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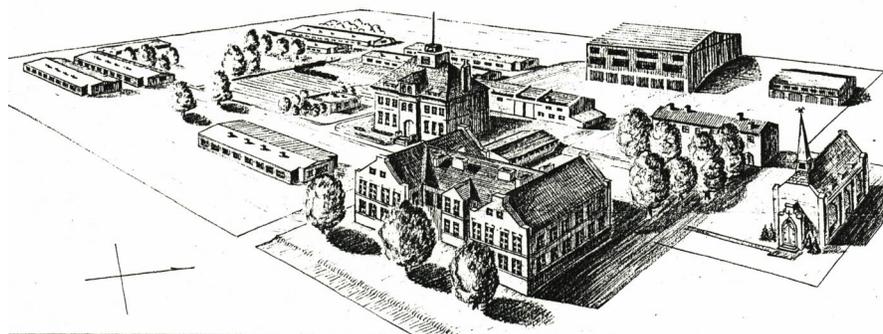
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We apologize to any others we may have overlooked but thank everyone who has contacted us.



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

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

... the Oflag 64 Remembered website, The Polish-American Foundation for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin, the blog for the Museum of POW Camps in Szubin, and the Friends of Oflag 64, Inc. nonprofit are all working together?

The Oflag 64 Remembered website is the **historical arm** of Oflag 64 and brings together families, friends, and researchers who share a passion for learning about the experiences of the POWs of Oflag 64. Through its website, newsletters, and informal reunions, Oflag 64 Remembered maintains the ties that created The Oflag 64 Family.

The Polish-American Foundation for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin is the **working arm** involved in creating the Museum of POW Camps in Szubin. The Foundation will soon launch their website dedicated to the various POW camps that were located in Szubin during all of WWII.

The Blog for the Museum of POW Camps in Szubin is the **publicity arm** of the Museum project. This is where bulletins and updates about the project are posted.

Friends of Oflag 64, Inc. is the nonprofit **fundraising arm** for the Polish-American Foundation and supports the creation and maintenance of the Museum of POWs in Szubin. Watch for their website that will enable folks to make donations online.

We are different arms, but are all working toward similar goals and are supporting each other in our endeavors. In a sense, it's **All for One and One for All**. There will be links on the Oflag 64 Remembered website to each of these entities as soon as they are fully functioning.

We want to thank you for your support of all these endeavors. This is an exciting venture and one that our Kriegy Patriots and Heroes would be honored to know exists.

Our best to you always,
Elodie and Bill Caldwell, www.oflag64.us

Oflag 64



A Little Company Business

Fund Donations

There will now be more than one way to contribute to Oflag 64 related funds. However, since our remaining Kriegies are usually not able to attend reunions, we are NOT encouraging donations to a Reunion Fund at this time.

For contributions to the Postage Fund **ONLY**, which covers the cost of mailing the printed ITEM to our remaining Kriegies, or widows of deceased Kriegies, please make your checks payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund, and send them to:

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OR

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And, now that we have non-profit status, the **Friends of Oflag 64, Inc.** is able to receive monetary donations for the Polish-American Foundation. For contributions to this fund **ONLY**, please temporarily write your checks and send them to:

Friends of Oflag 64, Inc.
12768 Turberville Lane
Oak Hill, VA 20171

These funds are separate from the Postage Fund and

will be used to help support the new Museum in various ways. We will keep you updated as soon as other donation methods are established.

THANKS to all who have so very generously donated to our various Oflag 64 funds in the past. We are greatly appreciative.



SAVE THOSE ARTIFACTS



We have been advised by the Polish-American Foundation overseeing the Museum project that the process of collecting artifacts should begin immediately, hence the emails, letters, and phone calls asking for your support.

We are particularly interested in collecting any and all books, diaries, or recorded memories of former Oflag 64 POWs relating to Oflag 64 as soon as possible, as they will be used as reference materials for designing the Museum.

All Oflag 64 artifacts are considered to be significant and all Oflag 64 related artifacts are of value to the Museum.

We know how difficult it is to part with cherished items owned by our Kriegy dads, grandfathers, brothers, and uncles but we appreciate your consideration of our request for artifacts. They will be valued and appreciated by those who visit the Museum for years to come.

Thanks to all who have agreed so far to donate artifacts to the Museum of POW Camps in Szubin.

If you need a copy of the inventory sheet to catalog your items before sending or if you have questions about artifacts collection, please let us know.

The photo below shows examples of some of the artifacts being collected.



Thank you to the family of H. Randolph "Boomer" Holder for these donations.



Historical Information and Feedback Are Always Welcome

If you have anything to submit for print in the ITEM, please contact Elodie at elodie@oflag64.us. Digital scans of original photos or anything that can be sent in .jpg format, works great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan them and send them back to you. Documents can also be sent in .pdf format.

If you notice website errors, omissions, or links that don't work properly, please contact me.





MAIL CALL



John Alday, grandson of the late Kriegy Robert M. Alday, wrote to let us know that his grandfather passed away in 2017. Even though time has passed, we know Robert is greatly missed. Please see the TAPS section for his obituary.

Tom Detmers, son of the late Kriegy Arthur V. Detmers, after receiving one of our blog updates with photos wrote that he now knows where his Dad got his little red diary, and the blue one too. He shared the following information found in the little diaries: "On one page he described the fall of Rome and the invasion of Europe. The "Bird" must have been very informative, and another entry describes being in a boxcar with 20 officers and 30 GIs on their way to Luckenwald probably, before he went to Oflag 64. The boxcars were often strafed by allied planes, not a good experience."

David Hoskot, son of the late Kriegy Nathaniel R. Hoskot shared that he has written an original song which honors particularly his father who was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors in 2004. He also hopes that it honors the service and sacrifices of the men and women of The United States of America's armed forces. Please let us know if you would like a copy of the words and/or the audio file and we will email it to you.

Catherine Joyner, daughter of the late Kriegy J. Jack Monaghan, wrote to let us know that her father passed away on April 6. We have added his name to our online TAPS list and have included his obituary in the TAPS section of this ITEM. We know he is mightily missed.

Susan Holmstrom Kohnowich, daughter of the late Kriegy Carl Holmstrom who wrote the book "Kriegie Life", wrote to let us know that she is updating his book and including original drawings with added descriptions or biographies under each picture. The book is not yet ready for publication but she will keep us posted as to its future availability.

John Rodgers, Sr., one of our Kriegies, sent a recollection of his POW days. Please see the Kriegy News and Information section for his account.

