

# Post Oflag 64 Item

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## 2008 Oflag 64 Reunion Washington D.C. October 9-13

It's official and we're thrilled!!! Pat Bender (one of "Doc" DiFrancesco's daughters), the DiFrancesco Family, and AFR (Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.) will be hosting the 2008 Oflag 64 Reunion in beautiful Washington D.C. Great plans are already in the works and we look forward to another wonderful event!

Thanks to Pat and her assistants for agreeing to host the next reunion. Thanks also to Carole Lester, Judy Knight and Julie Gionfriddo for volunteering to host future reunions.

Please read through Pat's letter, on page 2 of this ITEM, for details. Also take a moment to fill out and send back the "2008 Reunion Survey" found on page 3. (Pat's address is included on both pages and is also at the left of this page.) This will give us an idea of who will be planning to attend and how to organize.

Thank you in advance for providing the needed information. We hope to hear from you soon.

Warm Regards,

*Elodie Caldwell* (daughter of Reid Ellsworth)



## A LITTLE COMPANY BUSINESS

### 2008 Oflag 64 Reunion Washington D.C.



Dear Oflag 64 Members and Families:

After consulting with Elodie Caldwell, Judy Knight, and Julie Gionfriddo, I have decided to host the 2008 Reunion in Washington, DC. Judy and Julie had also offered to host the next reunion, but they are willing to wait. On our flight home from Tulsa, Dad ("Doc" DiFrancesco) and I were discussing the next reunion and Dad expressed interest in having it in Washington. My sisters and I have discussed doing this, but we didn't think it would be so soon. On a whim, I contacted AFR (Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.) to find out about their fees. It turns out that they will plan the entire reunion (hotel, meals, trips, speaker, Memorial Service, color guard, etc) for a small cut from each of the following: registration fee, hotel rooms, group meals, and trips. AFR has planned many successful military reunions in the Washington area. So far, we have selected the hotel: the Holiday Inn in Crystal City, Virginia, where AFR arranged a rate of \$89 per night. The Holiday Inn is only a mile from Reagan National Airport and about the same distance or less from the most popular Washington sites. The Holiday Inn provides free airport shuttle service and transportation to the nearest Metro station. We have reserved 40 rooms with the ability to reserve more if needed. To ensure that we fill these rooms, we hope that each Oflag 64 member who plans to attend the 2008 Reunion will invite family members to accompany him.

On AFR's recommendation, we also selected the dates: October 9-13, 2008 (Thursday – Monday, over the Columbus Day Weekend. Regrettably, Thursday is also Yom Kippur, but the AFR representative said that any other weekend in October would be too expensive. We are hoping that many people will have off from work and school on Monday, making it easier to extend their stay. The banquet will be on Sunday night, and the Memorial Service, on Monday morning.

As you know, Washington is a great place to visit. We hope to include a city bus tour with a stop at the World War II Memorial, and perhaps other optional trips. The Smithsonian museums, the US Capitol, the National Zoo, the Holocaust Museum, the International Spy Museum, the National Museum of the American Indian, and the many monuments, Memorials, and art museums are examples of places you will want to visit while in Washington. Most are free of charge and easily accessible from Crystal City by taxi or Metro.

My family and I are excited about hosting the next reunion. We hope that you will put October 9-13 on your calendars and begin to encourage family members to attend the next Oflag 64 Reunion in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,  
Pat Bender

If you wish to contact me, please do not telephone as I am often out of town.  
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2008 Oflag 64 Reunion  
Washington D.C.

To help us plan the next reunion, please let us know if you think you will be attending and indicate how many people might attend with you. Help make the 2008 Oflag 64 Reunion successful by inviting family members and friends to attend with you. This is not a commitment on your part; it is just to give us a ballpark figure. Please fill out the form below and send it to me as soon as possible.

Detach below and send to:

Pat Bender  
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2008 Reunion Survey

Washington D. C. Reunion  
Thursday, October 9 – Monday, October 13

Holiday Inn, National  
Airport/Crystal City, VA  
2650 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington VA 22202  
703-684-7200

\_\_\_ Yes, I hope to attend the 2008 Reunion

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I plan to invite (how many?) \_\_\_\_\_ family members and/or guests.

\_\_\_ No, I am unable to attend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_





# MAIL CALL



**LTC JOHN ALBREE from Columbus NC** sent a nice note and donation to the postage fund. Some of you may remember that LTC Albree was Aide-de-Camp to Gen. John Waters in Korea in 1952. He expressed thanks for the ITEM and stated that he sees John Creech every day. He complimented John on the “fine example today of what a soldier used to be” and said: “his fellow Kriegies can be so proud of him.” In a separate email, LTC Albree reported he would be having surgery on his left knee in mid-January. *Thanks very much, LTC Albree, for your nice note and donation to the postage fund. We appreciate your association with and support of the Oflag 64 organization. It's also nice to hear about people connections. We hope your knee surgery went well and that you have a speedy recovery. Please keep in touch.*

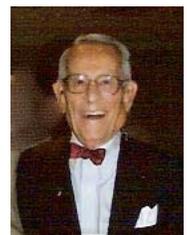
**EDWIN J. (JIM) BETTS from Clifton TX** sent a donation to the postage fund recently. You will probably remember that he and T. J. (Tommy) Bugg recently made a connection after losing contact 65 years ago. *Thank you very much, Jim, for your thoughtful contribution to the postage fund. We hope you and Tommy Bugg are still able to stay in touch.*

**DAVID BOYLAN from Tullahoma TN** recently emailed: “I have made a DVD that includes my Uncle’s experience on D-Day and beyond, including his leaving Oflag 64, being transported by the Russians and British home and his leaving the Army and joining the UN team back in Germany. I am sure you would find this a good addition to your oral history collection. *Thanks, Dave, for writing and for being willing to share your uncle’s experiences. We look forward to viewing the DVD and making it available to the Oflag 64 organization. Please write again.*”

