SOLSMA, researcher for Chaplain Stephen Kane – has been patiently waiting for information on Chaplain Kane. A book for mass celebrations used to be available at a library in Poznan but may no longer be there. Our contact person there is no longer available. Hopefully we'll be able learn more soon.

MICHAEL STEWART, son of the late Kriegy Jack W. Stewart – recently found our website and wrote to tell us about a book his dad wrote called "Justifiable Pride" (now out of print). It was translated into German under the title "Gefangen beim Feind" and is still available. He also offered to send the biography on his dad. He hopes to visit the museum in Szubin in the future.

KAY ANDERSON SUMSION, daughter of the late Kriegy Mays W. Anderson – wrote that she has her father's journal. She published it in book form and sent a copy to be added to the Tin Store Museum library in Szubin.

KATHY ZELAZNY THOMAS, daughter of the late Kriegy Joseph J. Zelazny, Jr. – wrote to thank us again for putting her dad's video in the ITEM. It can be found at: <http://www.oflag64.us/videos.html>.

JOE TOMKIEL, son-in-law of the late Kriegy Edward J. "Jerry" Alexis – wrote that he and the family were working on a draft biography for Jerry and thanked us for helping people remember our POWs of WWII.

SUSAN GRISET VAN DER ROEST, daughter of the late Kriegy Lorin Griset – wrote to thank us for putting the Kriegy biographies and autobiographies online.

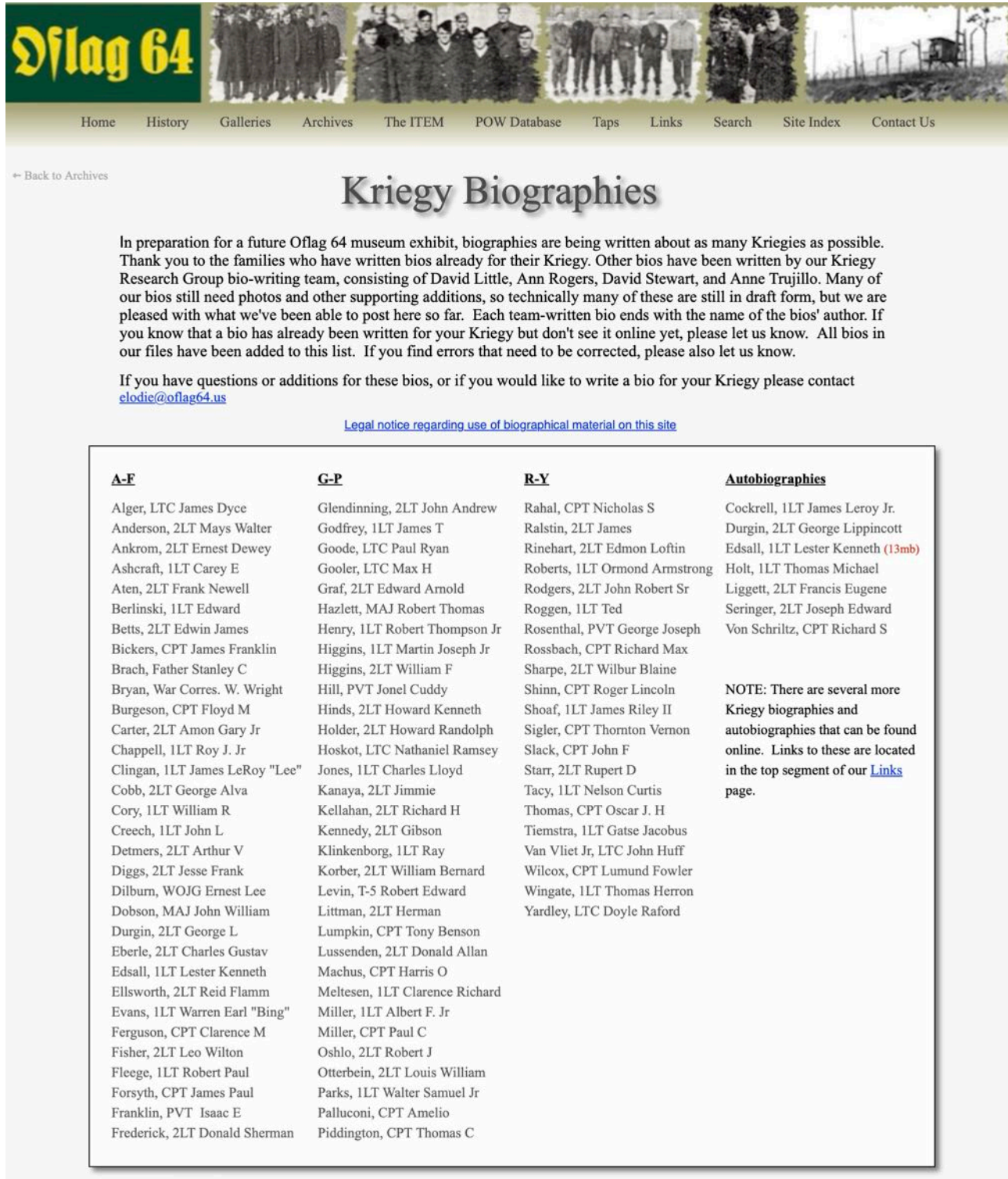
PAM WHEELER WATERS, daughter of the late Kriegy Bertrum A. Wheeler – wrote asking about posting her dad's bio to our website biographies page. Because it was written by someone else and we don't have permission to publish it on our website, we were only able to include it on the Links of Interest page. Please check other biographies and interviews of our Kriegies on the Links of Interest page as well.