Ann Rogers, niece of the late Kriegy Frank N. Aten wrote: In addition to the Prisoner of War Bulletin published by the American Red Cross, I just discovered one I haven't seen previously. Several pages are eye catching because color is used. Printed Name: Gefangenen Gazette. Dated September 1944, an article on the first page by Editor Gilbert Redfern states the following: "the articles and cartoons in the Gazette throw a vivid light on camp conditions and on how the men there are temporarily adapting their lives to an atmosphere that must be completely alien to them." Ann asked if one or more of these gazettes will be included in the Oflag 64 Museum. As we have not seen the Gazette, we will need to do more research to find them.

Ted Roggen, one of our Kriegies, was interviewed by a couple of Kriegy descendants several months back regarding his POW experiences. He sent a report of the interview by Susanna Connaughton and followed it with the report of the interview with David Weinstein. Please see the Kriegy News and Information section for his report.

Pam Wheeler Waters, daughter of the late Kriegy Bertram A. Wheeler would like to know which barrack her father was in while at Oflag 64. He was captured on the Mousse River. If you have information to share, please let us know and we'll pass the information along to Pam.

New Contacts/Visitors to our Website

Kenna Archer – great niece of the late Kriegy Doyle Yardley, asked to be added to the mailing list.

Catherine Joyner – daughter of the late Kriegy J. Jack Monaghan, asked to be added to the email list.

Linda Gauntt Greendyke – niece of the late Kriegy Doyle Yardley, would very much like to honor her uncle by keeping his memory alive and others of Oflag 64. She asked to be informed of the progress of the Museum being established in Szubin.

Kriegy News and Information



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



to our GREAT KRIEGY HEROES and PATRIOTS



Happened Recently



Donald Waful - 4/8
103 years

Robert Levin – 4/30
99 years

Wilbur Sharpe – 6/24
97 years



Please let us know Kriegy ages and birthdates so we can wish all a well-deserved **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**
Send birthday pictures too!

(We would love photos and stories of any of these milestone celebrations!!)



There's a great article, which includes our Kriegy Don Waful, in a recent online publication by WRVO Media in New York. We don't have permission to reprint it here, but you can access it by clicking on this link:
<https://www.wrvo.org/post/syracuse-mets-gm-expects-big-crowds-2019>

We do, however, have permission, thanks to Danny Tripodi, Social Media Manager of the Syracuse Mets organization, to reprint photos of Don throwing out the first pitch at the home opener of the Syracuse Mets on April 4. Thanks to Susanna Connaughton for securing permission.

Don has been watching baseball in Syracuse for nearly a century. He was quoted as saying "I saw some minor league games here in Syracuse when I was 10 years old, I'd say 1925." See photos that follow. Perfect pitch Don!!



↑ Getting ready.....and there it goes. ↓



.....And, we just learned of another story about Don, unrelated to baseball, but amazing just the same. You can read the story entitled "10th Mountain Division, 1st BCT Soldiers honor World War II veteran, Syracuse native" by accessing this link: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/328652/10th-mountain-division-1st-bct-soldiers-honor-world-war-ii-veteran-syracuse-native>





This photo was sent by Susanna Connaughton who is doing research for a book about her dad's POW experiences. The document includes the names of 8 of our Kriegies who were interviewed at the Pentagon in 1945 after their return from Poland via Moscow.

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OFFICE MEMO: 26 Feb 1945

List of eight men returned from Oflag 64, Poland, via Moscow, interviewed at The Pentagon 25 February 1945:

	Reception Station to which assigned for 2 days	Home address
Capt. Ernest M. Gruenberg, 0461766, MC	R. Sta. #2 RC, Ft. Dix, N.J.	NY, NY
Capt. Frank Olevsky, 01101980, CX	R. Sta. #2 RC, Ft. Dix, N.J.	Camden, N.J.
Capt. Eugens M. Witt, 0389188, Inf.	R. Sta. #7 RC, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.	Battle Creek, Michigan
1st Lt. Bill B. Everett, 01293391, Inf.	RS #10, RC, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas	Sweetwater, Texas
2d Lt. Alvin G. McCormick, 01319150, Inf.	R. Sta. #6 RC, Camp Shelby, Miss.	New Orleans, La.
2d Lt. John N. Dimling, Jr., 01286803, Inf.	R. Sta. #4, RC, Ft. Bragg, N.C.	Winston Salem, N.C.
2d Lt. Frank H. Colley, 01166942, FA	R. Sta. #15, RC, Ft. McPherson, Ga.	Washington, Ga.
2d Lt. James F. Shildt, 01183409, FA	RS #2 RC Ft. Dix, N.J.	Long Island City, N.Y.

Through arrangements made by Maj. Malloy of the CPM Branch (MIS), the above officers were interviewed 25 February 1945 by Ensign Earl W. Kintner and 1st Lt. Fred T. Couper Jr, representing the War Crimes Office. Statements were taken from each of the 8 officers, 2 of which were signed. Due to lack of time, the other statements were not signed but will be forwarded to the respective officers for signing.

Present also at various times during the day, and handling the other arrangements in connection with these officers, were Maj. Gen. Henry, Col. Bernays, Major Wadsworth (CPMB) with 2 other officers and some enlisted men, and Major Reidy of the Casualty Branch, AGO.

FRED T. COUPER JR.,
1st Lt., JAGD.

