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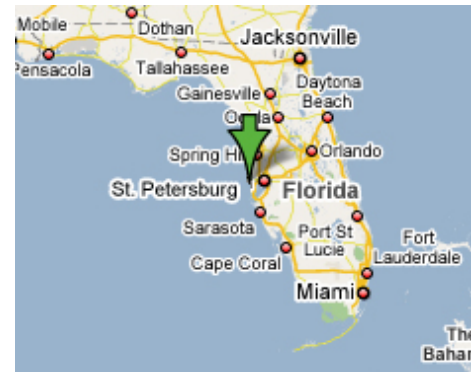


## The 2010 Oflag 64 Reunion was **TERRIFIC**

CONGRATULATIONS and MANY THANKS to Carole and Phil Lester who hosted this year's Oflag 64 Reunion at Dallas TX. They and their volunteers worked endlessly to insure that all had a marvelous time. As has been the case each year, the Dallas reunion was a GREAT success. Arrangements for the hotel, tours, meals, speaker, etc. were all superb and we're grateful for the time and energy that was devoted to putting things together. (Please see Pat Bender's comprehensive report on pages 2-4 of this ITEM.)



Next year's reunion in St. Petersburg FL will be hosted by George and Arlene Rosenthal and their committee of volunteers. Mark your calendars for October 13-16, and watch for details to be posted online and in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011 ITEM.



# A LITTLE COMPANY BUSINESS

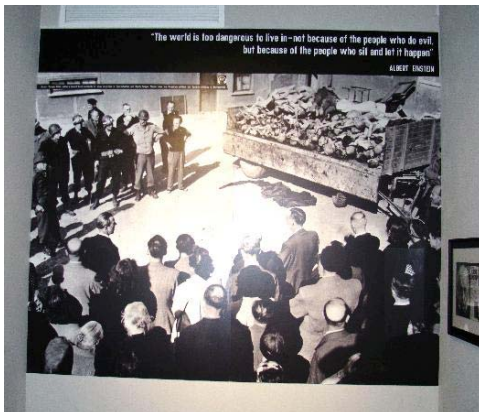
## **Oflag 64 Reunion, October 7 – 10, 2010**

Perfect weather, informative side trips, fabulous food, attentive hosts, and great camaraderie....these are words that describe the 2010 Oflag 64 Reunion in Dallas. Most of the attendees arrived on Thursday and were greeted by our hosts, Carole and Phil Lester who presided at the Registration Table with Elodie Caldwell and her sister, Janet Ellsworth. We were directed to the Hospitality Room, a spacious area close to the restaurant that was almost continually replenished with heavy appetizers, desserts, and drinks. The staff at the Crowne Plaza Hotel couldn't do enough for us. Our rooms were enormous, quiet, and comfortable. Thursday evening was designated as a "dinner on your own" period, but the food provided by the hotel (shrimp, meatballs, chicken, cheeses, crackers, Chex mix, pretzels, fruits, vegetables, assorted cookies and chocolate brownies) was enough to quell most appetites. As the Kriegies arrived, acquaintances were renewed and newcomers introduced.



Among the Kriegies who attended were: Vincent (Doc) DiFrancesco, Bob O'Neill, Ray Klinkenborg, Herm Littman, George Rosenthal, Bob Thompson, Sid Thal, and George Myron. Most arrived with family members, but no one could top the Littman family who numbered 28 by the end of the weekend and enjoyed a joyous family reunion within the POW community. There were about 80 attendees in all, and several came from outside the United States: Australia and the Netherlands. The widows of Gabriel Serda (Coleta), Vic Kanners (Marcia), Roy Chappell (Helen), and Lewis Lowe (Janet), were also in attendance.

On Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, we were treated to a continental breakfast before the Business Meeting began at 9:00 am. After the treasury report and several announcements came the question, "Who will host next year's reunion?" No one volunteered, but a few hours later, we learned that the Rosentals had come forward. We are so grateful to George and Arlene Rosenthal for continuing this great tradition, and we look forward to the next reunion in St. Petersburg, Florida in October 2011.



After the Business Meeting on Friday, a chartered bus took us to the Dallas Holocaust Museum and Center for Tolerance and Peace where a docent spoke about educating students to be "upstanders." The focus of this museum is on the bystanders, and not the perpetrators. We were provided with headsets, and took an audio tour of the exhibits. Later, we listened as a Holocaust survivor spoke of his experiences in the concentration camps. The museum is currently undergoing a capital campaign to expand its exhibits.

After the Holocaust Museum, our bus headed for the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Museum - the Book Depository where Lee Harvey Oswald laid waiting for JFK's motorcade in November 1963. Again, this was a self-guided tour with photos and video covering John F. Kennedy's

campaign, presidency, assassination, funeral, and the conspiracy theories that have prevailed. It left some of us wondering if the truth about JFK's assassination will ever be revealed.

Friday evening's meal was "dinner on your own," and many of us dined together in the hotel's dining room, after which we reconvened in the Hospitality Room where much joking and storytelling occurred as it does each year.



On Saturday, we enjoyed another breakfast provided by the hotel, then embarked on the bus for a tour of the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth. We were met by Amon Carter, Jr.'s widow and daughter, then separated into three groups for docent tours of the museum, which has a great collection of Western American Art. We then headed for the most colorful spot



on our tour, the Fort Worth Stockyards. The Stockyard area resembled an Old Western movie set with its rustic architecture, western clothing stores, and steakhouse restaurants. We returned to our hotel too soon, but with time for a short rest before the evening banquet.



Our banquet speaker was Jeffrey Brown, a United States Air Force Academy graduate and expert on cyber-terrorism. He spoke about the kriegy experience and described the war being currently conducted in cyberspace with those who try to steal our identities and assets online. Brown works for Raytheon in their cyber-security division. He ended his speech by thanking the men for their sacrifices and by asking all the children to stand and acknowledge their grandfathers' and great-grandfathers' contributions to their freedom.



Our after-dinner entertainment was a medley of songs from the forties and fifties sung by Marsha Anderson, a friend of Carole Lester, and by Herm Littman's granddaughter, Alicia Sinclair, both opera singers. They were accompanied by pianist Frances Ostenskowski from North Lake College.



After dinner, many gathered in the Hospitality Room. Others returned to their rooms. In one room, families were entertained by Javier Serda, son of Kriegy, Gabriel Serda, who sang and played guitar until midnight.

Javier and Angel Serda, (sons of Gabriel Serda, Kriegy), along with their mother, Coleta, were first time attendees. They live in Pharr, Texas, and were unaware of the reunions until a recent newspaper article about Gabriel Serda alerted Elodie Caldwell who contacted them over a year ago. Gabriel Serda was a mortar gunner for the 81<sup>st</sup> Armored Reconnaissance Division in Africa and a POW for over 2 years. On April 21, 1945, he was liberated from Luckenwalde, Germany by the Russian Army. The Serdas quickly won the hearts of the reunion attendees. We look forward to next year's reunion where we hope to be further entertained with more music and fraternal antics.



