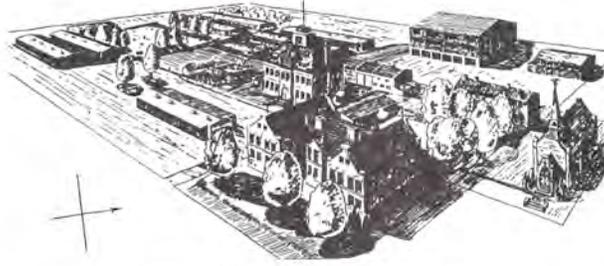


Post Oflag 64 Item



Artist's drawing of Oflag 64 without barbed-wire fences or guard towers
Drawing by Jim Bickers

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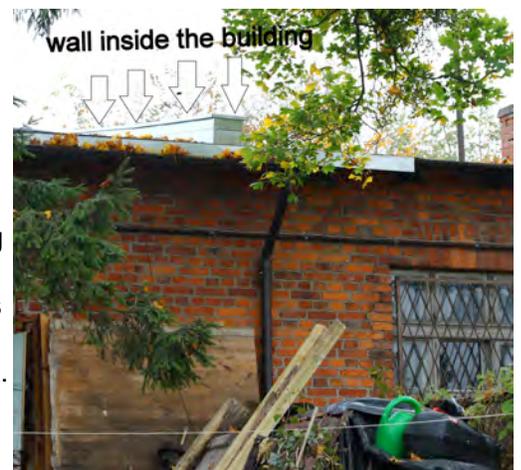
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Hello Oflag 64 Families,

With the Hall of Remembrance Project underway, we have been asked to begin thinking about providing memorabilia. As you go through your Kriegy's WWII mementos (diaries, photos, music, art, etc.), please consider donating them to the project. Space is already being provided at the Szubin Museum to store or even display these items until the Hall of Remembrance is ready to open.

Please let us know if you have items to donate. We will soon have an address to which they may be sent. We may also be able to coordinate sending items to Poland with members of our Oflag 64 Association family who will travel there in the future. More information to come.

As far as physical changes to the remaining barracks, the required wall separating the occupied living quarters from the rest of the structure has been put in place according to specifications. The Oflag 64 Advisory Council is in regular contact with Szubin officials as well as with other Polish officials working on this project. We hope to hear soon when further work will commence.



Best to you,
Elodie and Bill Caldwell at elodie@oflag64.us

A LITTLE COMPANY BUSINESS

Postage Fund Donors

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

Anne Kreutzer
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If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund and mail your donation to:

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To Have or Not To Have.... That is the question.

It seems we've asked this question a few times before but it must be asked again. We've received a few inquiries since our 2015 reunion in New Orleans so that's what's prompting this question.

It was decided by those who were at the business meeting at that time that a Reunion every 3 years would be more reasonable. In 2015, only three Kriegies attended along with their family members as well as some of our newer Oflag 64 Association family members and friends. We had a great time. But here we are three years later with only one of those attending Kriegies still living. We know that traveling is very difficult the older we get and there isn't the draw for Kriegies there once was when many were still living and attending.

What do you think? Please email me at elodie@oflag64.us with your thoughts.



If you have anything to submit for print in the ITEM, please contact Elodie at the contact address on the front page of this publication. If you send photos, digital scans of original photos or anything that can be sent in .jpg format, that works great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan the originals and send them back to you. Documents can also be sent in .pdf format. Thank you very much.

Also, if you notice errors or omissions, or find links that don't work properly, please let us know at elodie@oflag64.us. Thank you for your patience with this sometimes slow process.





MAIL CALL



Steven Burgauer (author and Oflag 64 Association family member) recently read Susanna Connaughton's writing on The Oflag 64 Record entitled "My Father's POW Experience: Following

His Trail through Poland, and commented on her "excellent piece of writing". He also commented separately during the hurricane which hit Florida that being without A/C for five days was a test of wills when there were 85 degree temperatures and 90 percent humidity and nothing cold to drink. *Thanks, Steven, for writing and for letting us know that you were okay through hurricane season. We hope winter weather treats you more kindly.*



Cindy Burgess (daughter of Kriegy Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe) recently attended the service held at Arlington National Cemetery for "Doc" Di Francesco and sent photos. We have permission from Doc's daughters

to publish some of them in this ITEM. Please see the Kriegy News and Information section. Cindy also reported that it was brutally cold that day but she and her dad were thrilled to be there with Doc's family and Anne Kreutzer who was also able to attend. In still another email, Cindy reported the death of Emmy Lou Bickers, widow of the late Kriegy Jim Bickers who drew the picture of the camp that we're most familiar with. You can see it on the front page of this ITEM. *Thank you, Cindy, for the photos and information you sent. We are happy to have participated in Doc's service from afar through those photos. We hope to hear from Barbara Bickers soon regarding her dear mother's service. Please keep Barbara and her family in your thoughts and prayers.*

Tom Cobb (son of the late Kriegy George A. Cobb) wrote to let us know that he had received a "Return to Sender" letter addressed to Kriegy Arthur W. LeSage. We checked and found that Arthur had passed away back in June of 2017.