TERESA R. WHITE, daughter of the late Kriegy Ted L. White – wrote to let us know that she enjoys receiving the ITEM each quarter and, also that she has a change of email address and phone number. We have made the changes.

MARVIN WILLIAMS, friend and Oflag 64 family member – has been a great informational resource to us as he's provided numerous bits of information about many of our Kriegies' WWII histories. Recently he sent a link to a report from Col. Drake. Check this link: [168th Infantry Drake.pdf \(34ida.org\)](#) Other Kriegies are mentioned in the report.

Kriegy News and Information

The screenshot below is of our webpage containing Kriegy biographies and autobiographies. To get to the page, go to our website at www.oflag64.us, click on Archives, and go down to the bottom of the list of categories until you find Kriegy Biographies and click on that link. When you get to the biographies page, just click on the name of the person whose biography/autobiography you'd like to read and it will open right from the biographies page. Newly sent bios will be added soon.



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Kriegy Biographies


In preparation for a future Oflag 64 museum exhibit, biographies are being written about as many Kriegies as possible. Thank you to the families who have written bios already for their Kriegy. Other bios have been written by our Kriegy Research Group bio-writing team, consisting of David Little, Ann Rogers, David Stewart, and Anne Trujillo. Many of our bios still need photos and other supporting additions, so technically many of these are still in draft form, but we are pleased with what we've been able to post here so far. Each team-written bio ends with the name of the bios' author. If you know that a bio has already been written for your Kriegy but don't see it online yet, please let us know. All bios in our files have been added to this list. If you find errors that need to be corrected, please also let us know.

If you have questions or additions for these bios, or if you would like to write a bio for your Kriegy please contact elodie@oflag64.us