Other newcomers to the 2010 reunion were: Ann and John Sudduth from Watertown, NY, and their nephew, Tony Lumpkin III, from Austin, TX. Ann, the daughter of Tony Lumpkin, traveled to Schubin and Oflag 64 where she met with the family of the farmer who hid her father after his escape. She also visited the farmer's gravesite where she was shown a plaque written in English that was given by her father in the farmer's memory. Her father had kept 5 diaries of his war accounts, one of which Tony Lumpkin III has transcribed and plans to publish. Ann also visited Auschwitz and spoke about Father Max Kolby, a Polish Catholic priest, who volunteered to be executed in another man's place. Ann has much information to share, and would probably welcome inquiries. Tony displayed some of the artifacts he brought along: a compass made to look like a button, identity papers, and the journals.

Another first timer was Ruhamah Bauman, grand-niece of Sam Gwosden. She found out about the reunions on the Internet, while doing research for a thesis at The University of Wisconsin where she is a graduate student in history. Ruhamah plans to attend the 2011 reunion with her mother.



Sunday's plated breakfast and Memorial Service were the final events of the weekend. Another of Herm's granddaughters, Jacqueline Lommerese, from the Netherlands, read a poem written by Helen Chappell and announced the names of those who had died during the past year.

After the colors were retired by the Tri-County Veterans Color Guard, we said our goodbyes and headed to our respective hometowns. Thank you to all the Littmans, to Jim, who provided tour bus transportation, and especially to Carole and Phil Lester, for hosting a memorable and very enjoyable 2010 Oflag 64 Reunion.



Pat Bender  
Daughter of Vincent (Doc) DiFrancesco

## Dallas Reunion Attendees

Katelyn Barnes – friend of Ruhamah Bauman  
Ruhamah Bauman – grandniece of Sam Gwosden  
Elodie Caldwell – daughter of Reid Ellsworth  
Janet Ellsworth – daughter of Reid Ellsworth  
Barbara Richins – daughter of Reid Ellsworth  
Barry Richins – son-in-law of Reid Ellsworth  
Cecily Weatherford – daughter of Reid Ellsworth  
Helen Chappell – widow of Roy Chappell  
Nancy Green – daughter of Roy Chappell  
Steve Green – grandson of Roy Chappell

### **Vincent “Doc” DiFrancesco – Kriegy**

Pat Bender – daughter  
Jeff Bender – grandson  
Maria Christmann – daughter  
Pat Cochran – son-in-law  
Rosa Lee – daughter  
Jay Yanniell – cousin  
Melody Yanniell – cousin

Marcia Kanners – widow of Victor Kanners

Don Kanners – son  
Sue Kanners – daughter-in-law

### **Ray Klinkenborg – Kriegy**

Nancy Klinkenborg - wife

### **Herm Littmann – Kriegy**

Pat Dana – son-in-law  
Susan Dana – daughter  
Carole Lester – daughter  
Phil Lester – son-in-law  
Chris Littman – grandson  
Jim Littman – son  
Larry Littman – son  
Pat Littman – son  
Michael Littman – son  
Nate Littman – grandson  
Rachel Littman – granddaughter  
Jeremy McClellan – grandson  
Joe McClellan – grandson  
Nichole McClellan – granddaughter-in-law  
Cady Middleton – great granddaughter  
Cali Middleton – great granddaughter  
Alicia Sinclair – granddaughter  
Dan Sinclair – grandson-in-law  
Connor Skidmore – great grandson  
Tiffany Skidmore – great granddaughter  
Tyler Skidmore – great grandson  
Walt Skidmore – grandson-in-law  
Willow Skidmore – great granddaughter  
Andrew Waters – great grandson  
Cynthia Waters – great granddaughter  
Michele Waters – granddaughter  
Rob Waters – grandson-in-law

Janet Lowe – Widow of Lewis Lowe

Charles Lowe – son of Lewis Lowe  
Linda Lowe – daughter of Lewis Lowe  
Nancy Lusby – daughter of Lewis Lowe  
Ralph Lusby – son-in-law of Lewis Lowe

### **George Myron – Kriegy**

Susan Bonner – daughter  
Nancy Chard – daughter  
Robert Chard – son-in-law

### **Robert O’Neill – Kriegy**

### **George Rosenthal – Kriegy**

Arlene Rosenthal – wife

Coleta Serda – widow of Gabriel Serda

Angel Serda – son of Gabriel Serda

Javier Serda – son of Gabriel Serda

Ann Sudduth – daughter of Tony Lumpkin

John Sudduth – son-in-law of Tony Lumpkin

Tony Lumpkin III – grandson of Tony Lumpkin

### **Sid Thal – Kriegy**

Debra Jonas – daughter

Marc Jonas – son-in-law

Zachary Jonas – grandson

### **Bob Thompson – Kriegy**

Robert Thompson – son

Kendall Wyatt - family member

Ellen Warthen – daughter of Bill Warthen

Pat Waters – son of John Waters

Greatly missed were a number of our regular attendees. We hope all is well with them and that we will see them and many others at next year’s reunion. Remember to mark your calendars for our next Oflag 64 Reunion to be held October 13-16, 2011 in St. Petersburg FL.

Many thanks to the Littman  
Family for the donation of a new  
POW/MIA flag.  
(representation below)



## A Few Reunion Attendees In Pictures



## Oflag 64 Reunion Participants Visit the Dallas Holocaust Museum



Following our Dallas Reunion two great articles, including photos, were published in two Dallas newspapers regarding the visit to the Holocaust Museum by our Oflag 64 family. We have attempted to get permission to reprint those articles in this ITEM, but to no avail. We invite you to visit the sites below to read the articles. (Thank you to Don Kanners who sent us the links.) If you do not have the Internet, please ask a family member or friend to print out the articles for you.

### World War II POWs welcomed at Dallas Holocaust Museum

[http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-holocaust\\_09met.ART.State.Edition1.3363f01.html](http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-holocaust_09met.ART.State.Edition1.3363f01.html)

### At the Dallas Holocaust Museum, American POWs and Concentration Camp Survivors Meet

[http://blogs.dallasobserver.com/unfairpark/2010/10/at\\_the\\_dallas\\_holocaust\\_museum.php](http://blogs.dallasobserver.com/unfairpark/2010/10/at_the_dallas_holocaust_museum.php)

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### Oflag 64 Association 2010 Treasurer's Report by Bret Job