Please see the TAPS list in this ITEM for his obituary. We know he is greatly missed. *Thank you, Tom, for helping us stay updated. We don't always hear from families, so it's good to get any information we can.*



Kay Cruise (daughter of the late James T. Godfrey) wrote in response to our greetings to her, saying that following the death of her dear husband earlier this year, she and her dog Greta are doing well. She

sometimes has times that "things" hit her but knows that's normal. She decorated her house for Christmas and put up two trees and her family joined her during the holidays so that was good. *Thank you, Kay, for your nice email and for updating us on how you're doing. Even with the ups and downs all along the way, we're happy to hear that you are normally doing well. Happy also to hear that your family was with you for the holidays.*

Tom Detmers (son of the late Kriegy Arthur V. Detmers) has possibly identified his father in one of the photos sent to us by Ross Valles. We will post his name as identified. If anyone has other information about the photo, please let us know. It, along with others, were published in the recent 3rd quarter ITEM. *Tom, thank you, for making that identification. It's sometimes hard to tell as years pass and the quality of photos deteriorates. But every identification we can make is great.*

Caroline Fenton (daughter of the late Kriegy Otho Rolla Williams, Jr.) wrote that she is now retired and living in Central Oregon, not far from me. She asked about future reunions, when and where they might be. We'll pose that question to our association family. *Thanks, Caroline, for writing. It was great hearing from you again. Once we get a feel for what everyone thinks about future reunions, we'll make a final decision and then go from there. In the meantime, any*

time any of our Kriegy families living near each other get together, we would love to hear of their activities and experiences.

Brandon Fullam (son of the late Kriegy Brandon A. Fullam) wrote to let us know that we had misspelled his dad's name on our database along with that of his dad's friend Ben Fleissig, also a Kriegy. His dad was only at Oflag 64 for 10 days so he doesn't appear in any of our website photos. He has so far had no luck finding Ben Fleissig's family and would love to hear from anyone who has. In a separate email, Brandon sent information about his dad's capture and a chronological listing of his travels prior to liberation. *Thank you, Brandon, for the corrections to your dad's name as well as that of Ben Fleissig's. Writing is sometimes hard to read on the databases, so we always welcome corrections. Thank you also for the listing of your dad's "journeys" through Europe during the war. Our fathers were great heroes and endured much more than they should have had to.*



Wiesław Guziński (Director of MOAS, the school for at-risk boys in Szubin) recently wrote to thank our Oflag 64 visitors to the September reenactment for their participation in the event. He expressed his belief that the people present at the event experienced truly great moments "touching" the realities in which their ancestors lived. He gave assurance that he and his co-workers would make every effort to create in Szubin the Chamber of Memory of World War II camps – including Oflag 64. His reference to the Chamber of Memory is the same as the Hall of Remembrance. *Thank you, Director Guziński, for your kind letter and for your continued support of the "Chamber of Memory of World War II camps". We owe you and the MOAS school a great debt of gratitude for the work you've done to preserve the camp site. Experiences at Oflag 64 in Szubin are not only important in Polish history but also in American history, especially for descendants who are researching and learning each day about their fathers and grandfathers.*

Peter P. Gaich (son of the late Kriegy Peter N. Gaich) wrote asking for information about reunions and if we would be having another one soon. He reported that his dad passed away in

1981 and did not talk much about his time at war. He does have a couple of stories to relate and will share them at a future time. *Peter, thank you for contacting us and for being willing to share your dad's stories. We look forward to adding them to our website stories if possible. Future reunions are unknown at this point, but we will make a determination as soon as we can.*

Massi Hacini (best friend of Oflag 64 Association family member David Ferguson) in response to our request for someone to translate documents from French to English agreed to do the translations. We will have access to those documents in the future. Massi, by the way, lives in Copenhagen Denmark. *Massi, thank you for being so willing to translate the French documents into English. It often takes many hands to see a project through to completion and sometimes those hands stretch across the globe. We have forwarded them to Mariusz Winiecki who is putting them all together.*