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A-F	G-P	R-Y	Autobiographies
Alger, LTC James Dyce	Glendinning, 2LT John Andrew	Rahal, CPT Nicholas S	Cockrell, 1LT James Leroy Jr.
Anderson, 2LT Mays Walter	Godfrey, 1LT James T	Ralstin, 2LT James	Durgin, 2LT George Lippincott
Ankrom, 2LT Ernest Dewey	Goode, LTC Paul Ryan	Rinehart, 2LT Edmon Loftin	Edsall, 1LT Lester Kenneth (13mb)
Ashcraft, 1LT Carey E	Gooler, LTC Max H	Roberts, 1LT Ormond Armstrong	Holt, 1LT Thomas Michael
Aten, 2LT Frank Newell	Graf, 2LT Edward Arnold	Rodgers, 2LT John Robert Sr	Liggett, 2LT Francis Eugene
Berlinski, 1LT Edward	Hazlett, MAJ Robert Thomas	Roggen, 1LT Ted	Seringer, 2LT Joseph Edward
Betts, 2LT Edwin James	Henry, 1LT Robert Thompson Jr	Rosenthal, PVT George Joseph	Von Schritlz, CPT Richard S
Bickers, CPT James Franklin	Higgins, 1LT Martin Joseph Jr	Rosbach, CPT Richard Max	
Brach, Father Stanley C	Higgins, 2LT William F	Sharpe, 2LT Wilbur Blaine	
Bryan, War Corres. W. Wright	Hill, PVT Jonel Cuddy	Shinn, CPT Roger Lincoln	NOTE: There are several more
Burgeson, CPT Floyd M	Hinds, 2LT Howard Kenneth	Shoaf, 1LT James Riley II	Kriegy biographies and
Carter, 2LT Amon Gary Jr	Holder, 2LT Howard Randolph	Sigler, CPT Thornton Vernon	autobiographies that can be found
Chappell, 1LT Roy J. Jr	Hoskot, LTC Nathaniel Ramsey	Slack, CPT John F	online. Links to these are located
Clingan, 1LT James LeRoy "Lee"	Jones, 1LT Charles Lloyd	Starr, 2LT Rupert D	in the top segment of our Links
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Diggs, 2LT Jesse Frank	Korber, 2LT William Bernard	Wilcox, CPT Lumund Fowler	
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Dobson, MAJ John William	Littman, 2LT Herman	Yardley, LTC Doyle Raford	
Durgin, 2LT George L	Lumpkin, CPT Tony Benson		
Eberle, 2LT Charles Gustav	Lussenden, 2LT Donald Allan		
Edsall, 1LT Lester Kenneth	Machus, CPT Harris O		
Ellsworth, 2LT Reid Flamm	Meltesen, 1LT Clarence Richard		
Evans, 1LT Warren Earl "Bing"	Miller, 1LT Albert F. Jr		
Ferguson, CPT Clarence M	Miller, CPT Paul C		
Fisher, 2LT Leo Wilton	Oshlo, 2LT Robert J		
Fleege, 1LT Robert Paul	Otterbein, 2LT Louis William		
Forsyth, CPT James Paul	Parks, 1LT Walter Samuel Jr		
Franklin, PVT Isaac E	Palluconi, CPT Amelio		
Frederick, 2LT Donald Sherman	Piddington, CPT Thomas C		

This screenshot is of our "Archives" webpage. You can access all kinds of Oflag 64 historical information from this page. Within each category are links to multiple files that will interest the reader, listener, or viewer. We hope you will visit the website often at www.oflag64.us.



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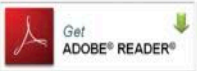
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[KRIEGY BIOGRAPHIES](#) **NEW**

ADOBE READER®
Most of the documents available from the Oflag 64 website are in PDF format and can be viewed with **Adobe Reader®**.

If you don't have **Adobe Reader®** you can install it FREE by clicking on the icon below. Follow the instructions to install the reader. Answer 'yes' when Adobe asks you whether you'd like to have it configure your browser to enable you to view PDFs in your browser window.



We have been able to accumulate over 400 original documents scanned into PDF format. These were obtained via contributions from Kriegies and their families, internet research, etc. They are held in five major groups, as listed below:



POW STORIES
This section contains accounts written by POWs who spent time in Oflag 64, along with drawings, maps, government documents, etc. It is further divided into five subsections: Capture and Camp Life, The Long Cold March, The Hammelburg Affair, Escape to Russia, and All Those Brave Young Men.