**HELEN CHAPPELL from Kaufman TX** emailed not long ago saying: “Before Christmas I had a blessing of phoning a number of the Oflag 64 Family for phone visits. One was with Ted Rinehart of Montgomery AL. We learned that his wife Barbie died in December of cancer....We had a most delightful phone visit with Ted.” Helen also wrote: “I have had a phone visit with Don Waful, a POW friend in Syracuse, N.Y. He learned of the death of Nan MacArevey (widow of Jim MacArevey) through a letter from Nan's daughter. These were close POW friends of ours, and it is so sad to learn of their passing on.” And in recent days Helen has emailed updates on her and Roy saying due to Roy’s physical inability to keep up with reunion activities and due to her own recent back injury, and also being 87 and 89 respectively, future reunions are now out of the question. *Thanks so much, Helen, for the updates on your Christmas phone visits. We were sorry to hear of recent deaths, but express our condolences and best wishes to the Rinehart and MacArevey families. Obituaries are included in the TAPS section. We hope your back continues to heal from the fall you had a few months back and that you and Roy are doing well. We'll miss you at future reunions.*



**WILLIAM CORY from Louisville KY** wrote to say that he has sold his house, having bought it 55 1/2 years ago, and bought a condo in Louisville. He also has a Winter condo in Florida (538 Tenth Avenue South, Naples FL 34102, 239-262-4261). In his cleaning he found some file boxes, which he forwarded to me (Elodie). They contain the names of the original POWs of Oflag 64. *Thanks, Bill, for sending the files. We'll put them to good use. Let us know how things are going for you in Florida. We hope you're enjoying your new Winter condo.*





**JOHN CREECH from Columbus NC** emailed: "I surely enjoyed the newsletter and read every word. About the 'bird' it does exist because when there was a Gestapo search, I was asked to take the bird to the greenhouse and put it in a large pot underneath a tall plant. No one would be likely to search there. Afterwards I would carry the bird back to its place. My friend who was Colonel Waters' aide [LTC John Albree], I see every day, Small world! *Thanks, John, for sharing information about the "bird". It's truly amazing all that took place during those days. We appreciate the sacrifices our Oflag 64 men made at every turn.*

**WARREN "BING" EVANS from Huntingburg IN** sent Bob Thompson a Christmas card along with a donation to use wherever it was needed. He said he has been receiving and enjoying the ITEM through the years and that he shouldn't wait until being 90 years old to express appreciation. *Thanks, Bing, for your nice note and for your thoughtful and generous donation. We love hearing from our Kriegies. Please write again.*

**CAROLINE FENTON** daughter of Otho R. Williams is new to our Oflag 64 family. Otho passed away in 2004 and didn't talk much about the war or his experiences at Oflag 64, but he kept mementos which Caroline would like to organize as she writes of her father's experiences. She welcomes suggestions and ideas. *Caroline, we're so happy you found us and welcome you to our Oflag 64 family. We wish you the best as you begin your project and hope to meet you at a future reunion.*

**GEORGE JUSKALIAN from Centreville VA** sent a complimentary note to Joe Seringer not long ago, along with a donation to the postage fund. He wrote: "Thanks for your long and dedicated service to our Oflag 64 Brotherhood. All the best." *Thanks, George, for your thoughtful donation to the postage fund. We also enjoyed reading your comments to Joe. He and all our Kriegies are to be commended for faithful and dedicated service. We express much appreciation to you and to all.*



**MILT and ROSEMARY KOSHIOL from Paynesville MN** sent an email to Bob Thompson a while back saying: "We just read the latest news on the Oflag 64 reunion. We appreciate getting the newsletter. Recently, Milt received a book called "The Long, Hard Road, written by Thomas Saylor, from Concordia College, in MN. He interviewed over 100 ex-POWs about their experiences. Milt's story is in the book about the Hammelburg raid. He received one free copy, and we bought several more! We enjoyed going to the meeting in Mpls., a few years ago, when we met you. Milt's health is deteriorating, so he is unable to attend any more conventions. He has Parkinson's and some memory loss. But talk about the experiences of 60 years ago, and he comes to life! We don't leave for Florida until Jan. 2nd. Hoping to hear from you." *We are sorry to hear about Milt's health and that you won't be able to attend future reunions, but it's great to be in touch. Best wishes to you both and thanks so much for contacting us.*

**ANNE H. KREUTZER from Woodbridge VA** sent a nice letter and donation to the postage fund. Anne is the daughter of Nathaniel Ramsey Hoskot "Nat" who arrived at Oflag 64 sometime in August of 1944 after parachuting into Normandy early on D-Day and subsequently being captured. She was able to record many of her father's memories before he passed away in March 2004 at the age of 92. Her donation was sent in tribute to her late father. *Anne, we greatly appreciate your nice letter and your thoughtful and generous donation to the postage fund. Supportive Oflag 64 family members are invaluable. Thank you so much.*

**LLOYD LECLAIR from Milwaukie OR** recently emailed: "I just received my first Oflag 64 Item, I read every word and all was so wonderful. When I found the Information on John L. Creech, it reminded me that I have a clip board that has his name on the back, John L. Creech, Lt. in green letters. I called John and left a message about this. If you need more postage fund, let me know? I think my wife and I will make the next Reunion." *Thanks, Lloyd, for writing and for offering to send more postage fund money. Donations are always gladly and gratefully accepted. We appreciate your comments about the ITEM and look forward to seeing you at the next reunion. Hope you're able to make the voice connection with John Creech.*



**EUGENE "GENE" LIGGETT from Vancouver WA** sent a check to the postage fund along with thanks for Clarence Meltesen's book, Roads to Liberation. He noted at the time of his letter that it was 63 years ago that the men started the march out of Poland in the worst weather imaginable. He remarked: "Memories of that will stay with me forever. I still wonder how we survived – in fact I almost didn't." *Thanks, Gene, for your contribution to the postage fund. We were more than happy to send you the book. And we are also extremely grateful to you and our other Oflag 64 POWs for the sacrifices each of you made during the war. We hope you'll write again and that we'll see you at a future Oflag 64 Reunion.*

**MAUREEN Q. LINKOVICH from Winstead CT** recently sent a donation to the postage fund and also asked for two more copies of Abe Baum's RAID book. You may remember that Maureen is the daughter of Patrick Quinn from the Hammelburg Raid. *Maureen, we greatly appreciate your donation and are happy to send you the books. Thank you for writing and we hope you'll write again.*

**WALTER S. PARKS, JR. from Austin TX** sent a nice note about the ITEM along with a donation to the postage fund. He also asked if anyone has an opinion as to which POW museum is best to receive mementoes. *Thanks, Walter, for your nice note and for your thoughtful donation to the postage fund. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our members. We sent an email query to our Oflag family regarding POW museums and received a great response. We hope the list of agencies we forwarded on to you was helpful. Please write again.*