Victoria Herring (daughter of the late Kriegy Clyde E. Herring) sent a link to Ancestry.com's page on Saving the Stories of WWII Veterans. Please click on this link to learn more <https://www.ancestry.com/cs/veterans> It's a very worthwhile project where veterans who were there, serving in any war, can tell their own stories and share their memories. This would also be a great similar project, using our own template, for eventual inclusion in the Hall of Remembrance. *Thank you, Victoria, for sharing this link. With the greatest generation dwindling before our eyes and their stories going with them, it's wonderful to have a place to share memories and keep them alive even after all are gone. We hope many will take anyone who can will take advantage of this opportunity.*



Bret Job (son-in-law of the late Kriegy Ray E. Holmquist) sent greetings and word that he and Lisa spent a warm New Year's in Scottsdale AZ. He says he has his computer and that they will be there through January. In March, they plan to move to Florida but for now, he is still getting his mail in Minnesota. He will let us know his new address once he gets settled. In the meantime,

if anyone wants to send postage fund contributions to him, you can continue to send to him or to me by US Mail or you can do it directly through Venmo (like PayPal). The account has been set up under Bret Job @ Oflag64. *Bret, thanks for updating us on your travels and where you'll be moving. Florida is a great place to live and it seems like many people are moving there these days. We hope all goes well as you make the transition. Please update us with your new address when you get it. We will make the change for our Postage Fund purposes as well.*



Warren Jones (son of the late Kriegy Charles L. Jones) wrote to express appreciation for the ITEM and for the work that goes into compiling articles, etc. for it. Warren also mentioned that he was moved, after watching the reenactment video, having toured there in 2007, and gave kudos to Susanna Connaughton for her English tribute. *Warren, thank you for sharing your thoughts about the reenactment and Susanna's tribute. We have been told that an English translation for the video is in the works and that we'll be informed when it's ready.*



Lynn Kanaya (wife of Kriegy Jimmie Kanaya) wrote, following our email to the Oflag 64 Association family, to thank us for sending the photos of Jimmie and her at the Salute to Service by the Seattle Seahawks. She said they got shirts, hats, blankets, and sat in a Seahawk suite stocked with catered yummys and then Jimmie and the other vets were introduced on the field. She said it was a wonderful honor. Please see the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM for the photos (taken from my TV). *Lynn, we were thrilled to see that the Seahawks were honoring vets. I'm certain that they, along with all in attendance, were honored to have our wonderful vets in attendance. I was so proud of Jimmie when I saw him on the screen. And of course, it was great seeing you as well.*

William Kirtley (a history student at Texas Christian University) wrote asking for permission to use photos from our website, which include Amon G. Carter, Jr. who he has chosen as his subject for his historical WWII exhibit. Permission was given conditional upon credit

being given to the Oflag 64 Association. *William, thank you for contacting us for permission to our website photos. We hope your project went well and will be interested in learning how you put it all together.*



Anne Kreutzer (daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel R. Hoskot) sent greetings and a donation to the Postage Fund. Separately she sent a copy of a leaflet she found in her dad's papers. See the Kriegy News and Information section. *Anne, thank you for your thoughtful and generous donation to our Postage Fund. It will definitely be put to good use. Thanks also for the leaflet you sent. Isn't it fun finding treasures such as these? More pieces to the puzzle put together.*



Chris, Tony, and Noel Lumpkin (grandsons and granddaughter of the late Kriegy Tony B. Lumpkin) sent word about their grandfather's recently published diary, CAPTURED YESTERDAY. You can find more information in the Publications section of this ITEM. A limited number will be published so please check for it as soon as possible if you're interested in a copy. I must add, after reading the diary myself, I definitely got a feel for various war experiences as well as for life as a POW at Oflag 64 and other locations. Additionally, the siblings got together in early November at Noel's house (here in Longview WA where I live), so we were able to have a lovely visit one day while they were all together. *Thank you Chris, Tony and Noel for the wonderful gift of CAPTURED YESTERDAY and for the beautiful roses!! So much appreciated. Thank you also for coming to visit. It was an absolute joy to spend time with you.*

Mary Meacham (daughter of the late Kriegy Merle A. Meacham) wrote to notify us of her new email address. *Mary, thank you for writing and updating your contact information. We're always thankful for updates. When we get bouncebacks (and we do), we have no way of updating unless we're notified, so much appreciated.*

Marianne Merriam (daughter of Kriegy F. Eugene Liggett) wrote with new address information for her parents. Still in Vancouver WA but in a different location. She reported that her parents celebrated their 71st anniversary last February and that he is 97½ and she is 93. That is wonderful on all counts. See the Kriegy News and Information section for their anniversary photo. *Marianne, thank you for keeping us updated on where your parents reside. We know they like to stay current on Kriegy news so we're thankful for the updated information. Thanks also for the beautiful anniversary photo. Seventy-one years, nearly unheard of these days. What a milestone!!*