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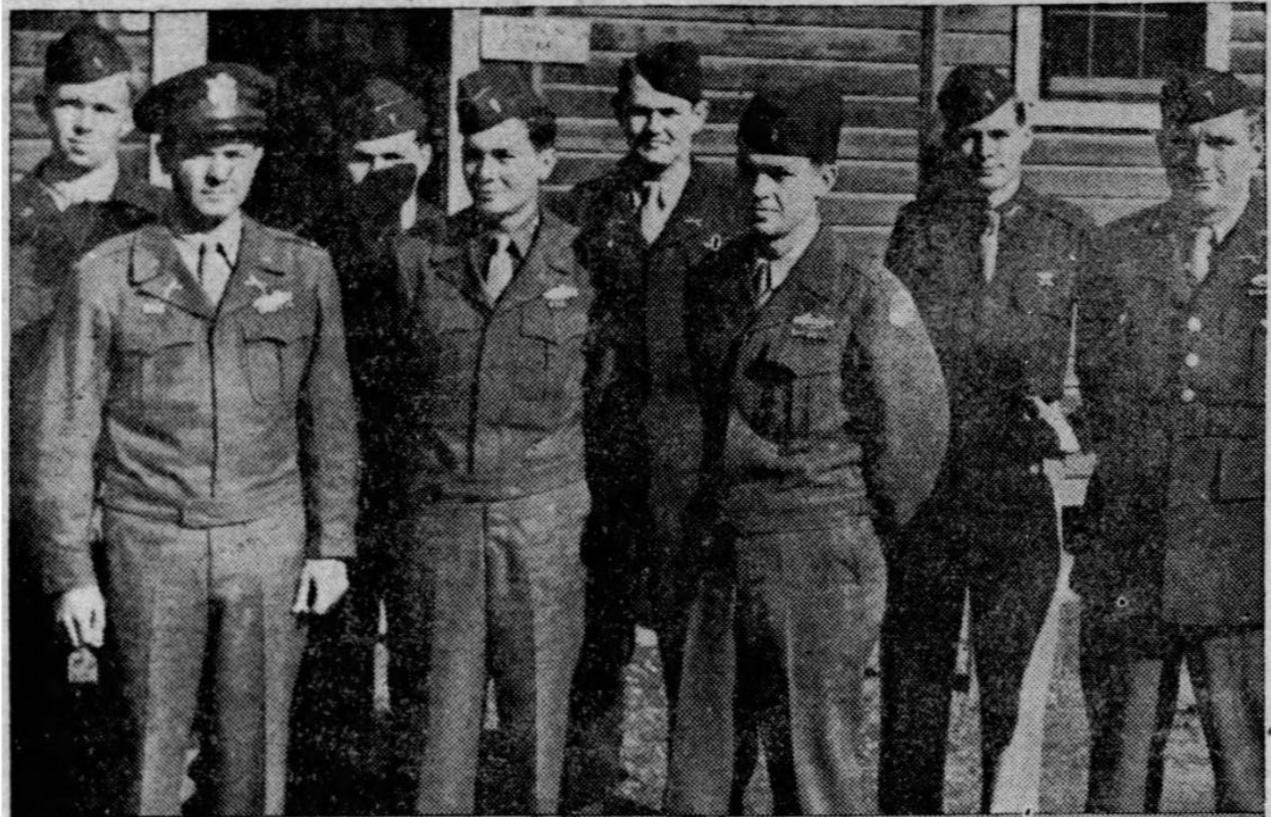
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Sent by Paul J. Thriffiley III, this photo shows eight former Oflag 64 Kriegies on their way home. The photo was taken at Camp Shelby in Mississippi and appeared in the Clarion-Ledger in Jackson Mississippi on April 20, 1945.

Front row, l-r: 1st Lt. Alphonse C. Elmer, New Orleans, LA; 1st Lt. Paul W. Hodnette, Monroe, LA; 1st Lt. Francis B. Stevens, Jackson, MS; 1st Lt. John L. Mathis, Water Valley, MS.

Back row, l-r: 2nd Lt. Hiram J. Wright, Baton Rouge, LA; 2nd Lt. Robert P. Breazeale, Baton Rouge, LA; 2nd Lt. Paul J. Thriffiley Jr., New Orleans, LA; 2nd Lt. Sidney L. Farr, Baton Rouge, LA.



These photos were sent by Anne Hoskot Kreutzer who recently visited the gravesite of her parents. The small tag reads:

75th Anniversary of D-Day. In recognition and memory of your June 6, 1944 D-Day jump at 1:30 AM as a liaison from the 82nd A/B to HQ 101st A/B, and your capture as a POW later that day. We are grateful for your service and your life. Your loving family.





Kriegy John R. Rodgers, Sr. sent the following account of his days as a POW, stating that “not everything in a POW camp is always dreary and discouraging. Occasionally something happens to add a bit of humor. This happened to me once although at the time I didn’t consider it to be funny.

The circumstances that led to this began in a POW camp south of Naples, Italy. I was in this camp at the time Italy capitulated and we were all put on a train and moved out of Italy. Most of the personnel in this group were infantry and I was, I think, the only one from the Air Force. We finally arrived at Oflag 64 at Szubin, Poland. After several weeks, those of us captured in Sicily were sent to a camp near Berlin for interrogation. There we were each interred one man to a cell. Harry Evans was in the cell next to me and we could talk to one another out the window if we stood on the head of the cot.

Thomas (I think) Mitchell was in a cell across the way. One night during a big air raid over Berlin, no one was allowed from his cell. Mitch picked this time to need a visit to the toilet. After repeated requests Mitch could be heard yelling “I’m gonna schizzen an pizzen on the decks”. I’m not sure about this but I think the Germans considered the deck to be a cover or perhaps a ceiling. With this they let him out.

After about three weeks in this cell I was taken out to see a Hauptman Williams, whom I’d heard had spent 17 years in the US and his American English was very good. He asked me about what kind of guns were in my squad. I didn’t know what kinds of guns were in a squad so I just told him what I thought we had in my squadron which were 45 cal pistols and 50 cal machine guns. He was getting ready to send me back to my cell so I told him “Captain, I’m in the Air Force. With that he said what did you fly. I actually flew an A-36 dive bomber but told him a Spitfire. With that he said “Tell me how did you get a squad of men in a Spitfire?” I didn’t even give it a thought and said “That’s a military secret.” He jumped to his feet and began yelling loudly in German. I thought he was going to have me shot. A guard came in and popped to rigid attention and took me back to the cell. Two days later we were all returned to Oflag 64”.



Kriegy Ted Roggen, sent this report of his interviews with Susanna Connaughton and David Weinstein....”In my 100 years, I have been interviewed for magazine articles, Radio, TV, and other publications.

On October 16, 2018, I had a great interview by Susanna Connaughton, the daughter of Seymour Bolten, an Oflag Kriegy. The interview lasted over three hours, she said she was writing a book about her father. She informed me the title was going to be “The Interpreter”. My memories about Seymour...he informed our group of Kriegies whenever the commander in Oflag 64 had a major announcement. He was very good and impressive.

The other interview by David Weinstein took place in my home on October 22. David had a cameraman and all the whistles. David’s uncle was Kriegy Leonard Feldman. I was just a friend of Leonard, but never close. The interview lasted about three hours. My understanding of this interview was that it would be for TV not for a book. David and the cameraman were very pleasant, and I am certain they achieved an excellent interview. Both promised to send me the final episodes of the interviews.

At this time, I don’t have any clues on how they selected me, but I was delighted to give my time....my many days at Oflag 64”.



Honor Flight

Do you know a Veteran of World War II (there are less than 500,000 left), or from the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam War who would like to visit Washington DC for a day, to see the Memorial dedicated to him/her,



as well as the Changing of the Guard at Arlington Cemetery, while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow Veterans?