"THE ITEM" ARCHIVE
The Oflag 64 ITEM was the name given to the monthly newsletter published by a group of POWs during their captivity. The newsletter was revived several years after liberation as the "Post-Oflag 64 ITEM", and is currently published quarterly. The archive contains issues of the original ITEM from 1943-1945, and issues of the "Post Oflag 64 ITEM" from 1984 to the present.

RED CROSS POW BULLETINS
The American Red Cross issued these Bulletins "to give information, consistent with war conditions, about American prisoners of war and the methods for providing aid and comfort to them." They were published from 1943 to 1945. We have most of these issues in our archive.

KRIEGY PHOTO ARCHIVE
In this archive are group photos of the POWs during captivity, copies of their original track and field programs, theater programs, and photos of stage performances. There is also a gallery of Kriegies Today.

AUDIO ARCHIVE
Recordings made at Oflag 64 during captivity by the International YMCA.

POST-WAR DOCUMENTS, ARTICLES, ESSAYS, INTERVIEWS
Documents provided to the Kriegies after their repatriation, along with newspaper articles about returning Kriegies, and some video and audio interviews.

KRIEGY BIOGRAPHIES
In preparation for a future Oflag 64 museum exhibit, biographies are being written on as many Kriegies as possible. More are being written and posted regularly.

The following screenshot is from a September 5 Facebook post regarding the progress of the Tin Store museum.



Polish-American Foundation for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin ...

September 5 at 11:58 PM · 🌐

The Tin Store museum progresses! Today in Gdańsk we met at the production hall of our fabricator [Littera Expo Design](#). Along with our exhibit designer Gosia Gliwińska, we are fortunate to be working with these creative, intelligent, and thoughtful professionals.

Scale model of exhibit case & lighting, and the workshop, in the photos.

Donate and help us share the remarkable history: <https://friendsofflag64.org/donate>.

More Tin Store history here: <http://szubinpowcamps.org/.../the-oflag-daily-bulletin...>



The following are articles that were sent to us from someone through Newspapers.com. We didn't have these articles about Major Christensen previously.

Tells of Escape From Nazi Prison, Grilling; 361 Mile Forced March Across Poland

Back from the irksome ordeals of nearly four months as a German prisoner of war, Maj. Robert Christensen is home today with stories of a 361 mile forced march in sub-zero weather across Poland; his escape from a Nazi prison camp and going into hiding until being rescued by American forces; being subjected to eight days of solitary confinement and grilling by German officers and other encounters with the enemy while a prisoner in Europe.



Maj. Christensen

The officer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen, 1935 North Howell street, and husband of Mrs. Jean Christensen, a nurse at the University hospital in Iowa City, is spending a brief leave in Davenport enroute to Schick General hospital, Clinton. He expects an extended leave in the near future. Maj. Christensen was held for some time at Oflag 64 in Poland with Lieut. Richard Englehart and Lieut. Arthur Detmers, Davenport, who were on the march from the camp into Germany and who also succeeded in escaping.

TAKEN IN HURTGEN.
Attached to Hodge's First army, Maj. Christensen was taken prisoner Nov. 7 in the Hurtgen forest of Germany. "It was a good size bunch of Americans 'Jerry' took that day," the officer remarked, "and following our capture we were shifted around the front to several collecting points before assignment to a regular prison.

"Taken to a camp near Limburg, the Nazis, presuming I would have access to military information which would be of benefit to them, threw me into a solitary confinement with hopes of probably softening me up for questioning.

"The cell, a 'two by four' dank room with a large iron door and a small window that admitted little light, was my home for eight days while in solitary. The only furniture in the cell was a bed. Occasionally German officers would grill me in an attempt to make me divulge American positions and other information. They were boisterous and stern in their questioning, but used no physical

means to force answers from me. **BOX CAR JOURNEY.**

"When they found questioning was in vain, they loaded 21 officers and myself into one-third of a 40 & 8 boxcar and we headed for the cross country journey to Oflag 64. We were six days and six nights traveling in cold November weather, and slept in shifts because there wasn't enough room for all of us to lie down at once. Rations for the trip were one-fourth a loaf of bread and one cup of soup per man per day.