James Morrow (friend of the late Betsy Goode Owen) after checking our TAPS list noticed that we had incorrectly recorded Col. Goode's death date as 2000 when in reality it was 1959. *James, thanks for sending the correction to Col. Goode's death date. We have made the change and it appears correctly on our website.*



Catherine Nunnally (widow of the late Kriegy Boyce "Boo" Nunnally), due to her vision problems, is no longer able to read the ITEM so has asked to be removed from the mailing list. Please keep her in your

thoughts and prayers. *Catherine, thank you for letting us know to remove you from the mailing list. We are so sorry to hear about your eyesight but certainly understand the reasoning for the removal. Our best to you.*



Gail Rahal (widow of the late Kriegy Nick Rahal) wrote expressing support of using any excess postage funds to assist in the creation and development of the Hall of Remembrance. She feels it's a very appropriate and wonderful way to honor all the great Kriegies. *Thank you, Gail, for your support of the use of excess postage funds. We have enough in our account to cover the cost of printing and mailing of the ITEM for several years, so feel that supporting the Hall of Remembrance with any excess will be the most worthwhile use of those funds.*

Ann Kent Robbins (daughter of the late Kriegy John J. Kent) wrote to let us know of her

brother's recent death. He was a member of our Oflag 64 Association. We send our heartfelt condolences to the family along with our thoughts and prayers. We know he'll be greatly missed.

John Sutherland, Jr. (son of the late Kriegy John R. Sutherland) wrote that he has his father's Escape from Oflag 64 story. Once received, we will add it to other escape stories on our website. *John, thank you for being willing to share your dad's stories. We look forward to receiving them and posting them to our site soon.*



Dave Stewart (son of the late Kriegy Donald B. Stewart) sent a donation to the Postage Fund for Oflag 64 Advisory Council use. The Council is actively meeting together by video conference in addition to corresponding and making plans with Polish counterparts regarding the establishment of a Hall of Remembrance. *Dave, thank you for your donation to the Postage Fund and also for all you are doing to help move the Hall of Remembrance project forward; a very involved process but very worthwhile. And your expertise is greatly appreciated as well.*



Mariusz Winiecki (researcher and Oflag 64 Association family member) is hoping for contact with the family of the late Kriegy Samuel W. Morris. There were two Kriegies at Oflag 64 with the last name of Morris, but not Samuel. However, it is thought that perhaps Samuel was only at Oflag 64 for a few days and didn't get added to the roster. The reason for the interest is that a Polish family who helped him at the time of the Long March after the evacuation of Oflag 64 in January 1945, would like to contact members of his family. We think we have found his family but would appreciate any information anyone might have that is more concrete than what we currently have. *Mariusz, your information has been invaluable in helping us track down who we think might be a relative of Samuel Morris. We hope to hear back from her soon and we're sure others in Poland are hoping to hear as well. Thank you!!*



Nancy Wyatt (daughter of the late Kriegy Robert T. Thompson) sent a full page photo that appeared in the Houston Chronicle on New Year's Day marking 2018 as the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining independence! Please see the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM to see the photo. *Thank you, Nancy for sending us a copy of the photo. In my small town, we don't see*

such things, so it was a real treat to get a glimpse of this piece of history.

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*Thanks to all who have sent us greetings over the last few months either by email or by US Mail. They are always very much appreciated.  
~Elodie & Bill Caldwell~*

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## Happy Birthday to our Amazing Kriegy Patriots and Heroes!!



Coming up before the next ITEM

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| F. Eugene Liggett | February 19 | 98 years  |
| Ted Roggen        | February 22 | 100 years |
| Don Waful         | April 8     | 102 years |

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

AND Kriegies, please send a photo or photos of you on your birthday, no matter how old or young you are.  
We would love to include them in the ITEM.



**KRIEGER NEWS & INFORMATION**

Thanks to Cindy Burgess for sending these photos of Vincent "Doc" Di Francesco's service at Arlington.  
Thanks Di Francesco girls for permission to use them.



Transfer of casket to Caisson

Caisson procession





Graveside service with Di Francesco family



Kriegy Kids with Kriegy Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe at Arlington. I-r: Pat Bender (Doc's daughter), Anne Kreutzer (Nathaniel Hoskot's daughter), Cindy Burgess (Wilbur Sharpe's daughter), Maria Christmann (Doc's daughter), and Rosa Lee (Doc's daughter).

This photo was taken from a KATU news broadcast in Portland Oregon through their sister station in Seattle. Jimmie and other veterans were honored at the Salute to Service back in November 2017 by the Seattle Seahawks. A much deserved honor, Jimmie!!



This photo was sent by Marianne Liggett Merriam at the celebration of her parents' 71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary. And on February 3, they'll celebrate their 72<sup>nd</sup>. Way to Go Gene and Rosalie Liggett!!