Honor Flight is a non-profit organization which transports Veterans from 130 hubs in the U.S. to our Nation's Capital. A Guardian accompanies each Veteran for companionship and help, if needed. The Guardian pays a fee to cover expenses; the Veteran's day is gratis. Flights take place in spring and fall. On each Honor Flight you will find volunteer pilots, flight attendants, paramedics and other medical personnel, many of whom have traveled numerous times. Since 2005, Honor Flight has transported 222,133 Veterans.



At this time there are 38,000+ Veterans on the waiting list. World War II Veterans and those who are terminally ill have priority.



There are many ways to support Honor Flight. If you reside near one of their hubs, become a volunteer to help at the airport when the flights depart and arrive home. Families and organizations in astounding numbers, with flags, bands, banners and songs greet our Heroes as they arrive at the airport that night. Donate to Honor Flight.

I have been a Guardian twice: to a Korean Conflict Vet and to honor my Dad and his fellow Kriegies of OFLAG 64, and to a World War II vet. It's a special way to thank them for their sacrifices and for the Freedom we have today. It has been My Great Honor. Rosa DiFrancesco Lee



For information Online: Honor Flight Network
Honor Flight Headquarters-Springfield, Ohio 937-521-2400





As the 75th Anniversary of D-Day recently occurred, it was suggested that we reprint memories of that day from some of our ex-Kriegies. The following memories were found in Oflag 64 printed publications.



This memory is from Kriegy Don Waful (published in the Oflag 64 50th Anniversary Book, page 26-27) – He was writing about performances that took place while at Oflag 64.

“Probably the most memorable show was presented on D-Day, June 6, 1944, which by an unbelievable coincidence was the anniversary of the first American arrivals at Oflag 64 a year before. An all-day celebration show was put on, at the end of which the actors spread across the stage, each carrying one large letter, spelling out “LET’S GO IKE!” The Germans never did believe that we hadn’t known the date of the big invasion long before, to put together such a celebration. They were very nervous that night.”



And these memories are from the late Kriegy George Juskalian, reprinted from a 1984 ITEM.

Lead up: After the German Commandant granted permission to the Kriegies to celebrate their 1st year of incarceration, preparations began for a big celebration which would be held on June 6, 1944. Even though it was still several weeks before June 6..... “we began to get the show on the road. Committees were formed; planning moved into high gear; we began skimping on our meager rations in order to hoard for the big day which assumed high priority. A full day of activities was scheduled as follows:

0600 – Reveille. Our own Oflag 64 Marching (In Place) Band would wake us up with reveille call followed by a few spirited selections. (The band instruments had been donated to us by the International YMCA.)

0630 – Morning Appell. This was roll call. The Germans would line us up twice daily to make sure no one had flown the coop. Occasionally they would sneak in an unscheduled roll call to put us off balance.

0700 – Breakfast. Ersatz coffee (low -grade chicory) and a slice of Kommissbrot (black bread) toasted over a tin-can stovelet to burn away its bitter taste.

0900 – Carnival Games. Blindman’s bluff, horseshoes, roulette wheels and other games of chance, dart throwing, fortune telling, hula dancers, and many other merry-making activities.

1200 – Dinner. We would have a “bash”, as we called such rare treats in POW lingo. Through the remaining days before the sixth of June, each of us would stint on the contents of his Red Cross parcels. We would save enough to stuff ourselves and appease the gnawings of hunger for a day.

1330 – Softball game between the all-stars of the “Big House” and the all-stars of the “Out Houses.” (Our compound consisted of one large main building and several smaller ones.)

1600 – Concert. Our band would add some string instruments and become an orchestra, finally giving us the concert they had been rehearsing for months, including a wistful version of “If I Had the Wings of an Angel.”

1700 – Evening Appell.

1800 – Supper. In name only! A bowl of watery cabbage-rutabaga-potato soup would be the fare. But who could rightly complain after the noonday bash?

1930 – Burlesque Show. It would be an all-male chorus featuring “Queenie,” Oflag 64’s incomparable female impersonator, a six-foot, 210-pound former University of Dayton quarterback.

Enthusiasm waxed as the 6th of June approached and our preparations neared completion. Of course, it we thought about it, it did seem silly for us to be celebrating such an occasion – our first year in this particular Nazi prison! But then, we had waited for the invasion since the summer before, only to be disappointed time and again.

Our zeal was contagious. Even our German guards watched the preparations with mounting interest. They were particularly intrigued by the construction of the carnival games and the rehearsals for the burlesque routine.

When the 5th of June rolled around, we were ready. That night we turned in with the same sense of anticipation that a kid has the night before his birthday.

Dawn broke clear the next morning to the loud and brassy blare of our band. We assembled for appell; the roll call began. Straight-off we senses an air of crisis among the guards. The roll call rushed, the German Duty Officer hurried out of the compound. Something was definitely astir.

Soon the electrifying words were on everyone's lips: "The Invasion has started!"

Finally, it had come to pass. During the heavy hours of morning, while we slept, the invasion forces had crossed the English Channel and started the assault of Fortress Europe all along the storm swept coast of Normandy.

The German Commandant, his staff, and the guards all scurried about like men possessed. Babel reigned among the Germans that forenoon at Oflag 64.

We couldn't fathom their reaction. They, like us, had been expecting the invasion since the previous summer when the Allies landed in Italy. Their news media regularly speculated as to "when" and "where" the invasion would take place. Surprise we could understand, for we ourselves were surprised. But this outbreak of near panic had us baffled. It did not fit the stoic Teutonic mold.

Then we discovered the reason for their strange behavior. One of the German officers slipped the information to our senior officer. It wasn't the invasion per se that had them so bestirred. Rather it was the suspicion that we POW's – behind barbed wire and under heavy guard in the middle of Poland, a zone considered ideally safe for the isolation of POWs, and some 1,000 miles from the troop staging areas in England – had somehow been privy to the exact date of the invasion weeks earlier! The pretext that we would be observing our first anniversary at Oflag 64 had been nothing less than a diversionary trick.

And who could fault the Germans for their suspicions? After all, what rational human beings would want to celebrate such a joyless even as being stuck away in a prisoner of war camp!

At first we thought to reassure them that it was pure coincidence. Another suggestion was offered by Henry Soderberg, the representative of the International YMCA who we had invited to be with us that day because of our admiration and affection for him as a devoted friend. Henry, a Swedish citizen, pointed out that June 6 was also Sweden's "Day of the Flag" and we might exploit that coincidence because of his presence.

In the end we decided not to try to dissuade the Germans of their suspicion. Instead, we let them continue to think we had a super-secret means of communication with Supreme Headquarters Allied Forces Europe, and that Supreme Headquarters deemed us important enough to be privy to the war's biggest secret.