"On Jan. 21, the entire Oflag camp was forced to evacuate and head for Germany in the wake of the advancing Russians. Many escaped, but I completed the forced march of 361 miles to Hammelburg, Germany, in temperatures which went as low as 30 degrees below zero."

Maj. Christensen succeeded in escaping from Hammelburg, which is south of Frankfurt, and hid in the surrounding forests with two other U. S. majors for nine days without food until rescued by American forces. He is unable to disclose any details of how he escaped from the camp.

A reserve officer, he was called to active duty following his graduation from the University of Iowa in January, 1942.

SERGT. CODLING RETURNS TO STATES

Staff Sergt. Don Codling, son of Mrs. Jessie M. Codling, 2117 West Sixth street, has returned to the states from ten months overseas in the European theater of operations and is expected to arrive home soon. Sergt. Codling served as a nose gunner on a B-24 Liberator with the Eighth air force and has flown 35 combat missions.

DAVENPORT WACS ASSIGNED TO ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL

Two Davenport WACs have been assigned to Brooke General hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, after completing instruction at Ft. Des Moines, Ia.

The two women, Pvt. Betty May Brown, 1927 Dixwell street, and Pvt. Lucille Mabel Dawson, 1132 Scott street, will undergo technical instruction at the Texas hospital.

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Maj. Christensen Among Prisoners Freed in Germany

Maj. Robert Christensen, son of Mr and Mrs Carl Christensen, 1925 North Howell street, Davenport, and husband of Mrs Jean Christensen, of Iowa City, who has been held prisoner by the Germans since last November, has been liberated. Word to this effect was received by his wife, who is a nurse at the University hospital.



Maj. Christensen

Maj. Christensen was reported on Dec. 9 as having been missing in action since Nov. 4. Later it was announced he was a prisoner of war. He had been attached to a headquarters company of an infantry division of the First army.

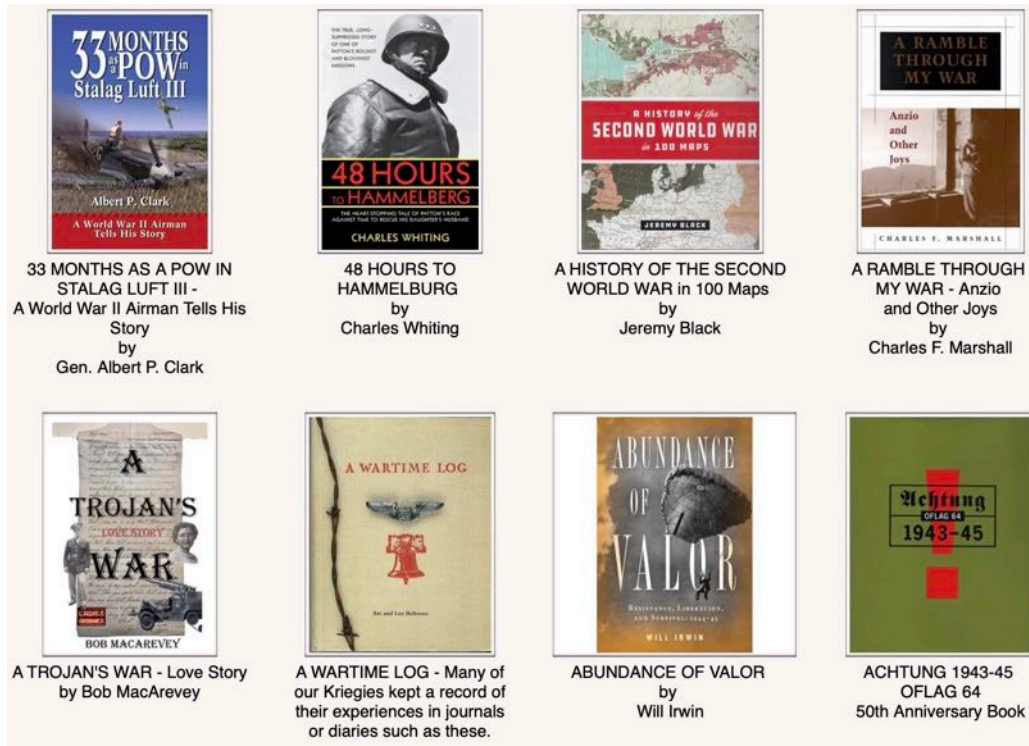
The message to his wife stated that he was now back with the American forces and was well and safe.