Thanks to Nancy Thompson Wyatt for sending this photo to us. It was published in the Houston Chronicle, December 31, 2017.

**Dear America,**

**2018 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poland regaining independence!**

On this historic occasion we invite all Americans, including the over 10 million Americans of Polish descent whom we call Polonia, to join us in celebrating our Centennial.

For it was thanks also to America that our Homeland became free again. President Woodrow Wilson, inspired by the Polish statesman and virtuoso Ignacy Jan Paderewski, declared America's support for an independent Poland in his Fourteen Points.

For your assistance in 1918, for your friendship over the past 100 years, we say

*Thank you America  
and Happy New Year!*

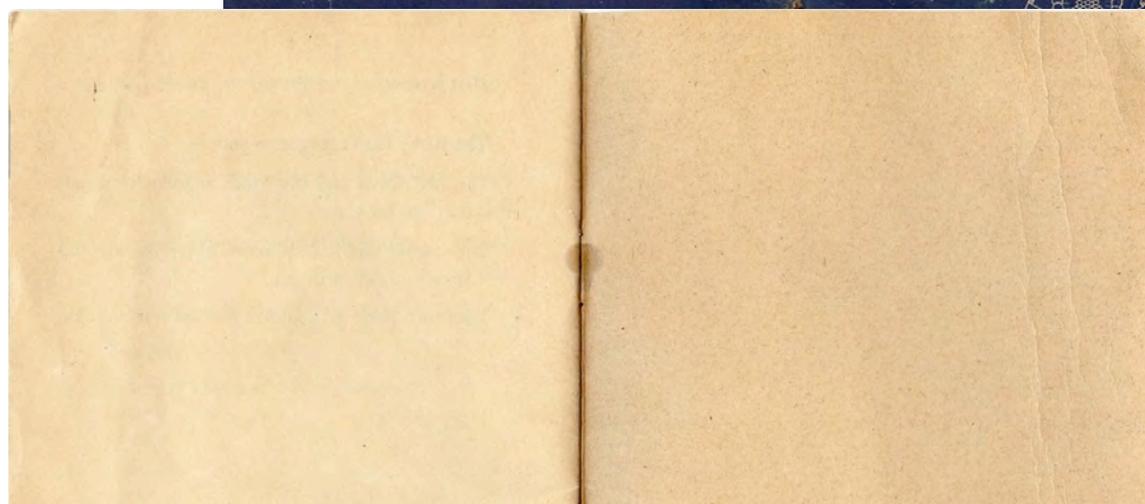
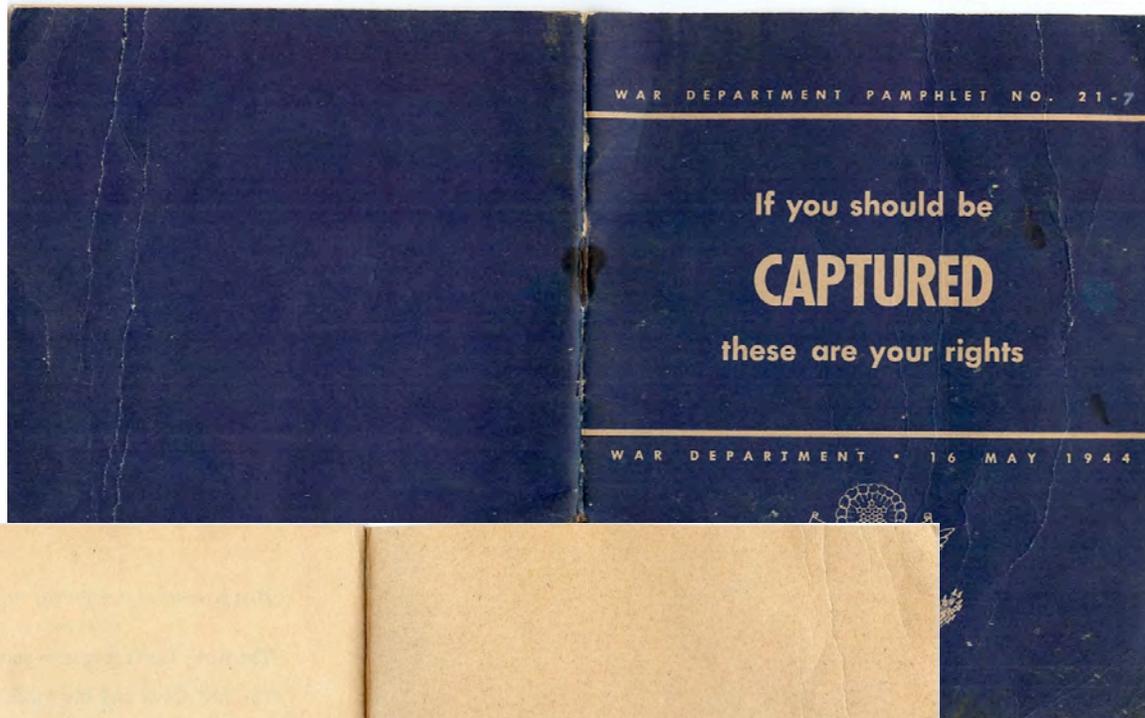
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Piotr Wilczek  
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THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR  
**#PL100**

This pamphlet was sent to us by Anne Kreutzer. It was among her late father's papers.