We feigned a knowing attitude the more to confound them. Remarks were dropped, looks were exchanged, gestures were made – all designed to bedevil our "hosts".

And bedeviled they were. In desperation the Commandant called his higher headquarters for advice and assistance. In short order a squad of Gestapo goons swooped down upon us. They were experts in ferreting out things. They would get to the bottom of this mystery if anyone could.

The goons searched high and low and found nothing. They asked questions far and wide and learned nothing. They turned the camp upside down and inside out but failed to find a clue. Perplexed and disgusted, they departed, leaving the Commandant and his staff to ponder over the events of that historic day.

In the weeks and months that followed, the Germans never reconciled themselves to the fact that it had been sheer coincidence. In turn, we never disabused them of their suspicion.

Forty years later (when this account was published in the ITEM), we former prisoners of war are still chuckling while our former captors are probably still wondering."

TAPS

Robert N. Alday

1915 ~ 2017

Robert Norman Alday passed away peacefully on Monday July 3, 2017 in Fernandina Beach, Florida, after 102 years of life. Born on May 5, 1915 in Burnt Mill Creek, Florida, to James Calhoun Alday and Wortley Dare Holland Alday, he was the 7th of the families 8 children.

Raised in Gainesville, Florida, Norman later attended Central Florida Business School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Infantry in 1942, landing on the beaches of Normandy on June 8th, 1944. He was captured weeks later in central



France and survived the remainder of the war as a prisoner in Poland. He ascended to the rank of Major before his retirement.

On December 29, 1948, Norman married Martha Barrett Williams in Elkins, WV. They were a devoted couple and happily married for 64 years. In 1954 Norman relocated his family to Fernandina Beach where he joined Container Corporation of America.

Norm, Dad, Poppa, Granddaddy, was greatly loved and admired by his 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, who respected his dignity, strength of character, humility and discipline. He dearly loved his wife and family and is survived by Phil Holland Alday (Cathy), Valdosta, Ga. Judith Barrett Hardwick (Jim), Jacksonville, Florida. Elizabeth Dare Bartelt (Ted), Raleigh, North Carolina. Grandchildren: Dr. Holland (Dr. Angela), Robert Norman, II (Rachel), Truitt, John (Ashley) Alday. Barrett (Judson Oswald), James Osburn, Parker Hardwick, and Elizabeth Dare Bartelt. 7 Great Grandchildren: Martha Barrett, James Barrett, Judson Wynn, Robert Norman, III, Malcolm, Annabel and Catherine. Norman was predeceased by his wife Martha Barrett Alday in 2012.

See Robert's complete obituary at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesunion/obituary.aspx?n=robert-norman-alday&pid=186037774&fhid=10407>

Published in the Florida Times-Union on 7/9/17.

Milton E Dowse

1909 ~ 1993

We were recently made aware of the passing of Milton but were unable to find an obituary for him. His name is now included on our website TAPS list.



Leonard J. Lanzilotti

1915 ~ 1981

We also recently learned of the passing of Leonard but were unable to find his obituary. His name is now included on our website TAPS list.



J. Jack Monaghan

1921 ~ 2019



The patriarch of the Monaghan clan, Jack Monaghan passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019, in the ninety-eighth year of his life. Jack was above all else a devoted family man, inseparable from the love of his life, Wodie, with whom he celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary last August 31. Jack led Wodie and their six children, eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many family friends through innumerable adventures in wonderful locations throughout their lives together.

Jack attended Ramsey High School in Birmingham, then St. Bernard Academy in Cullman, and finally L'Ecole des Roches in

Normandy, France, where he graduated high school in 1939. The summer of '39 included a tour of Europe which led him through Munich, Germany, to Denmark and other countries; an interesting and dangerous time to be there.

Jack attended college at the University of Alabama before transferring to The Citadel and enlisting in the Army as the United States became involved in World War II. Graduating in 1943,

Jack completed Officer Training School and was assigned to Cannon Company, 317th Infantry, in Patton's 3rd Army Division, where he served as forward observer, artillery. The unit served with distinction across France, with Jack first coming under enemy fire not far from places he had visited his senior year of high school. Jack was wounded and captured near Civry, France and spent the winter of '44-'45 in German POW camp Oflag 64 at Schubin, Poland. Liberated by the Russian Army, Jack was transported across the Black Sea to Constantinople and finally to an American hospital in Cairo, Egypt. Jack joined the Army Reserves following the war and served in various units including a heavy tank battalion and the Special Forces.



Upon his return to the US, Jack was reintroduced to Wodie Coleman, eventually marrying August 31, 1945. Jack and Wodie lived in Dadeville, AL and Savannah, GA before returning to Birmingham, where they built a home and a family together.

Jack is survived by his adoring wife, Helen Rosa "Wodie" Coleman Monaghan; his four daughters, Marietta Monaghan, Catherine Joyner, Anne Frost and her husband David Frost, and Rosa Read; his two sons, Jamey Monaghan and his wife Barbara, and Andrew Monaghan and his wife Paige; eleven grandchildren: David Joyner, Will Joyner, Mimi McCauley, Meghan Frost, Marian Frost, Daniel Read, Catherine Read, Jack Monaghan, Austin Monaghan, Caroline Monaghan and Kelley Monaghan; two great-grandchildren: Payton Moore and Henry Joyner; his niece, Peg Monaghan; brother-in-law Stephen B. Coleman, Jr. and his family; and numerous Monaghan, Jackson, Coleman and Randolph kin. Jack was predeceased by his parents, his sister Ellen Mary, and brothers, John Joseph and Bernard Andrew.

Jack's complete obituary can be found at: <https://obits.al.com/obituaries/birmingham/obituary.aspx?n=jack-monaghan&pid=192206295&fhid=8342>

William W. Paty, Jr.

1921 ~ 2018



"Bill" Paty passed away on August 12, 2018 at the age of 97. He is survived by his five children, thirteen grandchildren, sixteen great-

grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

We weren't able to find an actual obituary but these are a few of the stories we found online about his amazing life:



<https://www.khon2.com/news/local-news/former-head-of-dlnr-former-president-of-waialua-sugar-plantation-wwii-hero-bill-paty-dies/1377249877>

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2018/08/16/breaking-news/former-land-board-chairman-wwii-hero-william-paty-dies/>

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2018/08/17/hawaii-news/former-land-board-chairman-wwii-hero-william-paty-dies-2/>

<https://www.kitv.com/story/39410584/hundreds-gathered-to-remember-bill-paty>

<http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2009/Aug/16/In/hawaii908160349.html>

Nathan Sachnowitz

1921 ~ 2019



Nathan Sachnowitz from Kirkland Washington passed away on May 30, 2019 at the age of 97. A full obituary was not available at the time of this printing.