A graduate of the Davenport high school and the University of Iowa law school, he entered the reserves while a student at the university and was called to active duty following his graduation in 1942. He has been overseas since October, 1943.

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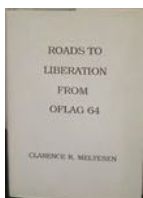
We're always looking for a hard copy of books written by or about our Kriegies and their experiences during the war. Please check the website at <http://www.oflag64.us/books-etc.html> for a list of books we currently have. Below is a small sampling of books that appear on the first page. If your Kriegie has written a book we don't yet have or if you have a publication that contains information about any of our Kriegies, please let us know.



Currently we're looking for [The Fighting 36th Historical Quarterly](#), volume 1 (#1-3), volume 2 (#1, 2, 4), volume 3 (#4), volume 4 (#1), volume 12 (#2). If you have any of these issues and would be willing to donate them, please let us know.

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Kriegy Widows

George Ann Brown Carter Bahan

1927 ~ 2022



Fort Worth, Texas - George Ann Brown Carter Bahan died peacefully at home on Wednesday, September 7, surrounded by her family. She was 95.

The service [was] live streamed at FUMCFW.org/live. She [was] laid to rest privately on the family plot in Greenwood Memorial Park.

Born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, George Ann was the only child of George and Eulema Riley Brown. The family eventually made their way to Fort Worth via Kilgore.

George Ann graduated from R. L. Pascal High School in 1943. After graduation she attended Mary Baldwin College in Virginia for 1 year before transferring to the University of Texas in Austin, and graduating in 1948. She joined the Tri Delta Sorority and many years later was thrilled to pin her granddaughter, Carter Ann, when she joined. George Ann was a Steeplechase debutante in 1948.

After returning to Fort Worth, George Ann met the love of her life and future husband, [the late Kriegy] Amon Carter Jr. at a party. Amon always said he was attracted to her cute hat and had to meet the pretty girl wearing it. George Ann always loved hats after that. They married in 1953 and remained happily together until his untimely death in 1982. She and Amon had three children, Nenetta Carter Tatum, Amon G. Carter III and George Riley Carter.

Family was everything to George Ann and she was devoted to them, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved having them drop by to swim and the food of choice always was Kincaids hamburgers.

George Ann was a talented, and perhaps frustrated, performer who got her dream fulfilled

when she performed in several musicals at the Granbury Opera House. Amon was extremely

proud of her and would hire buses to take their friends to see her. She worked extremely hard on her dancing and singing since she never wanted to let the other performers down. The comraderie with the younger and talented performers was very rewarding to her. They even took lessons from her on how to apply stage makeup.

George Ann was also very involved in her community. She was a past president of Casa Manana, the Jewel Charity Ball, the Junior League of Fort Worth and the Assembly. In addition, she was a founding member of Fort Worth Country Day school. She enjoyed serving on the symphony Board and was thrilled to receive an Honorary Doctorate from Texas Wesleyan University. George Ann also loved being with friends and belonged to a water ski group for many years as well as her Tuesday poker group. These women would have done well in Las Vegas and were very serious players. They only stopped playing five years ago.