Beginning Balance	Deposits	Item	Misc. Reimb.	Ending Balance	Month
\$12,979.28	\$2,485.00	<b>\$5,416.94</b>	<b>\$395.02</b>	\$9,652.32	Sept 30 2009
\$9,652.32	\$260.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$9,912.32	Oct 31 2009
\$9,912.32	\$25.00	<b>\$1,343.66</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$8,593.66	Nov 30 2009
\$8,593.66	\$540.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$9,133.66	Dec 31 2009
\$9,133.66	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$9,133.66	Jan 31 2010
\$9,133.66	\$165.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$9,298.66	Feb 28 2010
\$9,298.66	\$1,175.00	<b>\$441.38</b>	<b>\$53.14</b>	\$9,979.14	Mar 31 2010
\$9,979.14	\$400.00	<b>\$0.00</b>		\$10,379.14	Apr 30 2010
\$10,379.14	\$150.00	<b>\$0.00</b>		\$10,529.14	May 31 2010
\$10,529.14	\$461.50	<b>\$437.79</b>	<b>\$28.83</b>	\$10,524.02	Jun 30 2010
\$10,524.02	\$380.00	<b>\$0.00</b>		\$10,904.02	Jul 31 2010
\$10,904.02	\$195.00	<b>\$0.00</b>		\$11,099.02	Aug 31 2010
\$11,099.02	\$590.00	<b>\$504.54</b>	<b>\$24.59</b>	\$11,159.89	Sep 30 2010
\$11,159.89	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>		\$11,159.89	Oct 31 2010
	Deposits	<b>Credit-Item</b>	<b>Credit-Misc</b>		
	\$4,341.50	<b>\$2,727.37</b>	<b>\$106.56</b>		

## And now, a matter needing immediate attention....

Dear Oflag 64 Family,

We need your input regarding reunions, which are getting increasingly more expensive to host and which are placing a great financial burden on those who work so hard to put them on. By the time a reunion is over, the hosts frequently find that they owe more money than they have taken in, the difference coming out of their own pockets. This year the Lesters owe \$4953.00 over what the reunion fee covered based on the number of folks who ended up not attending. For this year only, we are asking for a one-time reimbursement from the Postage Fund to pay the Lesters for this overage. Please contact me either by email or by using the contact information on the front page of this ITEM regarding this reimbursement.

We are also asking for some ideas to help overcome this imbalance. So far we have come up with the following thoughts for future reunions:

1. Reimburse the hosts from the Postage Fund (This might deplete the funds after two reunions and wouldn't allow all contributors to benefit from their donations.)
2. Charge at least \$200 per person for registration to include the cost of the banquet room and hospitality room. (This year's fee was \$160, most years the fee is \$150.) Any funds remaining could be put back into the Postage Fund or into a separate Reunion Fund.
3. All meals except the banquet would be "on your own".
4. After the hotel location is secured, individuals would pay for their own rooms at the regular hotel rate. (no group rate and no block reservation arrangement)
5. Opportunities for small group tours of different types for people with different interests could be arranged with representatives of various agencies. (i.e., city tours, museum tours, historical tours, etc.) These would be separate from whole-group walking tours and would be the responsibility of the participant. Participation in any tour would be strictly voluntary.



We invite your ideas. Please email me at [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us) or use the contact information on the first page of this ITEM. Thank you very much for your help.



Warm Regards,  
Elodie Caldwell, daughter of Kriegy Reid Ellsworth  
ITEM Editor, Oflag 64 Association





# MAIL CALL



**JOHN ALBREE from Columbus NC** (friend of the late Kriegies John K. Waters and John Creech) sent a donation to the Postage Fund in memory of “two outstanding soldiers and former POWs of Oflag 64, John K. Waters and John Creech.” *Thank you very much, John, for your thoughtful contribution to the Postage Fund. It goes to a great cause and we're happy to do so in memory of John Waters and John Creech.*

**NANCY ANDERSON from Brattleboro VT** (daughter of the late Kriegy Floyd M. Burgeson) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. She also has pictures to share. Once received, we'll add them to our website. *Thank you, Nancy, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 Family. We have a wonderful group, always willing to share information they have. We look forward to receiving pictures from you.*

**WINIFRED BALL from Tryon NC** (widow of the late Kriegy James A. Ball) sent a Postage Fund donation in memory of Roy Chappell. She was not able to attend the Dallas Reunion, as traveling is difficult for her, but wished everyone a joyous get-together. *Thanks, Win, for your thoughtful donation to the Postage Fund. We are able to send the ITEM only because of donations such as yours. Hope you are doing well. We missed your presence at the reunion.*

**HELEN CHAPPELL from Kaufman TX** (widow of the late Kriegy Roy Chappell) sent a thank you note recently for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter TAPS memorial honoring Roy. Helen was also able to attend the Dallas reunion for the Saturday Banquet with her daughter and grandson. It was great seeing them there. *Thanks, Helen, for your sweet note. Thank you also for the poem you wrote for the Sunday memorial service. What a nice tribute. We hope to see you again in the future.*



**GREG CLINGAN from Covington IN** (son of Kriegy Lee Clingan) recently sent a donation to the Postage Fund. *Thanks so much, Greg, for your thoughtful donation to the Postage Fund. We are very appreciative.*

**DAVID CRIDER from Birmingham AL** (nephew of the late Kriegy Woodrow Wilson “Woody” Hubka) is

asking for information about his uncle and would like to know if anyone remembers him. Woody was shot in the leg and captured during the Battle of the Bulge in November, 1944 and was interned at Oflag 64, Schubin, until liberated by the Russian Army in 1945. According to Woody, the Germans prolonged treatment of his wounds in order to extract information and he almost died. Woody was apparently damaged psychologically as a result of his imprisonment. I would like to know if anyone might recall anything about Woody. In particular, I would like to know if anyone recalls to whom he was briefly married and the location of that marriage. *Thank you, David, for writing and for sharing information about your uncle. Perhaps it will jog some memories. We sent an email query in late September. Hope you've heard from others already. For anyone with information to share, please contact me (Elodie) and I will connect you with David.*

**JANET STRAIGHT DYE from Oakton VA** (daughter of the late Kriegy Fay M. Straight) recently found our website and stated that she could identify all the skaters on the home page of our website. *Janet, thanks so much for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We look forward to receiving photos and identifying names for our website. Hopefully we'll be able to identify everyone at some point or other.*

**STEPHANIE EVERITT from Joplin MO** (daughter of the late Kriegy Stephen Marcisak) recently wrote to say that she had her Dad's journals and would be happy to share them with our group. She has made copies of several pages and has sent them along with a photo of Steve. *Thank you, Stephanie, for contacting us. We appreciate your offer to share the journals and will work on getting things on the website soon. Thanks also for the photo of Steve. It has been added to our website gallery.*

**BOB FLEEGE from Ames IA** (Oflag 64 family member) has been doing research for quite a while trying to find out whether he is related to Lt. Bob Fleege from Oflag 64. He has located an article written by Lt. Fleege but would like a photograph if anyone has one. *Thank you, Bob for writing and sharing the article written by Lt. Fleege. It's definitely a project to find those for whom we are looking. Best to you in your research. If anyone has a photo of Lt.*

*Fleege, please contact me (Elodie). I will connect you with Bob.*

**TOM HOLT from Brandon MS** (Kriegy) sent a donation to the Postage Fund and said that at 91 he's still getting around but is not able to attend our Oflag 64 Reunions anymore. He enjoys being numbered amongst the Kriegies, sends his best wishes to them, and asks to stay on our mailing list. *Tom, great to hear that you're still getting around at 91. We thank you very much for your thoughtful contribution to the Postage Fund and are happy to keep you on the list.*