A notice of Nathan's death can be found at: <https://www.everhere.com/us/obituary-seattle-nathan-sachnowitz-9249438>

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Catherine Nunnally

2019



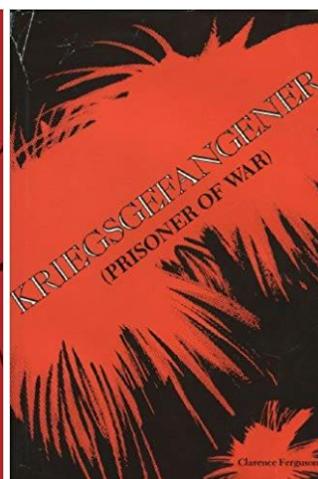
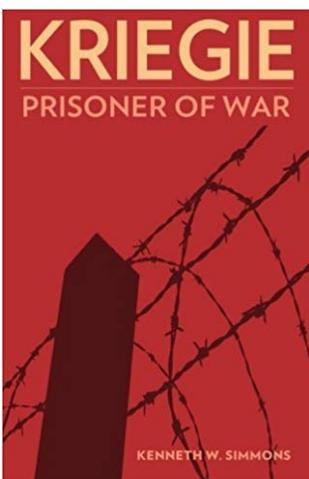
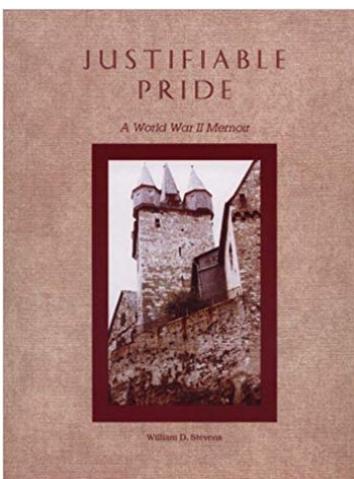
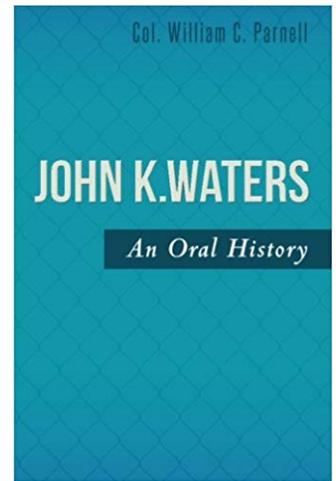
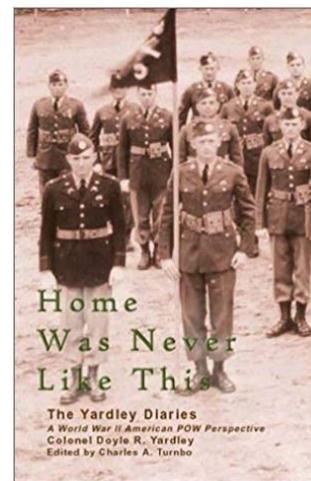
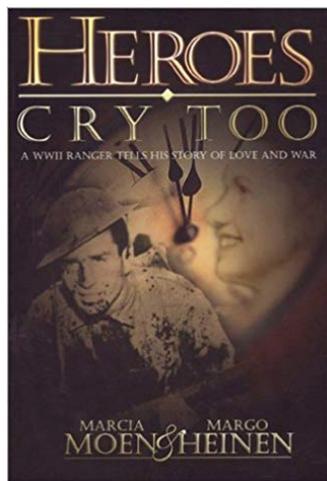
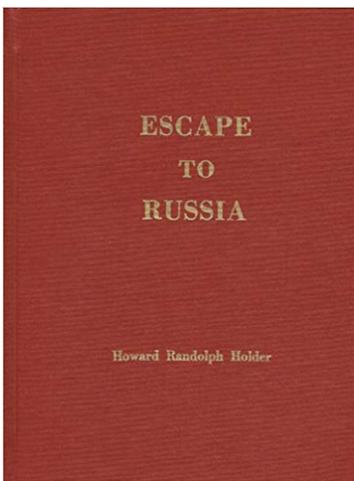
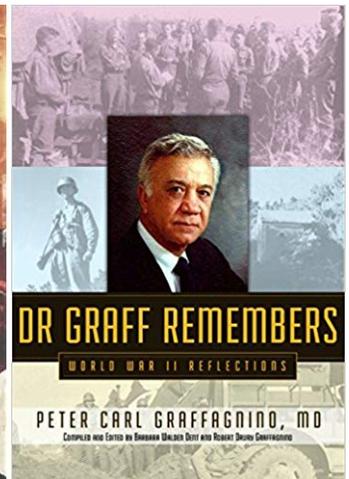
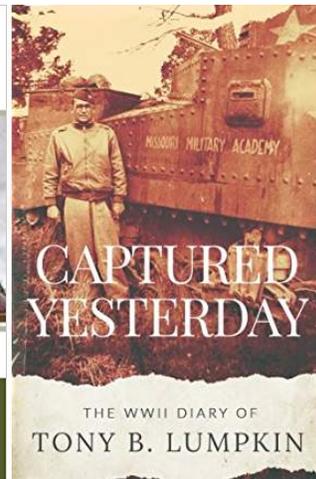
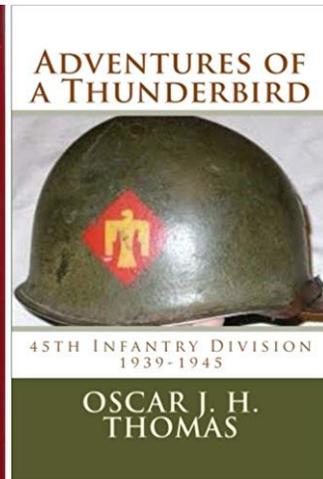
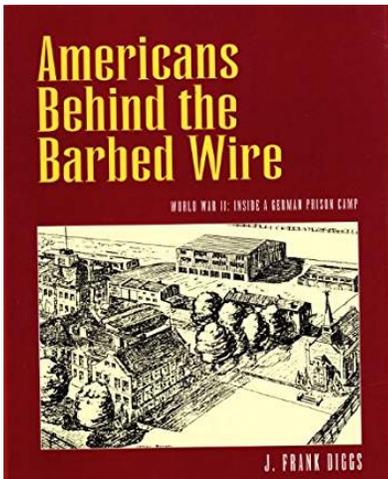
Catherine "Kitty" Nunnally, widow of the late Kriegy Boyce "Boo" Nunnally, passed away earlier this spring.