**ROCCO PRAVIDICA from Rockford IL** wrote recently and sent a donation to the postage fund. He was in the group captured at Sidi Bou Sid and was in the first group to "enroll in Schubin (Oflag 64) coming from Oflag IX AZ, a British Camp". He was housed in the white house until evacuated in January 1945. *Thanks, Rocco, for your letter and for your thoughtful contribution to the postage fund. It is very much appreciated. We were sorry you were unable to make it to the Tulsa Reunion but hope you'll be able to join us in Washington D.C. this October.*

**JANIE WARD RICHARDSON from Lake City FL** recently subscribed to our Oflag 64 email list and will now be receiving our informational emails. She emailed: "Thank you for the welcome. I am the daughter of Lt. Edwin O. Ward (deceased in 1975) who was a POW of OFLAG 64, captured with Gen. Waters in North Africa. My mother remarried after Daddy's death and married Lt. Col. Kenneth A. L. Johnson (deceased in 1991) who was also a POW of OFLAG 64, so I have 2 connections!....Due to work schedules I have not been able to attend any reunions although my parents enjoyed attending them years ago. *Janie, we are happy you have subscribed to our list. We have a wonderful group of Kriegies and families and we hope you'll be able to attend future reunions to meet some of them. Your father's and stepfather's names have been added to our TAPS list. Thanks so much for writing. Please do so again.*

**HERVEY ROBINSON from Green Cove Springs FL** sent sentiments about receiving the ITEM along with a donation to the postage fund. He said: "Still live in Green Cove Springs, FL alone after the passing of my wife of 57 years in '02. Health OK..."full tank of gas but not many miles per gallon any more". *Thanks, Hervey, for your nice note and for your thoughtful and generous donation to the postage fund. We greatly appreciate your support. We were also sorry to hear of your wife's passing. Loved ones are still missed even when several years have passed. We wish you the best of health and peace and hope you'll write again.*



**JOE SERINGER from Cocoa Beach FL** sent word that he has moved from Ohio to Florida for the Winter months. He can be reached at 1700 North Atlantic Avenue #144, Cocoa Beach FL 32931, 321-784-0900. Joe continues to serve as the Treasurer for our Oflag 64 organization. *Thanks, Joe, for your continued and dedicated service as Treasurer. We hope your move went smoothly and that you enjoy warm, sunny Florida.*

**IRA R. SLAGTER, SR. from Orland Park IL** sent word recently that he and Evelyn, his wife of 64 years, are now living in a nice retirement home. He was one of the men from Stalag IIIA at Lunkenwalde who was freed by the Russians after the "March". *Thanks, Ike, for updating us on your whereabouts. We're happy to be in touch once more and hope you'll write again.*

**SHELDON SOLOTOFF from Miami FL**, son of Irv Solotoff recently emailed: "My dad, Irving Solotoff, passed away on July 19, 2007, from heart failure. My mom, Helen Solotoff, is currently residing in a nursing home. My dad always had a very special place in his heart for the ex-POW family. I am sorry to have to inform you of this sad news. He was an absolutely wonderful dad." *Thanks, Sheldon, for your email. We were saddened by the news of your father's passing. He was a great man and will certainly be missed. Sincere sympathies and heartfelt condolences are extended to you and your family from the Oflag 64 family.*

**JAMES R. ULLERY from Aiken SC** recently found our website and sent an email regarding his father. He wrote: "I found your web page about Oflag 64. My father, William G. Ullery, was interned there. He was captured in Italy on February 23, 1944. My dad spent almost 30 years in the Army, retiring in 1967 as a Lt. Col. Dad passed away in March 1984. I have a journal that he kept and I have always been interested in part of his life that he never talked about." *Thanks, James, for writing and for sharing information on your father. We hope you'll be able to learn more about his war years as others, from the Oflag 64 family who may have known him, share what they know. Please keep in touch.*

**BETHANY CARLICK WEINSTEIN from Alexandria VA**, daughter of Samuel Carlick who passed away last year, sent an email and included documents that her dad kept during the war. She said: "One outlines where my dad traveled after he was taken prisoner...the other is a list of POWs who were with my dad on a boxcar. *Thanks, Bethany, for writing and for sharing the documents. Perhaps one or two of the men on the boxcar list who are still living will find their names later in this ITEM. We hope you'll write again.*

**CHARLES WILKINSON from Model CO** sent a contribution to the postage fund along with a nice note. He wrote: "I have almost completely retired from cattle ranching, but still have a small operation. My wife died March 10 of 2006. I had my 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct. 7 of this year, still in generally good health, but beginning to feel like the last of the Mohicans." *Charles, we appreciate your thoughtful contribution to the postage fund. Thank you so much. We were sorry to hear of your wife's death and even though time has passed, we express to you our heartfelt condolences. We hope you have continued good health and that you'll continue to keep in touch.*

## ARTICLES

### **Memories still fresh for former POW**

By Janene Scully, Associate Editor, Santa Maria Times

November 11, 2007

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Photos by Ian Gonzaga

After being a German prisoner during World War II, Robert "Bob" Rivers made two promises to himself six decades ago: He would never again be without food or live in the cold.

In the six decades since, he's kept both, the 90-year-old Orcutt resident said.

Rivers will be the special guest of honor at today's Veterans Day ceremony, which begins at 11 a.m. at the Santa Maria Cemetery.

His time as a prisoner of war was long ago, but remains fresh today.

"I think about it all the time because it made me a different person in that I made a vow that I was never going to go hungry again or live where it was cold and I've succeeded in that," said Rivers, who was a captain when he left the military in 1946. "I have the feeling right now that I don't care what happens, it won't be as bad. Everything's downhill now."

After the military, he returned to the Central Coast to study agriculture at Cal Poly and later started his own pig farm and cattle ranch. He and his wife, Elinor, had

been married six decades when she died in June.

Rivers became enamored with flying at a young age while growing up in Santa Maria. He said he was a mascot of the Hancock College of Aeronautics in Santa Maria, where he recalled fueling the airplane of a pilot he later learned was pioneer aviator Amelia Earhart.

In 1939 he joined the Army Air Corps (it later became the Army Air Forces) and then went through pilot training. He wound up among a group of U.S. military members in the 4th Fighter Squadron assigned to fly British Spitfire fighter planes.

But the day of Jan. 3, 1943, changed his life.

"We just made the mistake of flying over a German airfield," Rivers said matter-of-factly. "And they took a dim view of that."

Rivers and two other Spitfire pilots were shot down, crash landing in North Africa.