**BRET JOB from Minnetonka MN** (son-in-law of the late Kriegy Ray Holmquist) sent word that he would not be able to attend the Dallas Reunion as he would be working in San Francisco during that time. He was able to send a modified treasurer's report, which was read at the reunion. A detailed report will be included in this ITEM. *Thanks, Bret, for keeping the Postage Fund in tact. We appreciate the work you do. We're sorry you weren't able to attend our Dallas Reunion but hope to see you next year in Florida.*



**JULIE JOHNSON from Bend OR** (daughter of the late Kriegy Carl Clawson) sent a great article she found in the paper. She wrote: "There is a nice article in the Wall Street Journal today about WWII subsequent generations and their interest in their fathers and grandfathers exploits...." It is entitled **On VJ Day, New Generations Remember** and was published on August 13. You can access the article by going to the following link: [http://online.wsj.com/article/NA\\_WSJ\\_PUB:SB10001424052748704271804575405482648838158.html](http://online.wsj.com/article/NA_WSJ_PUB:SB10001424052748704271804575405482648838158.html) *Thank you, Julie, for the great article. Hope to see you at a future reunion.*

**JIMMIE KANAYA from Gig Harbor WA** (Kriegy) sent a short note along with a donation to the Postage Fund. He complimented the outstanding work done for the Kriegies and sent wishes for a good reunion, as he was out of the country. *Thank you, Jimmie, for your thoughtful and generous donation to the Postage Fund and for your kind words. We missed you and Lynn in Dallas. Hope to see you next year in Florida.*

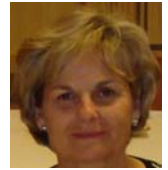


**JUDY KNIGHT from Naperville IL** (daughter of Kriegy Ed Graf) recently wrote to say that she didn't think they (including Ed) would be able to attend the Dallas reunion. *It gets more and more difficult as the years go by to*



*continue attending the reunions. We sure missed you all this year. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend the 2011 reunion in Florida.*

**ANNE KREUTZER from Woodbridge VA** (daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel Hoskot) sent a donation to the Postage Fund and expressed regrets at not being able to attend the Dallas Reunion. *Anne, we greatly appreciate your thoughtful and generous contribution to the Postage Fund. We definitely missed you in Dallas but hope you will be able to be at the St. Petersburg Reunion.*



**NORMA KUHN from Columbus NC** (former fiancée of the late Kriegy John Creech) recently sent a Postage Fund donation. She has been re-added to the ITEM mailing list. You may recall seeing Norma with John at several of our past reunions. *We're happy to add you, Norma, to our mailing list. Thanks to John Albree for sending your address. And thanks to you for your thoughtful donation to the Postage Fund. Hope to see you again in the future.*



**ROYAL LEE from Mankato MN** (Kriegy) sent a donation to the Postage Fund prior to publication of the last issue of the ITEM, but we missed acknowledging his contribution at that time. *Thank you very much, Royal, for your patience with us. We are always grateful for the donations we receive and greatly appreciate your thoughtful and generous contribution.*



**ROBERT LEVIN from Southern Pines NC** (Kriegy) sent a donation to the Postage Fund. Bob reports that he and his wife Carlene are doing well but stay close to home because of his eye sight. He asked that his best be given to all. He also sent word about Herb Garris. Herb has had recent health problems. Additionally Herb has fallen and hurt his knee. You can contact Herb at: 140 Thorne, Pinehurst NC 28374. *Thank you, Bob, for the updates and for your thoughtful contribution to the Postage Fund. It's good to hear that you're doing well. Our best to you.*



**WARREN LIEBMAN from Fresno TX** (son-in-law of the late Kriegy Albert Cecil) recently sent a copy of Albert's obituary for our ITEM (see the TAPS Section). *Thanks, Warren, for sending the Obituary. We are saddened whenever we hear of another great Kriegy hero and patriot passing away. Our thoughts,*

*prayers and heartfelt condolences go to you and your family. We know he will be missed.*

**HERM LITTMAN from Spokane WA**

(Kriegy) sent a donation to the Postage Fund not long ago. He sent a 4-generation photo, which included him and his son, Mike, a granddaughter Aubrey and a great granddaughter and great grandson. WOW, Herm. He will soon be sending more pictures of Kriegies in the camp. Herm and his "large family of 29" hold the record of the most family members to attend a reunion. We sure enjoyed seeing them all in Dallas. *Thank you very much, Herm, for your thoughtful and generous donation to the Postage Fund. And thank you for sharing your family with us. We had a great time, didn't we? Looking forward to more photos.*



**DARRYL LIVINGSTON** (son of the late Kriegy Fred Livingston) has access to articles from Ancestry.com and can look up articles about Kriegies held at Oflag 64. He recently found some information for a new Oflag 64 family member on Father Brach. He just needs first, middle and last names, and date and location of birth. He also sent some copies of Oflag 64 articles, one published in the Dixon Evening Telegraph from Thursday, February 22, 1945. *What a nice service for you to provide. Thanks, Darryl. If anyone would like to take advantage of this, please contact me (Elodie) and I will help you establish contact with Darryl.*

**LUCY LUSSENDEN from Livonia MI**

(widow of the late Kriegy Don Lussenden) sent a donation to the Postage Fund. She also wrote to say that she would not be able to attend the Dallas Reunion and that she would miss seeing everyone. *Lucy, thank you very much for your thoughtful contribution to the Postage Fund. We appreciate it greatly. We had a great reunion. You and Charlene were definitely missed this year. Hope to see you next year in Florida.*



**KATHRYN A. MORTON from Salt Lake City UT**

(daughter of the late Kriegy Robert W. Krall) recently sent the sad news that her dear father passed away. (See the TAPS section). She also asked to be added to our email list. *Kathryn, first of all, we were saddened to hear of the passing of another great Kriegy hero and patriot. We greatly appreciate his selfless service and sacrifice. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know he will be missed. Secondly, we are happy to welcome you to our Oflag 64 Family and hope you'll be able to join us at a future reunion.*

**GEORGE MYRON from Little Egg Harbor NJ**

(Kriegy) attended the Dallas Reunion this year along with his daughters and a son-in-law. George is 98 years young and so spry. He and his family weren't able to make it to the 2009 reunion so it was so good to see them all this year. George also contributed to the Postage Fund. *Thank you, George, for your thoughtful and generous donation to the Postage Fund. It is so much appreciated. And it was great seeing you and your family again this year. Hope to see you in Florida next year.*



**ROBERT O'NEILL from Prescott AZ**

(Kriegy) recently sent a donation to the Postage Fund. He also attended the reunion in Dallas, driving all the way from Prescott. *Thank you very much, Bob, for your thoughtful and generous donation to the Postage Fund. It's a great blessing to have such wonderful support. We're so happy you were able to attend the Dallas Reunion. Wouldn't have been the same without you. And what a drive you made!! Hope you had a pleasant journey.*