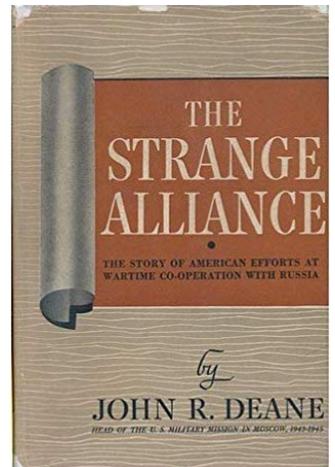
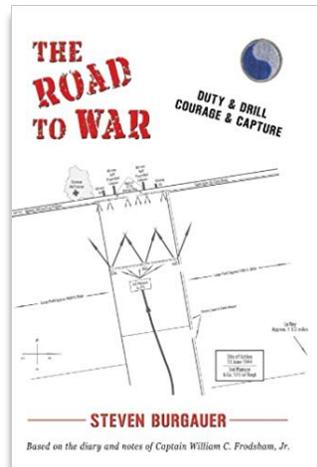
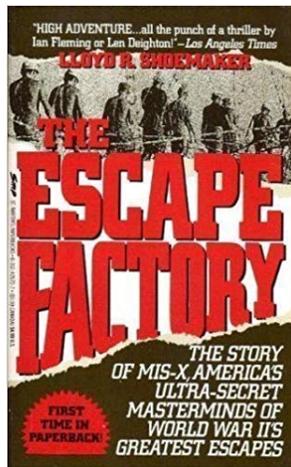
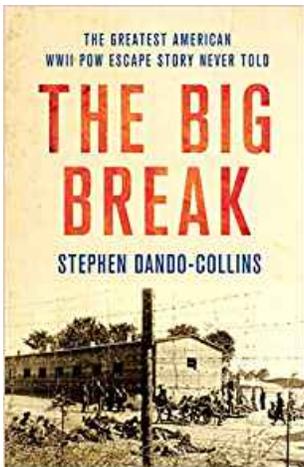
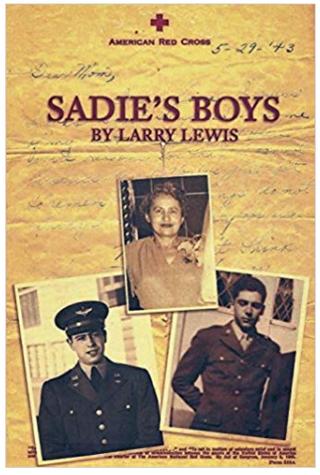
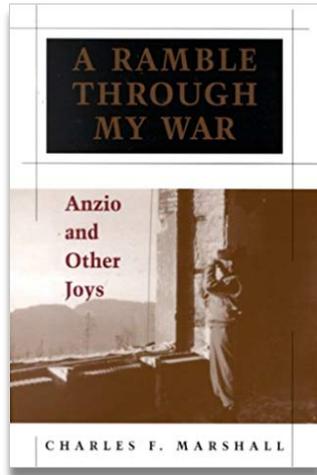
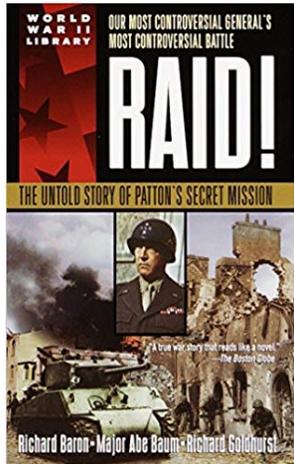
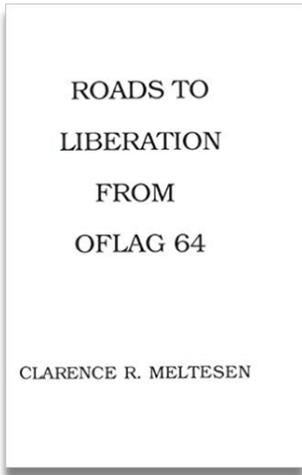
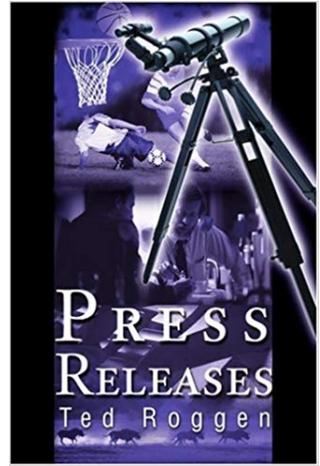
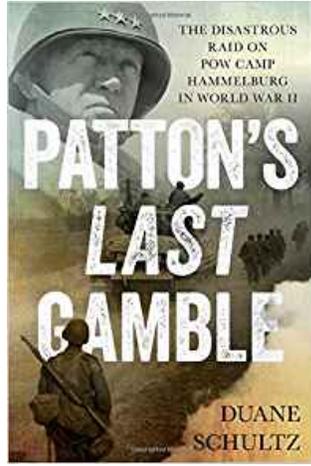
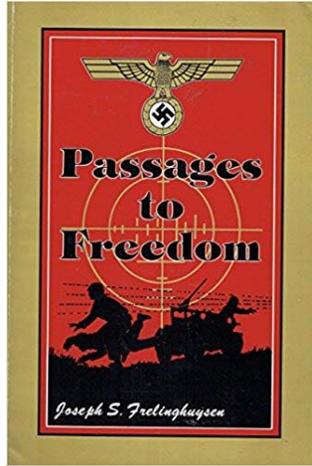
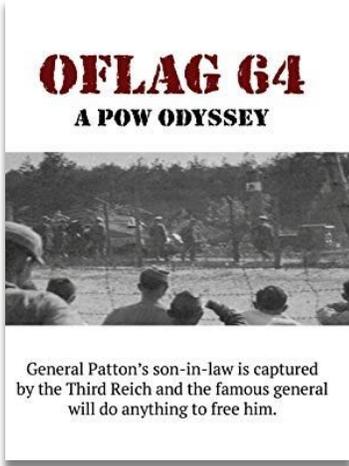
There was a small family gathering to celebrate her life. No other information was available.