"It wasn't good. I was captured right away."

He initially thought his captors were French soldiers, until they drew closer and a dispirited Rivers saw the Nazi symbol.

"The guys that captured me were real friendly," he said, adding his captors shared their hot food with him. "They weren't aggressive."

When his captors slept, Rivers made a bid for freedom, not realizing a guard was posted outside. He was captured again, and they took his shoes to ensure he didn't try again.

The next day he and other captives were shipped to Tunis before being sent to

Sicily, Italy, and Munich, Germany, where they were put on a train to Frankfurt, Germany, arriving there Jan. 29. That's where he was interrogated for the first time.

"They used all kinds of tricks to interrogate, but nothing brutal. No torture, just mental stuff," he said, explaining guards

turned off the heat and kept windows open despite the fact it was winter in Germany.

They also put him on a 21-day diet of bread and water.

Later the captives were sent to Poland, 50 men packed into railcars designed to hold fewer people. After a short stay at a POW camp, the POWs became severely ill with dysentery when they were fed dried fruit from Turkey. Despite this, they were loaded onto railcars for a three-day ride without food or water.

"You can imagine what a mess it was. It was the worst part of my experience," Rivers said. "It's something I didn't like to even talk about until I read another fellow's story and he commented on it."

Rivers only began talking about it about five years ago, he added

"It wasn't a good time of my life," he said.

They arrived at the new stalag in Sagan, Poland, and were immediately given showers.

The prisoners weren't entirely cut off from the outside world, as they had access

to contraband radio that relayed the BBC broadcast twice a day.

"Of course we couldn't talk about what was going on because we didn't want them to know what we knew," he said.

The enterprising Rivers made do while in captivity.

"One thing I did learn how to do is to make sure I had enough to eat somehow," he said.

He also started a small garden, giving him the chance [to] grow vegetables.

Red Cross rations, actually Army-issued supplies, were "really good - if you got enough of them."

With Russian troops nearing the stalag at Sagan, the prisoners endured a 90-mile march to Dresden, where they were put on another railcar.

"That was one of the coldest winters, too, in Germany, when they had us on the march," said Rivers, who still suffers "chilblains" in his feet and fingers from being in the extreme cold. "Really, I didn't suffer

too much on the march, except getting cold."

Since he didn't smoke, Rivers said he used the cigarettes provided in his rations to trade for food, securing bread from civilians along the route.

"It helped a lot to be able to have that extra food," said Rivers, who weighed 154 pounds when he was captured; but had dropped to 125 by the time he got out.



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Submitted by Bette Corbin,  
Wife of Rolland "Bill" Corbin

# Captured Because They Were There

They were there  
In the fiercest of fighting.  
They were there  
Face to face with the foe.  
They were there  
On the front line of battles,  
Bravely fighting till captured,  
Some wounded, all feeling real low.

They were there  
In the foxholes and beachheads  
They were there  
Jumping from burning planes.  
They were there  
On the front line of battles  
Bravely fighting till captured,  
Some wounded, all feeling the strain.

It was then  
They were herded like cattle.  
They were then  
Jammed in boxed cars like swine.  
They were then  
All confined behind barbed wire  
All depressed and discouraged  
And though of escape all the time.

They were there  
And were weakened by hunger.  
They were there  
And only faith kept them sane.  
They were there  
And were stripped of their freedom  
Barely living, discouraged  
And prayers were for strength to sustain.

They were there  
And froze feet on forced marches.  
They were there  
And sought warmth in cold barns.  
They were there  
Scrounging for food for their bodies.  
Badly weakened, disheartened,  
And suffering caused them alarm.

Others marched  
When the sun was a scorcher.  
They were there  
And didn't think they'd survive.  
They were there  
And they starved and they suffered,  
Badly weakened, discouraged,  
And their faith was what kept them alive.

They were there  
In the fiercest of fighting.  
They were there  
Face to face with the foe.  
They were there  
On the front line of battles,  
Bravely fighting, till captured,  
Some wounded, all feeling real low.

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— Bette Corbin  
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## I'll Never Forget!

*Remembrances of being a prisoner of war in World War II*

## INFORMATION STATION

I have had some wonderful conversations with several people over the last month or so as I've attempted to update addresses for the ITEM. Here are some updates:

Janet Lowe from Phoenix AZ has been in contact with the family of **Art Bryant**, who has Alzheimer's. He also has diabetes, macular degeneration and has lost some hearing but overall is in fairly good health. The Lowes, Bryants, Wafuls, and Chappells have kept in contact through the years and remember great times at past reunions.

**Samuel Carlick** passed away last May 17. Jean Carlick, his wife, has moved to another place in Rockville MD. Samuel is at Arlington. She and his family miss him very much but visit the grave as often as they can. Jean said Samuel didn't talk much about his WWII experiences until the dedication of the WWII Memorial in 2004. At that point he began to openly share experiences he had previously kept mostly to himself. She would like to receive the ITEM. She is also interested in the information available on our Oflag website.

**Albert Cecil** has had Alzheimer's for approximately a year. His condition was compounded by a fall that resulted in a concussion. His wife Dorothy, from Arlington TX, said his Alzheimer's came on fast and hard and she has a hard time knowing the best way to help him, but after her back surgery, she was no longer able to help him at home. He is now in a facility with full-time care. Dorothy would like to receive the ITEM. She often reads to Albert and takes him POW magazines. She plans to take the next ITEM. Dorothy and Albert are friends of the Chappells and remember having wonderful times at past reunions.

**Wilbur Johnson** passed away 11 years ago. Wilbur was a pilot during the war and wasn't initially associated with the Oflag group. He and his wife Dorothy became friends with Victor and Marcia Kanners and were invited to and attended several Oflag 64 reunions. They subsequently became acquainted with several others in the organization and felt a part for many years. Dorothy is now living in Northampton MA and would like to receive the ITEM.

**Robert Langley** has also moved, but is still living in Huntsville AL. He has memories of "The Bird" at Oflag 64. He said he lived on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the "big house". He remembers some of the men from Oflag 64 but thinks that most he knew are no longer living. His wife passed away a few years ago. He would like to continue receiving the ITEM and will be sending a donation to the Postage Fund.