**STAN ORTMAN from Kokomo IN**

(nephew of the late Kriegy Robert C. Payne) is looking for information regarding his father. He emailed: "My uncle was killed by Allied bombs in Nuremburg, in April, the same day OFLAG 64 was liberated. Joe Prusaitis was with him during his last moments. I have visited his grave in Lorraine cemetery. Tony has been very helpful in filling in details the family never knew. If any survivors knew or remember anything about my uncle, the family would love to hear about it. Please feel free to call me @ 800-449-8890. Stan was hoping to attend the Dallas reunion but ended up not being able to attend. *Thank you very much, Stan, for writing. Hopefully you have received information from our email query sent earlier. It's such a joy to be able to "connect the dots". Hope to see you at a future reunion.*

**DON PATTON from Minneapolis MN**

(friend of Oflag 64) recently wrote to inform us of the passing of Donald S. Frederick on September 10 of this year. (See the TAPS section for his obituary.) *Thank you, Don, for contacting us. It is so hard to watch these wonderful Kriegy patriots and heroes pass away. What a legacy they have left. We know he will be greatly missed by his family and all those who knew him. Our thoughts, prayers and sincere sympathies go to the family.*

**JOHN ALEX PATTON**

(son of the late Kriegy John Riley Patton and new to our Oflag 64 family) recently contacted us. In his email he wrote: "I must admit I was deeply moved when I looked through your

galleries and found my father. He was a paratrooper and served as an aide to Colonel Yardley. He died on March 29, 1993 at age 74. He suffered his whole life with lung problems brought on by his incarceration...but he survived...and enjoyed his life and his family. His name was PFC John Riley Patton. He is pictured in the Wartime Kriegy Photo Number 35. The photo only names one soldier in it...Gabriel Serda. My father is in the back row of the photo in the middle with his hat way back and black wavy hair. He is the short one in between two bigger soldiers. I am deeply touched to find this photo and it makes me feel my father again so much. I very much intend on coming to your reunion next year." *John, we're so happy that you have found us and that you were able to identify another Kriegy. Little by little we'll hopefully find everyone. We look forward to meeting you at next year's reunion in Florida.*

**BARBARA RICHINS from Holbrook AZ** (daughter of the late Kriegy Reid F. Ellsworth) recently sent a donation to the Postage Fund. She, along with her husband Barry, was able to attend the Dallas reunion. It was great having them there again. *Thank you very much, Barbara, for your thoughtful and generous donation to the Postage Fund. We more than appreciate all the great support we get. Tell Barry we want to see you both in Florida next year.*



**ANDREAS RIEDEL from Germany** (new Oflag 64 family member) recently wrote asking for coordinates to Oflag 64, Stalag Luft III and Oflag 21C. Thanks to a former email from one of our Oflag 64 family members, we were able to supply him with what he needed for Oflag 64 but couldn't help him with the other coordinates. He also asked to be added to our mailing list. *Thank you, Andreas, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We hope you found the information we sent helpful and that you're able to find the other information you seek.*

**DAN RITTEL** (grandson of the late Robert E. Eckman) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He also sent compliments on the website. *Thanks, Dan, for your kind words and for contacting us. We're happy to welcome you to our Oflag 64 family and look forward to receiving any information you have on your grandfather and his Oflag 64 display at the Iowa Star Museum.*

**ROBERT RIVERS from Orcutt CA** (Kriegy) recently sent a donation to the Postage Fund. *Thank you, Bob, for your thoughtful contribution to the fund. It is very much appreciated.*



**JOHN RODGERS, SR. from Pensacola FL** (Kriegy and brother-in-law of another Kriegy Harry E. Evans) sent a donation to the Postage Fund not long ago. He recently took a six-week, long-distance trip to Texas and California. He reported that his sweetheart passed away in 2007 after 62 years of marriage. *Thank you, John, for your thoughtful donation to the Postage Fund and also for your forwards. We were sorry to hear of your wife's death. Even after the years have passed, we still miss our loved ones who have gone on. We hope you had a great trip west and that we'll see you next year at our Oflag 64 Reunion in St. Petersburg FL*

**TED ROGGEN from Houston TX** (Kriegy) recently emailed: "Thanks for your nice note. I am 92 years old and in good health, thanks to the person above. I dearly want to come to Dallas, but uncertain at this time. The Oflag bulletin is a gem. Tells it as it is. I knew so many Kriegies. Hopefully I will pen my experiences to our readers at a later date. I was one of the "readers" of the BBC news for our Barracks." *It was great hearing from you, Ted. Wow, 92 and doing well. That's great. We missed you at the Dallas reunion but understand that it's not always possible to attend. Looking forward to learning of your experiences and hearing about the BBC news reading. There's so much to tell and so little we know yet.*

**KAREN ROSSI from Panama City Beach FL** (great-grandniece of Thomas D. Drake) emailed the Lesters not long ago stating: "It saddens me to say, we will not be attending this year's Oflag 64 Reunion in Dallas. Although we had made our flight arrangements in May, unfortunately, this is one of several trips we needed to cancel. We wish things were different. We were looking forward to seeing you and the Oflag 64 family again, but it was not meant to be this year. You are in our thoughts, we miss you and we love you. We appreciate all you have done to host this year's reunion." *Thanks, Karen, for writing. We were sorry to hear that you wouldn't be able to attend the Dallas reunion though. You were definitely missed. Hopefully next year you'll be able to attend again as it will be in St. Petersburg FL.*



**TOM SIGLER** (son of the late Kriegy Thornton V. Sigler) recently emailed: "I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for including Dad's (Thornton V Sigler) information in the latest edition of the Item (August ITEM). *Tom, we appreciate your thoughts and offers of help. We're happy to do whatever we can to supply information to others.*

**ANN SUDDUTH from Watertown NY**

(daughter of the late Kriegy Tony B. Lumpkin) attended our Oflag 64 Dallas reunion for the first time, along with her husband John and nephew Tony B. Lumpkin III. She also recently wrote about her experience speaking to 850 middle school students, 70% of them from Ft. Drum families. In her email, she thanked the Oflag 64 group for such a wonderful and thoughtful reunion and a meaningful visit with the Kriegies who were able to attend. *Ann, thank you for your email and we so enjoyed you and your family at the Dallas reunion. We hope to see you at future events.*



**SID THAL from Bryn Mawr PA**

(Kriegy) was able to attend the reunion in Dallas this year. At 97, he is almost the oldest of those who attend, beat only by George Myron. He also donated to the Postage Fund. *Sid, thanks so much for your thoughtful and generous contribution to the Postage Fund. So much appreciated. It was wonderful seeing you again at this year's reunion. You look as young as ever. Hope to see you in Florida next year.*