The second chapter of her life came in 2001 when she married Bill Bahan, also a widower. They used to drive carpool together way back in the '60's and lived down the street from each other. Bill had five children and she enjoyed having this new extended family. They were happily married until his death in 2020. They built a home together and had a small pool where her two great-grandsons loved to come swim and make her nervous by always jumping off a wall which they of course continued doing. Eventually her great-granddaughter started coming and these were always special times for her.

Fort Worth has lost a great patron and citizen. George Ann loved Fort Worth and was proud to carry on the tradition of charity and community support. She leaves an aching hole in many peoples' hearts, but her spirit and zest for life will remain.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Eulema Riley Brown, her husbands, Amon Carter and Bill Bahan, and her son, George Riley Carter.

In addition to her daughter, Nenetta Carter Tatum and her husband, Steve, George Ann is survived by her son, Amon G. Carter III; grandchildren, Carter Ann Tatum and her husband, Van Wilson of Austin, Stephen Lyle Tatum Jr. and his wife, Carly of Fort Worth, and Amon G. Carter IV "Chance" also of Fort Worth; great-grandchildren, Samuel Carter Tatum and Colin Douglas Tatum of Fort Worth, Lyla Marie Wilson of Austin, and Clover Ann Carter also of Fort Worth.

George Ann's complete obituary can be found at: <https://www.robertsonmuellerharper.com/obituaries/george-ann-carter-bahan>

Kriegy Kids

Monica Stewart Bishara

1949 ~ 2023



Monica Stewart Bishara, 74, of Baton Rouge, passed away on August 10, 2023.

Monica was born in San Antonio, Texas to Mary Louise and [to the late Kriegy] Lt. Colonel Donald Stewart. She was the first of five children. While Monica considered San Antonio to be her hometown, her family also lived in France, Germany, Oklahoma, and New York due to her father's military career.

Monica was an extraordinary and gifted artist, even from a young age. Her parents recognized her talents and started her art lessons when she was a little girl while they were living in France. She continued to develop her talents and grow her skills throughout her entire life.

Monica graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in French and Art. She then earned a Master of Arts degree in French from Tulane University in 1974. That is where she met the love of her life, James "Jim" Johannes Bishara. She quickly decided that she was going to marry Jim and eventually he figured it out as well. They married in 1975 and settled down in Metairie, LA where they had and raised two children, James and Elizabeth.

Monica retired after teaching art for 20 years at Ursuline Academy in New Orleans. She and Jim moved to Baton Rouge where she worked out of her studio. She was a signature member of the Louisiana Watercolor Society and served as their president. Monica also served on the boards of the Baton Rouge Art League, the Associated Women in the Arts and the National League of American Pen Women, and she volunteered with Operation Mainstream to teach reading to adults.

Monica was drawn to luminous, transparent colors which were perfect for describing the warm southern light of her Louisiana home. Her award-winning paintings hang in many private and corporate collections. Most recently, her watercolor "Peace, Love and Roses" won the Purchase Award at the Baton Rouge Art League Annual Exhibition in April and will be part of their permanent collection of Louisiana artists at the LA State Archives.

Monica was preceded in death by her father, Lt. Colonel Donald Stewart.

Monica is survived by Jim, her husband of 48 years; her son, James Andrew Bishara and his wife Dana Bishara; her daughter, Elizabeth Bishara Windust and her husband Phil Windust; brothers, Robert Donald Stewart and David Anthony Stewart; sisters, Kathleen Stewart Herrera and Barbara Stewart; mother, Mary Louise Stewart; and grandchildren, Marisol Bishara, Cosette Bishara, Connor Windust, and Sebastian Windust.

Services will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at St. George Catholic Church, 7808 St. George Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. with the funeral mass at 11:00 a.m., and reception to follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Louisiana Watercolor Society and Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge in Monica's name. The family of Monica wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the staff at Woman's Hospital and The Hospice of Baton Rouge.

Monica's obituary can be found at: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/monica-bishara-obituary?id=52681239>

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