All have expressed appreciation for the Oflag 64 Organization and have good memories of times spent with the Oflag 64 family. We hope to continue receiving updates. ~ **Elodie Caldwell**

**Sam Carlick's Boxcar List**

comdr. J.M.K. Miller		LT. Duke Clingan winchester
FL. PAC. Milton RAF		
lt. Col. P.H. Richardson (ord)		LT. McKee montreal
LT. J.K. England (br)		
Brooks E. Kleber - Bangor, Pa.		LT. Skid Murphy London, Ontario
A.J. Carroll - Sheridan, Wyo.		
C.P. Clawson - Haddock, Wash.		
S.E. Edwards - Phoenix, Ariz.		
M. H. Spletzer - Clayton, Mo.		
Chas. M. Stoehr - Clem cave, LI.		
H.H. Bush - Dallas, TEX.		
V. B. Richards - Niagara, Wis.		
T.C. McCarthy - McKees Rock, Pa.		
R.W. Oker - Cincinnati, Ohio		
R.G. Alderton - Garden City, LI.		
L.F. Lavender - Salford, O.K.B.		
H.L. Garris - Raleigh, N.C.		
P.B. Ward - Rochester, NY		
W.W. Smith - Berwyn, Pa.		
R.D. Warner - England, A.		
A.R. Fritzsche - Waterloo, I.A.		
Carl G. Bedient - Bradshaw, Neb.		

Submitted by **Bethany Weinstein**, Sam's daughter

## 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.



Keep up the good work!!!!!!!!!!!! ~ **Abe Baum, San Diego CA**

The ITEM was outstanding. ~ **Gail Bradford Brown, Millersport OH**

You do an incredible job on the Oflag 64 Edition of News!!! We love reading it and keeping updates on the various members of the organization. ~ **Helen Chappell, Kaufman TX**

I surely enjoyed the newsletter and read every word. ~ **John Creech, Columbus NC**

Thank you for all the love and work on behalf of the great men that served our country so bravely. ~ **Tori Glendinning Pough, Larchmont NY**

Thank you for the outstanding Winter Item, covering our last reunion in Tulsa. Your dedicated effort in behalf of Kriegies from Oflag 64 is greatly appreciated. ~ **Jimmie & Lynn Kanaya, Gig Harbor WA**

Reading the ITEM was always a pleasure for [my father], as I am sure it is for so many of the former POWs and their families. Many, many thanks to you and all your helpers. ~ **Anne Hoskot Kreutzer, Woodbridge VA**

I just received my first Oflag 64 Item, I read every word and all was so wonderful. ~ **Lloyd LeClair, Milwaukie OR**

It is gratifying the way the next generation is taking over our organization and the newsletter. The latter is excellent. ~ **Walter S. Parks, Jr., Austin TX**

If each of you only knew what it means to me to receive "The Item"...I can't tell you because I know of no words that can. I'll say "keep going". ~ **Hervey Robinson, Green Cove Springs FL**

Have been receiving the posts via snail-mail for several years and find them so interesting. They fill in many blanks we have of life at OFLAG. ~ **Janie Ward Richardson, Lake City FL**

The Winter issue of the ITEM was outstanding and very professional. Great Work and Thank You. ~ **Joe E. Seringer, Cocoa Beach FL**

The ITEM was the best one I have ever received, so well organized and interesting. ~ **Bill Warthen, Vidalia GA**

## OFLAG 64 WEB CONNECTION

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*LTC John A. Albree – Friend of Oflag 64*

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*Janie Richardson – Daughter of Edwin Ward*

*James R. Ullery – Son of William Ullery*

*Carl Wells – Nephew of WWII Nurse*



## 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, check Amazon.com or write to the author or publisher.

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 \$22.00 and includes Shipping and Handling.)
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
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
4. **Home Was Never Like This.** Diary of Col Yardley. Publisher: Yardley Enterprises. Evergreen, CO.
5. **In the Presence of Mine Enemies** by Eugene L Daniel, Contact Rose Daniel at 5100 Sharon Road #603, Charlotte NC 28210-4720.
6. **Justifiable Pride** by William D. Stevens, Jamal Books, 2340 Devoe Drive, Lincoln NE 68506, 402-488-6005.
7. **Katyn Forest Video** (Beta or VHS). Ray Towers, Jr., 25105 Vista Greens Court, Hayward CA 94541, 415-582-4871
8. **Kriegie** by Kenneth Simmons. Diary of an Air Force Pilot. Publisher: Thomas Nelson and Sons. New York NY.
9. **Kriegsgefangenen** (Prisoner of War) by Clarence Ferguson. Publisher: Texan Press, Waco TX
10. **OFLAG 64, 50th Anniversary Book.** Anniversary Committee. Publisher: Evanston Publishing Co., Evanston IL.
11. **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)
12. **A Ramble Through My War** by Charles T. Marshall, Publisher: Louisiana State University Press, 1999. (\$29.95)
13. **Roads to Liberation from Oflag 64** by Clarence Meltesen. Story of Liberation from Oflag 64. Publisher: Oflag 64 Press. San Francisco, CA (\$25.00)
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
15. **The Water and The Rock** by Charles Jones. Diary of a man captured in Africa. Publisher: Anchor Publishing Co., Northwood, IA
16. **The Welcome Swede** by Frank Diggs. Publisher: Vantage Press, New York, NY (\$11.00)

17. **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)

### Other Publications

These publications are available through the Oflag 64 organization. (Please make your check payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund and mail it to Joe Seringer.)

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<b>The Oflag 64 Directory</b>	3.00
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<b>The Men of Oflag 64</b>	20.00
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<b>Tribute to TF Baum</b>	15.00
<b>Hammelburg Roster</b>	7.50
<b>The Waters Story</b>	19.50

### WRITE DIRECTLY TO THESE CONTACTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

**Vic Kanners Diary.** Contact Dave Kanners, 5479 Sandy Lane, Columbiaville MI 48421, 810-793-2719 (NO CHARGE)

**Raid.** The story of the Task Force Baum raid on the Hammelburg POW Camp. Publisher: Dell Publishing Co. (A few copies are available at \$8 each through our organization. Please make checks payable to the Oflag 64 Postage Fund c/o Elodie Caldwell.)

**Roads to Liberation** by Clarence R. Meltesen is available free of charge except for a \$5 per copy shipping fee. If you would like a book shipped to you, please contact:

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## TAPS

### *Samuel Carlick*

1921 - 2007



Samuel Carlick, 86, died May 17, 2007 at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, MD, after a sudden hemorrhagic stroke. He was born in Paducah, KY, to Benjamin and Helen Carlick, who had emigrated from

Surazh, Russia (now Ukraine) in 1913.