**PRISCILLA KAMKE THORNETT from Alabama**

(daughter of the late Charles E. Kamke) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. She is looking for information on her Dad and wrote: "My father was a POW of Stalag 21 as he told me. I have since determined it to be Oflag 64. He was in the hospital in Kassel, Germany at Christmas, 1944 so he would have arrived in January 1945. I cannot find his name on the records but that would have been chaotic times. He remembers being told to fall down as unable to leave with the other soldiers for the walk back to Germany. He remembers grass soup. He remembers someone named Rusty or Dusty from Florida as a friend. He went to Florida for 6 weeks after coming back in Spring, 1945. I understand there were "Statements of Report of Interview of Recovered Personnel". Do you know where these might be located? His records were burned in the St. Louis fire and I am having a hard time locating anything. He died in 1988 of a brain tumor. I couldn't go to the reunion as it fell on the day my Army helicopter pilot daughter left for Afghanistan. Please help if you can." *Thanks, Priscilla, for writing and for supplying the information you have. We haven't been able to find your father through searching our Oflag 64 records either. Hopefully, one of our family members will have some information for you, at least on where you can locate the Statements of Report of Interview of Recovered Personnel. Success to you in your search.*

**FRANK VAN LUNTEREN from the Netherlands** (researcher and photographer) sent a short

biography on the late Charles W. Kouns. "Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Kouns was last photographed as a free man in the U.S. Army by Robert Capa just hours before he jumped on Sicily, where he was captured. He arrived in Oflag 64 in December 1943 and another couple of photos of him were made while being a 'Kriegy' behind barbed wire. Kouns stayed there until 21 January 1945 when he was put on a forced march out of the camp. After the war he sent review comments to the Office of the Chief of Military History (OCMH) in Washington when they worked on the official history of the campaigns on Sicily and Italy, titled *Sicily and the Surrender of Italy*. Kouns retired in the 1960s with the rank of colonel and died on 9 March 2004 at age 90 in Alexandria City, Virginia where he had lived for many years." *Frank, we thank you for your service to Oflag 64. We appreciate learning more about our Kriegies.*



**MARIUSZ WINIECKI from Poland** (historian and researcher relating to Oflag 64) is preparing a lecture for the local museum in Szubin and has asked for information. He is also translating the ITEMS into Polish. The first 5 have been completed and he is now working on the next 10 but says it will be a while before he's done. In his email he asked:

1. In the articles "Five Officers Receive Silver Stars Awards" and "Lt. Straight Awarded DSC" there is written, that officers will receive the military decoration. Was this normal that POWs were decorated in camp or rather were they only informed about the decision and the decoration has place later i.e. after the war?

2. "Prem to Pinch-hit For Turkey" - next question is concerned with "Prem". I guess this was tinned meat, possibly very common in 1940s in States. I've found in the Internet few ads from 1940s of "Swift's Prem" tinned meat. They are included in the attachment. Was it more or less the same "PREM" Kriegies used to consume in Altburgund? I would like to illustrate this article with one of these or similar ads."

He has received some replies by email but would appreciate any information you can share. *Thank you, Mariusz for writing and for being patient with us as we've attempted to get information for you. Success to you in your research and translating efforts. We look forward to seeing your finished products.*

**WILLIAM WISEMAN from Rosemount MN** (son of the late Kriegy Arthur F. Wiseman) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He emailed: "My father was Capt. Arthur F. Wiseman who was captured and sent to Oflag 64 on Sept. 9 1944. He passed away in June of 1977. How do I learn more about his time at Oflag 64? Did anyone know my dad during his capture and are any of those heroes still alive? Please help me learn more about

my dad if you can. Thanks.” *Thank you, William, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have a great group who are all willing to share what information they can. I have put out an email query for you. Hopefully you’ll hear soon.*

**JOSEPH ZELAZNY from Tacoma**

**WA** (Kriegy) recently sent 50 POW Daisies to hand to Kriegies at the Dallas Reunion. “The daisy was chosen as the national symbol of all former POWs. The Military Code of Conduct required that only name, rank and serial number were to be voluntarily divulged to the enemy. American folklore has long deemed that “daisies won’t tell”, making it a tribute to the memory of those who have endured the hardships of captivity in silence. *Thank you very much, Joe, for your thoughtful gift. They were passed out to Kriegies and family members at the reunion in Dallas”.*



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**Please help us find the following Kriegies and/or their widows. The addresses we have are no longer valid and their ITEMs have been returned.**

**Mrs. Lyle (Geneva) Amy from Beaumont TX**

**Duane Kennedy from Sun City AZ**

**Edor Nelson from Minneapolis MN**

**James Sims from Easley SC**

**Postage Fund Donors**

THANKS to all who have generously donated to the postage fund. Without such thoughtful contributions, mailing the ITEM and other materials or information would not be possible.

**John Albree**

(In memory of John Waters & John Creech)

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(In memory of Roy Chappell)

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or

**Elodie Caldwell**

2731 Terry Ave  
Longview WA  
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## INFORMATION STATION

As previously mentioned in the reunion report, a poem written by Helen Chappell was read at the reunion memorial service. We share it here:

A Soldier and a hero, a branch of every kind  
Requires a special person with brave and loyal mind:

They never fear the conflict, their courage ever rare  
We'll dedicate our memories to show how much we care;

So keep the flag a-waving, a symbol of our faith  
Life's battle is a conquest, a Godly victory make;

We'll always win the journey if our God we trust  
A model of our country, an honor always just.

Inscribed at the entrance of the Kaufman Veterans of Wars Memorial



### **Names of deceased Kriegies read at the 2010 Reunion Memorial Service**

Lester D. Folwell	2008
James J. Hannon	2008
Ernest "Snap" Ankrom	2009
William H. Barnum III	2009
Wilbur W. Bishop	2009
Charlie Buerger	2009
H. Alexander "Al" Casner	2009
Herbert A. Johnson, Jr.	2009
Edward B. Kitchens, Jr.	2009
Gordon K. Smith	2009
George W. Tate	2009
James F. Bickers	2010
Albert A. Cecil	2010
Roy J. Chappell, Jr.	2010
Albert P. Clark	2010
John L. Cramer	2010
Donald S. Frederick	2010
Walter "Chris" Heisler	2010
Caroll J. Higginbotham	2010
George Juskalian	2010
Robert W. Krall	2010
Gatse J. "Bob" Tiemstra	2010

## ITEM COMMENTS



**Let us know how we are doing. Constructive comments and criticisms are welcomed and appreciated. Here are some nice comments from some nice folks.**

I so enjoy reading the Post Oflag 64 ITEM. All of you who are concerned with its publication are doing a super job and I truly appreciate your efforts. ~ **Win Ball, Tryon NC**

Wonderful job, as always, Elodie! Thank you. ~ **Kathy Ezell, Coral Gables FL**

I really can't even imagine how much time you all put into the ITEM and the emails to keep "The family" informed. As always, many, many thanks. ~ **Anne Kreutzer, Woodbridge VA**

I really enjoyed receiving the Oflag 64 ITEM and I think it is wonderful that you have been able to get so many family members of the Oflag 64 to join in our organization. ~ **Bob Levin, Southern Pines NC**

You continue to do a fabulous job on the ITEM. I look forward to reading it when it arrives and even before. ~ **Lucy Lussenden, Livonia MI**

The Oflag bulletin is a gem. Tells it as it is. ~ **Ted Roggen, Houston TX**

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## OFLAG 64 WEB CONNECTION

### New Visitors to our Oflag 64 Web Site

Nancy A. Anderson – Daughter of the late Kriegy Floyd M. Burgeson  
Janet S. Dye – Daughter of the late Kriegy Fay M. Straight  
Stephanie Everitt – Daughter of the late Kriegy Stephen Marcisak  
Warren Liebman – Son-in-law of the late Kriegy Albert Cecil  
Kathryn A. Morton – Daughter of the late Kriegy Robert W. Krall  
Stan Ortman – Nephew of the late Kriegy Robert C. Payne  
Andreas Riedel – German Researcher looking for POW Camp Locations  
Dan Rittel – Grandson of the late Kriegy Robert E. Eckman  
Priscilla Thornett – Daughter of the late Charles E. Kamke (Kriegy from Stalag 21)  
Anthony P. Waltz – Grandson of the late Kriegy Russell P. Bissman  
William P. Wiseman – Son of the late Kriegy Arthur F. Wiseman





## PUBLICATIONS

The following publications might be of interest to you. Many of them were written by our men. Your local library is a good place to check for availability. If you can't find what you're looking for there, write to the author or publisher or click on the links below. New and used copies are often available from online sites.