From the moment you are captured you have certain rights. Even before you are taken to a prisoner-of-war camp, these rights are in effect.

Stand up for your rights, but do it with military courtesy and firmness at all times. The enemy will respect you for it.

You must be humanely treated at all times.

Reprisals against you are not permitted. You cannot be punished for what somebody else has done.

You must be protected against insult or acts of violence by enemy military or civilians.

If you are wounded or sick, you are entitled to the same medical care as a member of the enemy's Army.

The enemy must clothe, feed, and shelter you.

You are a prisoner of war, not a criminal.



When you are questioned, by no matter what enemy authority, you must give only your name, rank, and serial number. Beyond that, there is no information which the enemy can legally force from you.

Do not discuss military matters of any sort with anyone.

An "Allied" soldier may be an enemy intelligence agent.

Forget all you ever knew about your own Army. If anyone wants to discuss it with you, even its insignificant details, say nothing.



You must surrender to the enemy who captured you all military equipment except your helmet and gas mask. However, the enemy must not take from you your personal belongings, such as your identification, insignia of rank, personal papers, wallet or photographs (unless of military value).

Money in your possession can be taken away from you only upon the order of an officer and after the amount has been determined. For this, you must be given a receipt. Demand a receipt. It is your right.

Any money taken from you must be entered to your account and returned to you when you are freed.



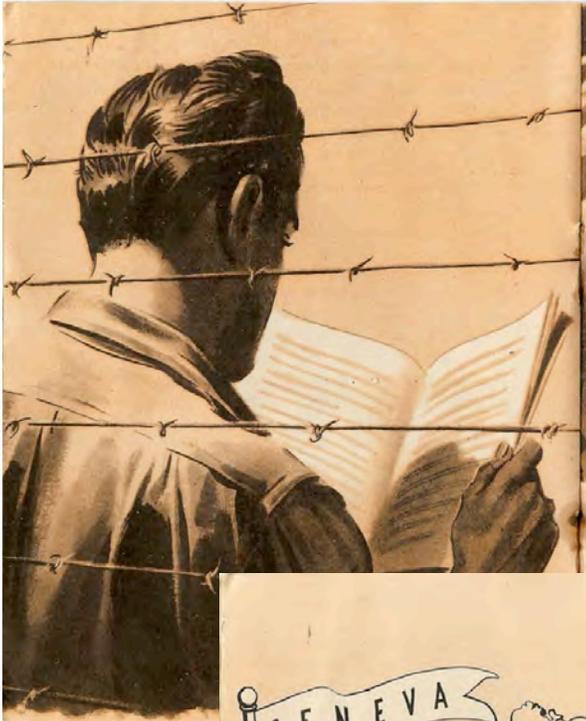
If you are an enlisted prisoner of war, you must salute all enemy officers. If you are an officer prisoner of war, you salute only enemy officers of equal or higher rank. You render your own salute, not the salute as executed by the enemy.

Where other matters of military courtesy and discipline are concerned, you have the same rights and duties as your opposite number in the enemy army.

You are subject to all laws, regulations and orders enforced in the enemy army. You may be tried and if found guilty, punished for infractions of enemy regulations. However, no form of cruelty may be used in your punishment. Generally speaking, arrest, confinement and disciplinary punishment may be imposed upon you in the same manner as upon the enemy's own personnel of equivalent rank.

If you attempt to escape and are recaptured, you are liable only to disciplinary confinement not to exceed 30 days. But if you use violence, you may be punished for that violence quite apart from the 30 days imposed for the attempt to escape. If you commit any civilian crime, you become subject to punishments under enemy law and by enemy courts.

Having been punished for an attempted escape, that attempt may not be held against you if you try to escape again and are recaptured.



One of your most important rights is to request that a copy of the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War be shown to you. It should be in English.

If you do not ask for a copy of the Geneva Convention and read it, it is your own tough luck if certain of your rights are withheld from you.

All the rules of war under which you live as a prisoner are contained in the text of the Geneva Convention.