Mr. Carlick attended Paducah public schools. Immediately after high school graduation in 1938, he entered the University of Kentucky in Lexington. After three years of prelaw in the College of Commerce, he was admitted to the College of Law. At the end of his first year of law school in May 1942 he completed his fourth year of ROTC and received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve. Simultaneously, he received orders to report the following week for active duty at Camp Wheeler, GA. From Camp Wheeler, he was ordered to report to the Ninth Infantry Division at Fort Bragg, NC, which was training for an amphibious landing at an undisclosed destination. Soon afterward, at a VA port of embarkation, he boarded the USS Florence Nightingale and steamed up Chesapeake Bay, where he practiced amphibious landings for an assault on the still unknown shore. The Florence Nightingale rendezvoused in the Atlantic Ocean with a huge convoy of naval vessels to form the largest armada in the history of the U.S. to date. It was only then that the troops were informed of and briefed for the invasion of North Africa.

The Ninth Division participated in the invasion of French Morocco on November 8, 1942 and also was in combat in Algeria and Tunisia until the surrender of North Africa by the German and Italian armies. The Ninth proceeded to Sicily and fought there until the Nazi forces were defeated and Sicily came under Allied control. The Ninth's next voyage was aboard the USS Santa Maria to England, where they arrived at the port of Swansea, Wales, on the night of Thanksgiving, 1943. Mr. Carlick's regiment, the 60th Infantry, was stationed at

Winchester, England, where they continued training for the invasion of Europe at an undisclosed beach. The Division landed on Utah Beach on D-Day + 4 (June 10, 1944) to support and relieve a D-Day division that had made the initial assault on Omaha Beach. They went immediately into combat to cut off the German forces on the Cotentin Peninsula and capture the town of Cherbourg. On June 15, while attacking through the hedgerows, Mr. Carlick was taken prisoner after a confrontation with counterattacking German tanks and infantry. After more than three months of intermittent travel across France and Germany, the POW train, composed of Forty and Eight railroad cars, reached its destination-Oflag 64, an American ground officer's camp near Schubin, Poland. Mr. Carlick was confined there until the Russian troops, advancing on the Eastern Front, forced the Germans to evacuate all POW's to the West. He eventually ended up at a multinational POW camp at Luckenwalde, Germany, near the outskirts of Berlin. The camp was captured by Russian armored units in their final attack on Berlin. After being liberated, Mr. Carlick and several fellow prisoners worked their way west until they ran into the advancing American forces at the Elbe River. He came under American control on May 7, 1945 (VE Day). He returned to the United States and, after a brief tour of duty at Fort McClellan, AL, was placed on inactive duty. For service to his country, Mr. Carlick was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the EAME (European-African-Middle Eastern) Campaign Medal with four battle stars, the American Campaign Medal, the Prisoner-of-War Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and a letter of commendation from Manton S. Eddy, commanding general of the Ninth Infantry. Mr. Carlick was honored in 2000, along with other local Normandy veterans, by Congresswoman Connie Morella, who presented them the Normandy Medal of the Jubilee of Liberty, issued by Normandy officials for veterans who could not attend the 50th anniversary of D-Day in 1994.



Immediate survivors include his wife of 42 years, Jean Meyers Carlick and his daughter Bethany Weinstein and her husband David.

(Contributions in his memory can be made to Scottish Terrier Rescue Northwest, [www.scottyrescue.org](http://www.scottyrescue.org), 253-841-7050 or Temple Israel in Paducah, KY, [www.templeisrael.us](http://www.templeisrael.us), 270-442-4104.)

A separate obituary was published in The Washington Post on 5/18/2007 but is no longer available online.

*Clarence J. Folz, Jr.*  
1921 - 2007

We have recently received word that Clarence J. Folz, Jr. of Evansville or Jasper, Indiana passed away on March 4, 2007. His obituary was published online in the Courier Press on March 5, 2007 but is not longer available.

*Herbert Wade Hayes, Jr.*  
1921 - 2007

Hayes, Herbert Wade, Jr., 86, Lieutenant colonel (retired), U.S. Army, Tamarac, faded away September 27, 2007 as said in the song, "Old Soldiers Never Die, They Just Fade Away." "Herb" was born in Hopkinsville, KY and grew up in Dayton, Ohio. He worked his way through college and received his military commission after entering active duty in 1942. LTC (ret.) Hayes was a 32-year Army veteran who was a Prisoner of War in Germany during WWII, and subsequently served overseas tours in Germany after the war, Taiwan, and three tours in the Republic of Vietnam. He was selected as the commander of Ft. Hancock, NY, where he closed out the post and turned it over to the federal Park System even as he closed out his own long and distinguished career. His military awards included the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf cluster, Purple Heart, and others; he also earned the coveted Combat Infantry Badge, and the French Medal of Jubilee of Liberty. "The colonel" moved to Tamarac and became an integral part of the community. He continued his own education by enrolling in local colleges and earned two additional Bachelor Degrees. He was active as the Section 20 Group President and was on the President's Council. Herb was the past Commander of the Oakland Park Chapter of the American Ex-POWs; the Commander of the American Legion Post #265;



member of the Chamber of commerce, the City Planning Board, the TRIAD Group, and the Military Officers Association. He was also on the Sheriff's Advisory Board and was a 32-year professional Ft. Lauderdale Real Estate Agent and Broker. "Herb" is survived by his wife Betty; five children: Captain (retired) Herbert W. Hayes, III (Huntsville, AL), Anne "Darlene" Jorgenson (Seattle, WA), Judith F. Heicksen, Colonel Howard "Tom" Hayes (Eielson AFB, AK), Richard Hayes (Tampa, FL); eleven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren located from Hawaii to Brazil and all across the U.S. continent; a truly nomadic military family, but close and loving. He is predeceased by his daughter, Victoria Lynn Bayne (Ft. Lauderdale). Friends were received on Sunday at the T.M. Ralph Plantation funeral Home, 7001 NW 4 Street. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Gregory Catholic Church.

Published in the Sun-Sentinel from 9/29/2007 – 9/30/2007.

And...published in the January 2008 Ex-POW Bulletin was the following:

Herbert W. Hayes, Jr. of Tamarac, FL passed away Sept. 27, 2007. While serving with the 1st Army, 9th Inf. Div., 60th Inf., 1st Btn., Co. A, in Normandy, he was captured and held in various camps. He ended up in Oflag 64.