1. **Americans Behind the Barbed Wire** by Frank Diggs, Story of Frank's trip across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Vandemere Press, P. O. Box 5243, Clearwater FL 22205 (New price is \$24.95/Hardcover) <http://www.vandamere.com/diggs.htm> or <http://www.amazon.ca/Americans-Behind-Barbed-Wire-Inside/dp/0743474821>
2. **Diary of A Kriegie** by Ed Beattie. Diary of Ed Beattie, A UPI Correspondent captured near the Moselle River in Sept '44. Publisher: Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York NY <http://www.amazon.com/Diary-kriegie-Edward-W-Beattie/dp/B0007E4UAU>
3. **Escape to Russia** by Howard "BOOMER" Holder. Story of Boomer Holder as he went across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA [http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Russia-Howard-Randolph-Holder/dp/B0006F7X72/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226549191&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Russia-Howard-Randolph-Holder/dp/B0006F7X72/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226549191&sr=1-1)
4. **Home Was Never Like This.** Diary of Col Yardley. Publisher: Yardley Enterprises. Evergreen, CO. [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=HOME+WAS+never+like+this&x=0&y=0](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=HOME+WAS+never+like+this&x=0&y=0)
5. **Justifiable Pride** by William D. Stevens, Jamal Books, 2340 Devoe Drive, Lincoln NE 68506, 402-488-6005 [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Justifiable+Pride&x=13&y=17](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Justifiable+Pride&x=13&y=17)
6. **Katyn Forest Video** (Beta or VHS). Ray Towers, Jr., 25105 Vista Greens Court, Hayward CA 94541, 415-582-4871
7. **Kriegie** by Kenneth Simmons. Diary of an Air Force Pilot. Publisher: Thomas Nelson and Sons. New York NY. [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Kriegie+by+Kenneth+Simmons&x=0&y=0](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Kriegie+by+Kenneth+Simmons&x=0&y=0)
8. **Kriegsgefangener 3074 (Prisoner of War)** by Clarence Ferguson. Publisher: Texan Press, Waco TX [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Prisoner+of+War+by+Clarence+Ferguson&x=16&y=17](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Prisoner+of+War+by+Clarence+Ferguson&x=16&y=17) or occasionally available at: <http://www.abebooks.com/servlet/SearchResults?an=Clarence+Ferguson&sts=t&tn=Kriegsgefangener&x=43&y=14>
9. **OFLAG 64, 50th Anniversary Book.** Anniversary Committee. Publisher: Evanston Publishing Co., Evanston IL. [http://www.amazon.com/Oflag-64-fiftieth-anniversary-book/dp/1879260239/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1226550698&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Oflag-64-fiftieth-anniversary-book/dp/1879260239/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1226550698&sr=1-1)
10. **Passages to Freedom**, Joseph Frelinghuysen, 1990, Publisher: Sunflower University Press, 1531 Yuma (Box 1009), Manhattan KS 66502-4228, 800-258-1232 (\$17.95, includes S & H) [http://www.amazon.com/Passages-Freedom-Story-Capture-Escape/dp/0897451317/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550856&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Passages-Freedom-Story-Capture-Escape/dp/0897451317/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550856&sr=1-1)
11. **Oflag 64: A P.O.W. Odyssey**, DVD, Robert Galloway, Osprey HD, 192 E Bay St, Ste 300A, Charleston SC 29401-2701, (\$29.95 plus \$5 S&H - Please make checks payable to Robert Galloway, Osprey HD)
12. **Raid! The Untold Story of Patton's Secret Mission** by Richard Baron, Major Abe Baum, and Richard Goldhurst (paperback) [http://www.amazon.com/Raid-Untold-Pattons-Secret-Mission/dp/0440236096/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254190748&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Raid-Untold-Pattons-Secret-Mission/dp/0440236096/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254190748&sr=1-1)

13. **A Ramble Through My War** by Charles T. Marshall, Publisher: Louisiana State University Press, 1999. (\$29.95) [http://www.amazon.com/Ramble-Through-My-War-Anzio/dp/0807126365/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550977&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Ramble-Through-My-War-Anzio/dp/0807126365/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550977&sr=1-1)
14. **The Escape Factory** by Lloyd Shoemaker. Story of a secret organization in Wash DC that maintained contact with all POWs in WWII. St Martins Press. New York NY (A few are available on Amazon.com) [http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Factory-Story-Mis-X/dp/0312925727/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551149&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Factory-Story-Mis-X/dp/0312925727/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551149&sr=1-1)
15. **The Road To War** by Steven Burgauer. Based on the diary and notes of Captain William C. Frodsham, Jr.; a riveting first-person account of duty and drill, courage and capture. (Available on Amazon.com) [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_i\\_2\\_15?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=the+road+to+war+burgauer&prefix=The+Road+to+War](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_2_15?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=the+road+to+war+burgauer&prefix=The+Road+to+War)
16. **The Water and The Rock** by Charles Jones. Diary of a man captured in Africa. Publisher: Anchor Publishing Co., Northwood, IA [http://www.amazon.com/Water-Rock-Charles-L-Jones/dp/B000IXSZHO/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551381&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Water-Rock-Charles-L-Jones/dp/B000IXSZHO/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551381&sr=1-1)
17. **The Welcome Swede** by Frank Diggs. Publisher: Vantage Press, New York NY (\$11.00) [http://www.amazon.com/Welcome-Swede-Thousands-Germans-Prisoners/dp/0533078180/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551448&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Welcome-Swede-Thousands-Germans-Prisoners/dp/0533078180/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551448&sr=1-1)
18. **33 Months as a POW in Stalag Luft III** by Albert P. Clark. Publisher: Fulcrum Publishing, 16100 Table Mountain Parkway, Suite 300, Golden CO 80403, 800-992-2908 (17.95 pb) [http://www.amazon.com/Months-POW-Stalag-Luft-III/dp/1555915361/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551497&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Months-POW-Stalag-Luft-III/dp/1555915361/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551497&sr=1-1)
19. **Tours of Duty: World War II Veterans Personal Stories** by Eleanor Bertrand. Includes stories of Jimmie Kanaya from Oflag 64, Martin Jones from Hammelburg, and Oscar Richard from Stalag I. Publisher: BookSurge Publishing (2/22/08). \$17.99 from Amazon.com, 1-800-201-7575 [http://www.amazon.com/Tours-Duty-Veterans-Personal-Stories/dp/141968728X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551561&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Tours-Duty-Veterans-Personal-Stories/dp/141968728X/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551561&sr=1-1)

### Other Publications

The publications listed immediately below are out of print but the online versions can now be accessed by logging onto our website at [www.oflag64.us](http://www.oflag64.us). Click on the Looking for Lost Men link at the lower left of the Database page or click on the Brave Young Men link on the POW Accounts page.