Don't let the formality of the title fool you. The text itself, which contains the information that is so important to you, is clearly and simply written. If, however, there are any points which are not clear to you, you have the right to ask the camp authorities, through your spokesman, for an explanation.

Let the Geneva Convention be your Basic Field Manual while you are in captivity.

Read it!



One of the most important guarantees in the Geneva Convention is that prisoners of war have the right to elect a fellow-prisoner as their spokesman to represent them in any dealings with the prisoner-of-war camp authorities or with the Protecting Power. However, the spokesman must be approved by the camp authorities. All protests or complaints which you have to make must be made through your camp spokesman.

The Protecting Power is a neutral country which acts as a go-between for settling complaints and grievances between you and the enemy.

The Protecting Power for the United States is Switzerland.

When a representative of the Swiss Government visits the camp where you are held, you have a right to talk to him in private if you wish.



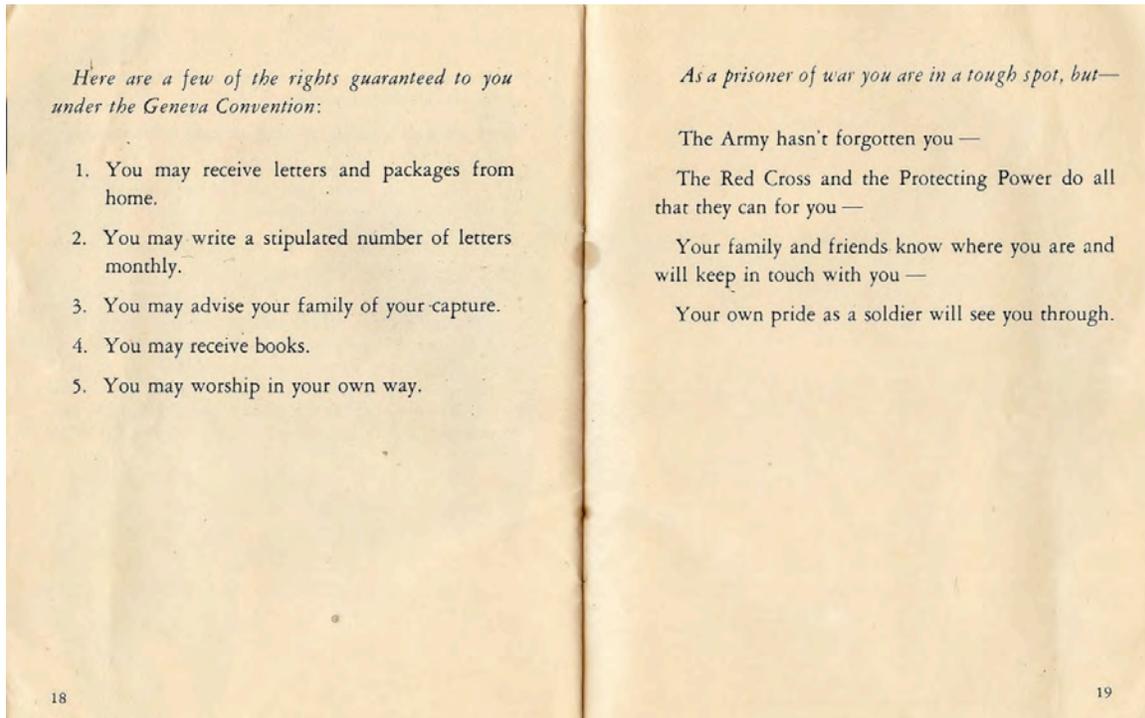
You must work in a labor party as ordered, if you are a private or private first class.

If you are a noncom, you may be used only in a supervisory capacity.

If you are an officer, you may not be assigned to any work, except at your own request.

You must not be required to do work that is either dangerous or unhealthful.

You must not be employed in any job which has a direct relationship to war operations. For example — you must not be used in manufacturing and transporting arms or munitions of any kind, or for transporting any material intended for fighting units. If you are ordered to do this kind of work, you are entitled to protest through your spokesman, but in the meantime must continue to do the work.



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Looking forward to a wonderful year in 2018. May it be filled with the brightness of hope and good will, blessings of peace and comfort, and continued freedom.



*Arthur W. LeSage, Jr.*

1922 ~ 2017



It is a great day in heaven as they have gained an amazing man and our hero. Arthur W. LeSage Jr. (Art), 94 years young, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at St

Luke's Hospital in Duluth, MN.

Art was born on July, 20th 1922 in Morris, MN. He joined the Army in 1940 where he was a Second Lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne. He proudly served his country and was a POW in WWII. He earned numerous awards including the Purple Heart, Prisoner of War metal and WWII Victory Metal.