*Arthur D. Morrow*  
1921 – 2007

Arthur D. Morrow, of Cottonwood, AZ, passed away Aug. 26, 2007 at the age of 86. He served with the Infantry, 36th Div. He was captured during a beach landing in Italy in 1943 and held in Oflag 64 until liberation.



Published in he January 2008 Ex-POW Bulletin.

*Stanley J. Segal, Sr.*  
1915 – 2002



Services: Tues., Oct. 8, 10 a.m.

Stan was born on December 29, 1915, in Oswego, New York. He moved to Bakersfield in 1936 where he was employed by the original Kern County Fire Department. He later became a

certified insurance underwriter and was owner of Stan Segal Insurance Agency for 50 years.

During WWII, Stan served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lt. He was a POW in Poland at Oflag 64 (Officers Prison). He and 60 other officers escaped while marching to Germany during a blizzard, hiding out in haystacks in Poland.



Stan was a member of St. Josephs Church since 1940. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1947 and was Past Grand Knight of Council #966 (1950-1951) and was a member of the 4th Degree of Knight of Columbus. He was an avid golfer and fisherman.

Those who survive him include his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Stanley John Segal, Jr. and wife, Mary, of Bakersfield; stepson, Dennis Sorenson and wife, Tina of Arizona; stepgrandchildren, Derrick and Kalle Sorenson; a brother, Joseph Segal of New York; a sister, Ann Bodwitch of New York; and niece, Maria Bogan of New York; and several nieces and nephews. His first wife, Ona Lee Segal, preceded him in death.

Catholic funeral rites will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 8, at St. Josephs Church. Private military graveside rites will be held at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Santa Nella, CA. Visitation will be held on Monday, October 7, from noon until 5 p.m., at Hopson-Anspach Family Mortuary-Bakersfield.

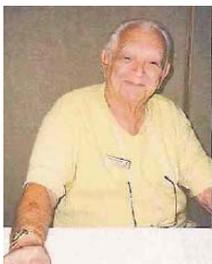
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Josephs Church or the Knights of Columbus.

Hopson-Anspach Family Mortuary

Published in the Bakersfield Californian from 10/6/2002 - 10/7/2002.

*Irving Solotoff*

*August 12, 1918 - July 19, 2007*



Wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. War Hero.



The above notice was published online at: [www.herald.com/obituaries](http://www.herald.com/obituaries) No other information was available.

*James H. Wheeler*

*1914 - 2001*

James Wheeler, retired Sonoma County Juvenile Hall director, died June 27 at the age of 87.

Wheeler affected the lives of hundreds of young people during his 37 years in the juvenile justice system in Southern California and Sonoma County.

Veteran and retired juvenile hall staff members recall Wheeler as a generous-hearted man with a cool head who always invited people to sit down and talk out their concerns over a cup of coffee and a slice of pie.

At 6 feet, 5 inches, and 230 pounds, he was commonly called "Big Jim."

"His style, his approach, was one of calm," his son-in-law Jim Husset of Santa Rosa recalled.

While he was quick to talk out problems on the job, Wheeler, a native of Twisp, Wash., talked little about his experience as a prisoner of war in Germany in World War II.

A member of the ROTC at the University of Washington, he was called up into the Army after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

While serving as an armorer in a tank battalion, he was captured by the Germans, enduring on a meager one loaf of bread each day that he shared with other prisoners. He also survived a long march from Austria to Germany toward the end of the war.



The German people, themselves starving, came out to offer food to the prisoners, and he never forgot those small acts of kindness, Husset said.

After the war, Wheeler rejoined his wife Vivian and his growing family in Southern California, where he worked for many years with the Los Angeles Probation Department. There he was in charge of youth camps and went on to become assistant director for juvenile hall.

He retired and moved to Santa Rosa in 1970, but immediately launched a second career as director of Sonoma County Juvenile Hall. He was instrumental in persuading the county to purchase a former state facility for girls at Los Guilicos for a new and larger juvenile detention facility. He also talked the county into acquiring land in Healdsburg for a youth camp.

"The thing he enjoyed most was working at youth camps. He just liked the whole concept of boys being in camp, out of the community, in

a work situation with counselors," Husset said. "It's a good model and it worked extremely well."

He retired for good in 1978 and took up traveling with his RV.

At his request, no services will be held.

In addition to his wife of 62 years, he is survived by his daughter, Judy J. Husset of Santa Rosa; his sons, James H. Wheeler of Apple Valley and Daniel W. Wheeler of Simi Valley; and three grandchildren.

The Neptune Society handled arrangements.

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### *Vincent Cohee "Vic" White*

1917 - 2007



Vincent White, 90, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007.

Graveside service: 10 a.m. Friday at Moore Memorial Gardens followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Arlington. Visitation: The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Moore Funeral Home.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the White Family Scholarship Fund in care of the First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, 1200 S. Collins, Arlington, Texas 76010.

Vic was born May 31, 1917, in Amarillo to Lahroy and Mamie White. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1939 and served as an officer in the 1st Armored Division during World War II. He was captured in Tunisia in North Africa and was a prisoner of war for two and 1/2 years.



He and Mary Nell Waller of Breckenridge were married Dec. 6, 1946. Vic worked as a petroleum engineer in Breckenridge from 1945 until 1961, when he and Mary Nell moved to Arlington. He served as an elder and an active volunteer at the First Presbyterian Church of Arlington.

Vic was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Alward, John and Irving White. His two daughters, Emily Eldridge and Susan White, also preceded him in death.

Survivors: Wife, Mary Nell; son, Vince White of Edmond, Okla.; grandchildren, Corie Ann White and Vincent Elliott White, also of Edmond; and an extended family and friends.

Published in the Star-Telegram on 10/18/2007.