**Original Roster-Oflag 64  
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#### **WRITE DIRECTLY TO THESE CONTACTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**A Grand Tour of Russia to Odessa, Winter ~ 1945** by Herb Garris, edited by Clarence Meltesen. Now available on the Oflag 64 website.

**My Tour of Russia** by Herb Garris, P. O. Box 1693, Pinehurst NC 28370-1693

**Press Releases** by Ted Roggen, 101 Westcott, Houston TX 77007 (\$10.95)

**Vic Kanners Diary.** Don Kanners, 3205 Jennella Dr, Commerce TWP MI 48390-1619, [dkanners@comcast.net](mailto:dkanners@comcast.net)

**Roads to Liberation** by Clarence R. Meltesen is available free of charge except for a \$5 per copy shipping fee. Please contact Elodie Caldwell at the contact address on the front page of this ITEM. (Thank you Meltesen family.)

**The Waters Story.** Contact Pat Waters, 412 Rice Hope Drive, Mt. Pleasant SC 29464-9273

**A 1947 Oflag 64 Reunion Photo** is available for a \$5 donation to the Postage Fund. Send your donation and request to Elodie Caldwell at the contact address on the front page of this ITEM. (Thank you Judy Fletcher.)

## TAPS

### *Albert Nolen Cecil*

1921 - 2010



Albert Nolen Cecil, 88, passed away Thursday, June 10, 2010, in Weatherford. Funeral: 10 a.m. Tuesday at New World United Methodist Church, 2201 N. Davis Drive, Arlington, the Rev. Gordon Johnson officiating. Interment: 12:30 p.m. in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas. Visitation: The family will receive friends before the funeral at the church. Memorials: Memorial gifts may be made to New World United Methodist Church. Albert was born Sept. 15, 1921, to Albert and Lynn Wood Cecil. He was a POW veteran of [World War II](#), serving in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant. Albert was raised in Richards, near Houston, and graduated from the University of Houston, Conrad Hilton School of Hotel Management. Albert enjoyed a long career in the hotel and hospitality industry. He was a resident of Arlington for the past 38 years and a member of New World United Methodist Church. Albert was an avid supporter of the University of Houston Cougars sports. Survivors: Loving wife of 65 years, Dorothy Cecil; children, Pamela Liebman and husband, Warren, Gary Michael Cecil and wife, Ann, Daniel Leigh Cecil and wife, Tricia, and James Albert Cecil and wife, Stephanie; sisters, Mary Frances Miller and Barbara Ann Brazelton; grandchildren, Molly Hill, Matt Myers, Sean Myers, Justin Cecil, Hannah Cecil, Katie Cecil, Makena Cecil, Kelly Cecil and Henry Cecil; and great-grandchildren, Michael, Ian, Erin and Elliott.



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### *Donald S. Frederick*

1923 - 2010



Frederick, Donald S. age 87, of Richfield, died Sept. 10, 2010. Survived by wife of 64 years,

Carolyn; children, Linda (Tom) Roof, John (Linda) Frederick and Jane (Dan) Slavin; 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. A [WWII](#) and Korean veteran, & an "Original Darby's Ranger." P.O.W. - OFLAG 64. Funeral service Thursday, Sept. 16, 11 AM at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 7625 Chicago Ave S., Richfield. Visitation one hour prior to service at the church. Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel 612-721-1651



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Obituary and Guestbook at:

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### *Caroll A. Higginbotham*

1916 - 2010



The following excerpt was taken from the online obituary of Caroll "Higgy" Ainsworth Higginbotham. Caroll Higginbotham was born on November 19, 1916 in Charleston West Virginia, he died at the Veterans Community... (Archived Obituary)



It is no longer available on line but was **published in Reno Gazette-Journal on January 20, 2010.**

Online guestbook entries included these two: "Thank you doesn't seem like enough to say to someone who not only made our lives better by his military service but adding wonderful things

to humanity. God Bless Higgie and I hope he enjoys his..." (excerpted)

"Thank you for your service. Land of the free because of the brave." (excerpted)

A lovely program announcing "Higgie's" service was recently sent by US Mail, assumed by a family member, but with no name attached. We thank whoever sent the program. Carroll Higginbotham passed on January 25, 2010 and his remains were inurned at Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley NV.

*Robert W. Krall*  
1918 ~ 2010



Robert Wilhelm Krall passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on August 6, 2010. Bob was born in Sublette, Wyoming in 1918 to Elise Saxe Krall and William Krall, both

German immigrants. His father worked in the Sublette coal mine and his parents homesteaded in the Fontenelle Basin where his father lost his life in a water dispute when Bob was two-years-old. Bob was raised by his resilient and determined mother who subsequently proved up on the homestead and then opened a boarding house in Kemmerer, Wyoming. She called him "Sonny." In his youth Bob spent many summers on the Herschler ranch on Fontenelle Creek. He was a high school athlete and loved to hunt, fish and roam the high desert. During the depression he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. He served as an officer in the infantry during [World War II](#) in the European Theatre and was captured by the Germans in the battle of Monte Casino. After 13 months as a prisoner of war he escaped and made his way to



Odessa, Russia. He served as an officer combat engineer in the [Korean War](#). He and Florence Rose Bertagnolli married in 1950 and had four children, Kathryn Morton (Mike Polar), Matthew Krall (Marie Foreman), Lisi Krall, and Bob Krall. Bob and Florence ranched in Boulder, Wyoming before settling in Kemmerer where he worked for the Wyoming Highway Department. They divorced in 1972. He retired in 1976 and married Betty Sutherland Kirk, the widow of Joseph Kirk,

one of his best friends. To the Kirk clan he was known as "Daddy Bob." He had three stepchildren, Barbara Jackson (Chuck), Kitty Fouche and Joe Kirk (Betsy). Bob and Betty spent many years summering in Kemmerer and wintering in Florida, first in Naples and then in Cedar Key. Betty preceded him in death in 2001. Bob was loved by his children, grandchildren (seven Krall and 11 Kirk), many great grandchildren, and his community. He was a man who knew the importance of humor, family and place. He taught his children and grandchildren to appreciate and love the simple things in life. He never wavered in his love for the power and grandeur of a small corner of arid country. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, Aug 12th at 10 a.m. in the Ball Family Chapel in Kemmerer, WY.

[www.larkinmortuary.com](http://www.larkinmortuary.com)

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