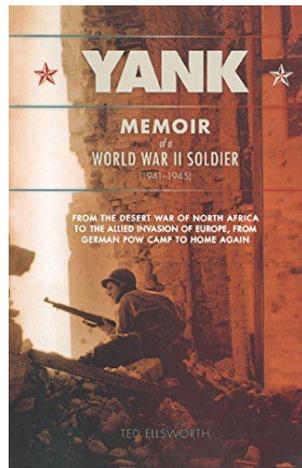
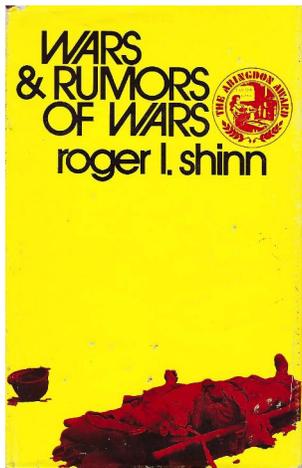
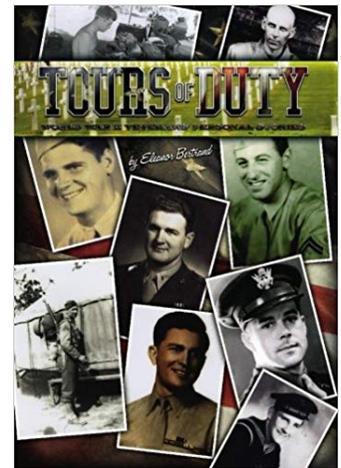
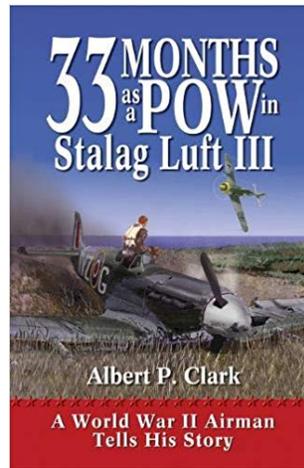
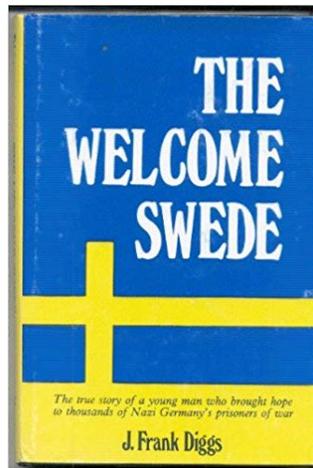
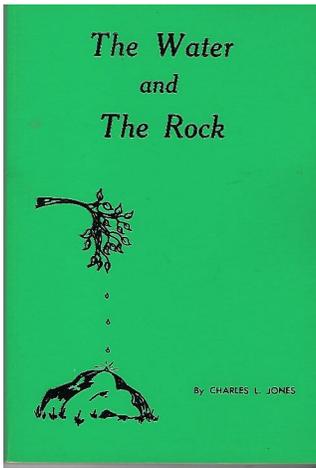


Publications

The following publications or videos might be of interest to you. Most of them were written by or feature our Kriegies. Your local library is a good place to check for availability. You can also find many of them by Googling their titles or checking the online book sites.







Regarding the following...

We have been unable to locate images on line for these next publications, but you may still find them by clicking on their links. Questions?? Contact Elodie.

My World War II Experiences by Donald A. Lussenden. (currently unavailable, check libraries).
<https://www.amazon.com/My-World-War-II-Experiences/dp/B017T6DEZU>

People Too by William H. Schaefer.
<https://www.amazon.com/People-too-William-H-Schaefer/dp/B0006XT1O2>

Vic Kanners Diary – Contact Don Kanners, 3205 Jennella Dr, Commerce TWP MI 48390-1619.
dkanners@comcast.net

Additionally....

Reviews of some of these publications, as many as we've been able to find to date, are listed on the Oflag 64 website. Please visit the Book Reviews page: <http://www.oflag64.us/Book-Reviews.html>

If you are a Kriegy or descendant of a Kriegy who has published a book, diary, memoirs about WWII experiences in relation to Oflag 64, we would love to include them in this grouping. We're currently looking for a copy of "The Colonel" written by the late Kriegy James F. Skells, also a copy of the late Kriegy Donald Lussenden's book "My World War II Experiences.

Finally....

If you are interested in "Roads to Liberation" by Clarence Meltesen, his daughter Lynn has a few more copies of his book. Lynne would be happy to pay shipping to get the book to you. Please contact Elodie for Lynne's contact information. (Thank you Lynne and Meltesen family for this service.)

If you are interested in the "John K. Waters Story", you can also purchase a copy by contacting Elodie Caldwell OR Cindy Burgess, \$15.99 includes S&H, write your check to the Oflag 64 Postage Fund. (Thank you Pat Waters for making several copies available.)



Oflag 64 US Advisory Council

Stated Mission



The Oflag 64 Family, a group of American ex-Kriegies, their families, and interested parties, have a mission to assist in the development of historical museums/centers and the preservation of the history of their experience by highlighting the camp itself, its internees, and the role and support of the Polish people. The vision of the Oflag 64 Family is to support the citizens of Szubin and their governmental entities in the creation of a Museum of POW Camps in Szubin.

UPDATE - Museum of POW Camps in Szubin

Members of the Oflag 64 Advisory Council met in July of 2018 to strategize the future of the ***Museum of POW Camps in Szubin***; the following are the accomplishments to date:

9/18 – A group of descendants of ex-POWs attended the ceremony for the transfer of the keys to the barrack from the Voivodship to the Town of Szubin and to a representative from the United States.

11/18 - Descendants returned to Poland to sign and notarize the Charter of the ***Polish – American Foundation for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin***.

2/19 – Began contacting ex-POWs and family members requesting donations of artifacts.

3/19 – Initiated forming a nonprofit 501(c)(3) in the United States.

4/19 – A ***Polish - American Foundation for the Commemoration of POW Camps in Szubin*** was officially registered in the courts in Bydgoszcz, Poland. Stay tuned for information about their soon-to-be-launched website.

5/19 – A projected budget for the ***Friends of Oflag 64, Inc.*** was developed and sent to the IRS along with the application for nonprofit status.

6/19 – Following the official granting of the EIN (Employee Identification Number):

- ✓ Bank accounts for the Foundation were opened in Bydgoszcz
- ✓ A bank account for the nonprofit was officially opened with UNITED BANK in Woodbridge, VA, which is close to the home of the nonprofit Treasurer.
- ✓ The initial deposit to the Foundation according the charter is \$10,000
- ✓ Currently, \$15,100 has been deposited in the nonprofit account.
- ✓ Plans are in progress to devise appropriate donation methods.
- ✓ Temporarily donations may be sent to :

Friends of Oflag 64, Inc
12768 Turberville Lane
Oak Hill, VA 20171

For a more detailed account, please see “The Bulletin-5” on our Museum Blog by clicking on this link:
<https://pow-museum-project.blogspot.com/>

Join us in our efforts to move forward. Many thanks for your support.