### *Nan MacArevey*

1918 - 2007



MacArevey, Nan MENANDS Nan Emery MacArevey, age 89, wife of the late Lt. Col. James J. MacArevey, U.S. Army Ret., died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at Samaritan Hospital in Troy. Born

in Troy, she was the daughter of the late William R. and Frances Foley Emery and Mary Emery, her step-mother. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Elementary School and Catholic Central High School in Troy and Albany State College in Albany earning a M.S. in teaching. Mrs. MacArevey was employed as a teacher in many school districts including Schoharie, Schroom Lake, Hyde Park and East Greenbush where she was in the English department of Columbia High School for 11 years, retiring in 1978. While at Columbia, she supervised many of the school plays. She also taught part time at La Salle Institute, Troy. Mrs. MacArevey organized the first preschool program on a military base in Nuremburg, Germany. She was president of several women's clubs in the U.S. Army in Germany, a member of the NYS Retired Teacher's Assn., the Troy Area Retired Teachers Assn., and the Alumni Assn. of the University of Albany. She was a longtime communicant of Holy Spirit Church in East Greenbush and St. Joan of Arc in Menands. Mrs. MacArevey is survived by four sons, James J. (Paula) MacArevey of East Greenbush, Robert W. MacArevey of Troy, Patrick J. (Jean) MacArevey of McLean, Va. and Michael E. (Julie) MacArevey of Latham; a daughter, Susan M. MacArevey of Glendale, Wisc.; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a brother, William Emery. The funeral will be from the Thomas S. Connolly Funeral Home, 294 Whiteview Rd., Wynantskill on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church, East Greenbush, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Joseph O'Brien, pastor. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rensselaer. Calling

hours will be at the funeral home on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Donations to the American Cancer Society, Memorial Processing Center, 6725 Lyons St., P.O. Box 7, East Syracuse, NY 13057 in memory of Mrs. MacArevey would be appreciated.

Published in the Albany Times Union from 7/12/2007 - 7/13/2007.

*Barbara L. Rinehart*

1924 - 2007

A longtime resident of Montgomery died on December 4, 2007 after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held from St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday, December 9, 2007 at 2:00 PM with The Reverend Robert Wisniewski, Rev. Dr. James Walter and The Reverend Evan Garner officiating. Visitation will be held at 3120 Thomas Avenue beginning at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 8th. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Edmon Loftin Rinehart; her daughter, Christine Rinehart Taft and her husband, John Thomas Taft of Washington, DC; her son, Robert Bruce Rinehart and his wife, Fairlie Haynes Rinehart of Montgomery and four grandchildren, Elizabeth Young Jordan and Stephen Alexander Rinehart Taft of Washington, DC and Robert Loftin Rinehart and James Fairlie Rinehart of Montgomery. Honorary pallbearers will be Major General (ret.) Will Hill Tankersley, William H. McLemore, Sr., William H. McLemore, Jr., Colonel (ret.) Albert L. Patterson, Charles F. Voltz, Jr. and Brigadier General (ret.) David Funk. Barbara was born in 1924 in Palo Alto, California to the late Rachel Young Lutz, originally of Salem, Ohio and the late Professor Harly Leist Lutz, also of Ohio and at the time on the faculty at Stanford University. In 1928, the family moved to Princeton, New Jersey where Professor Lutz became Professor of Public Finance at Princeton University. Professor Lutz was an internationally renowned economist who advised international commissions, presidential candidates and business leaders, and who authored more than fifty books and articles on tax policy and Public Finance. He was decorated by the Polish government in the 1920's for his help to that country in the aftermath of World War I and he was still active fifty years later in the 1970's, writing frequent opinion articles in the Wall Street Journal. Barbara attended Miss Fine's School in Princeton, New Jersey (now

Princeton Day School) for 12 years and was president of her class, graduating in 1942. She attended Wellesley College and received an A.A. degree from Finch College in New York City in 1944. After her marriage to Lieutenant Edmon L. "Ted" Rinehart in the Princeton University Chapel on November 17, 1945, she accompanied her husband on their travels in both his career as a lawyer and a soldier, living in Germany 1951-53 and settling in Montgomery in 1955, when he became an assistant attorney general and subsequently Superintendent of Insurance. Her interests, other than family, were in history, classical music (she was an accomplished pianist), ballet and opera. Her community activities were: St. Margaret's Hospital "Pink Lady" Auxiliary, Montgomery Tuberculosis Board, and Meals on Wheels for MACOA. She has been a long-standing member of St. John's Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to St. John's Episcopal Church Building Fund. Her family would like to thank Dr. Larry Williams, Dr. Fred Hunker, Dr. Scott McDaniel, Dr. Roger Kemp and all of the nurses and staff at Jackson's Hospital for the care she received. Southern Memorial Directing Funeral Home: SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUNERAL

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*Eugene A. Sharick*

1928 - 2006

*(Friend of Oflag 64 Family)*



RITTMAN -- Eugene A. Sharick, 77, of Rittman died Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Regency Hospital of Akron in Barberton.

He was born on July 8, 1928 in Lorain to John C. and Mary L. (Raynak) Sharick and lived in Sheffield Village in Lorain County until moving to Rittman in 1958. He graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College in 1958 with a Bachelor of Music in education degree and from the University of Michigan in 1963 with a Master of Music in music administration. He also attended the University of Akron and Kent State University.

He was band director at Rittman High School from 1958 to 1966 and Barberton High School from 1966 to 1982. He was a U. S. Army

veteran of the Korean War and a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Rittman. He did extensive research and was in the process of authoring a book on German prisoner of war captives during World War II. He formerly served on the Rittman Board of Education and was active in AARP on the local and state levels. He was a member of the board of directors and publicity director of the Freedom Brass Band of Northeast Ohio in Akron; he directed the "Wadsworth Footlighters" in 1971 and 1972; and was Manager of The Ohio Band Directors Conference for 14 years.

Services were held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Gillman Funeral Home, Rittman. Burial was at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman where military honors were conducted.

Excerpted from the Akron Beacon Journal published on 4/30/2006.

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We express condolences to the families of the following people who have also passed away. Limited online information was available at the time of this printing.

**Mavena Craft, 9/26/04**

widow of POW Harold D. Craft

**Mary Cupit, 2/5/06**

widow of POW James K. Cupit

**Wilbur Johnson, 1996**

friend of Oflag 64 family

**Inez R. Makepeace, 11/25/07**

widow of POW William R. Makepeace, Jr.

## Do you know where these men are? We have lost touch.

Benedict Amato  
Orville Barks  
William H. Barnum II  
Leonard Feldman  
Al R. Fratzke  
Jerome R. Hatch  
Hugh G. Hogan  
Arthur E. Mallory  
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Donald L. Rockwell  
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Herbert M. Siercks  
Gordon K. Smith  
Francis B. Stevens  
Garland F. Vaughn, Sr.  
Henry J. Weintraub  
Anthony L. Vetrano, Jr.  
John C. Wood

If you know where these men are, please send updates to Elodie Caldwell at the address, phone number or email address on the front page of this ITEM.