He married Celesta Mary Staebler on January 5th, 1946 in Morris, MN. The two were married for over 62 years and had 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. They lived most of their lives in Alexandria, MN where he worked in sales as a district manager for the FC Hayer Company. He loved his family, he loved to laugh and to make others smile and laugh! He loved to tell the stories of great memories he had, to tell jokes, and to make up songs. He always said "there may be others who love their family as much as I love mine, but I know there isn't anyone who loves them more. I don't know what I did to deserve all of you, but I am so grateful." He had a zest for life and a laugh that was contagious! He was always quick to show gratitude and believed that laughter was the key to life and the very best medicine! He is loved and adored by his family and he and that beautiful smile and laugh will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

Art was preceded in death by his parents; Arthur Sr & Hazel LeSage, sisters Gladys Satter & Ihla Grote, his beloved wife, Celesta LeSage, and special friend Marge Mudrak. He is survived by his children, David, Richard (Loretta), Robert, Douglas, Nancy Myre (Scott), and Thomas (Laurie); grandchildren Mark LeSage, Nick LeSage (Katie), Kristine Kise (Jason), Jennifer Nguyen (Shawn), Scott Le Sage (Caitlin), Megan Steinbruckner (David),

Brenton LeSage, Donald LeSage, Jana Anderson (Michael), Michael LeSage, Ian Myre (Jayna), Nolan Myre (Brianna), Haley Myre; great-grandchildren Cooper & Chase LeSage, Sophia Grace, Owen & Noah Kise, Avery & Aden Nguyen, Madison, Cole, Oliver & Ellie LeSage, Mason & Greyson Steinbruckner, Kylie Rasmussen, Paige Perry (David), Emma & Ella Anderson; special friends Iris Gustafson, Elwood Olin and Tim & Kathy Cullen.

A celebration of a life wonderfully lived will take place on Saturday, July 15th with visitation at 9am and service at 10am at Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria with Military Honors Salute and a luncheon celebration to follow at noon at the Alexandria Masonic Lodge. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to a cause he held dear, the Wounded Warriors Project in honor of Art LeSage. "There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains." Thank you for your amazing light and the example you set for all those who call you Dad, Grandpa and friend.

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Since the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017 issue of the ITEM, we have learned of the following Kriegy deaths, most of which have been included in 2017's ITEM TAPS lists. We recognize and honor them here as well.

- 1993 Brandon A. Fullam
- 1998 Henry N. Crellin
- 2006 Durward B. Lott
- 2010 John C. Foster
- 2012 Stanford Woodhurst
- 2017 Vincent J. Di Francesco
- 2017 Gordon G. Frey
- 2017 Arthur W. LeSage, Jr.
- 2017 Herman N. Littman

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We have also recently become aware of the passing of Emmy Lou Bickers, widow of James Bickers. Our heartfelt condolences are sent to her family along with thoughts and prayers. We know she will be greatly missed. Her obituary follows.

# Emily Power Bickers

1920 ~ 2017



Emily Power Bickers passed away peacefully December 21, 2017 with loved ones by her side. She was born in Chicago, Illinois September 29, 1920 to John and Mildred Power. She graduated from Peoria Central High School in 1939 and attended Beloit College in Beloit Wisconsin. Following college, she met and married James F. Bickers Jr. on May 3, 1941 when she began a lifelong love affair with him until his death in 2010. Emily was a resident of Wilmette Illinois from 1953 until her death. She was an active member of The Mary Crain League and volunteered her time on numerous charitable activities over the years. She was an enthusiastic golfer and bridge player as a member of Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northfield IL from 1960, until she was physically unable to play any longer. She was also a loyal fan of the Chicago Bears and enjoyed watching games with her grandsons John Jr. and James, who were loyal Green Bay Packers fans where many lively and loving arguments ensued. But her greatest passions was her love of family, and her lifelong love of her devoted husband, Jim. After Jim's retirement Emmy Lou and Jim enjoyed many sea cruises visiting Mexico, Indonesia, the Mediterranean, and numerous Caribbean Islands. She is mourned by her surviving sons James F. Bickers III (Merry), John P Bickers (Karen), and daughter Barbara L Bickers, her grandchildren, Maya, Erin, James IV, John Jr., James R., Elizabeth and Sarah and her Great grandchildren John III, Christopher, Annabelle, Miles, Margot, Biagio, Peter, and Emily

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery with her beloved husband, James, February 9, 2018.

<http://www.nhscotthanekamp.com/obituaries/Emily-Bickers/#!/Obituary>



## PUBLICATIONS

The following publications might be of interest to you. Many of them were written by our men. Your local library is a good place to check for availability. If you can't find what you're looking for there, write to the author or publisher or click on the links below. New and used copies are often available from online sites. If you become aware that any of these publications are no longer available, please let us know.

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