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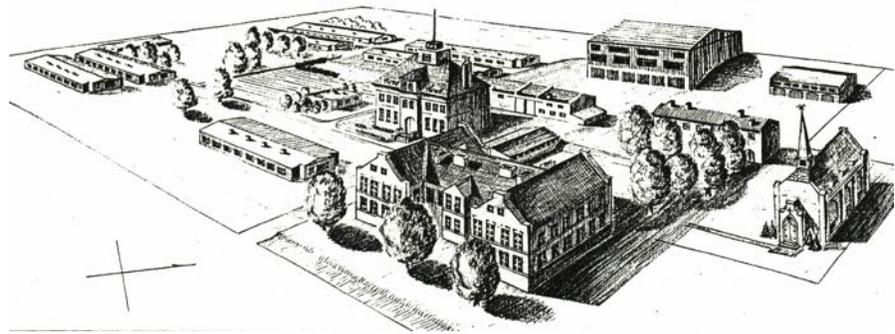
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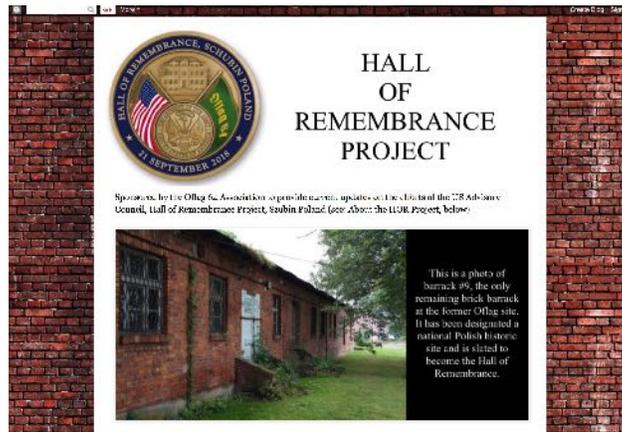
We apologize to any others  
we may have overlooked but  
thank everyone who has  
contacted us.



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

## Have you seen the new Hall of Remembrance Project Blog?

Sponsored by the Oflag 64 Association, this blog is designed to provide current updates on the efforts of the US Advisory Council, Hall of Remembrance Project in Szubin, Poland. Even though just recently created, the blog contains several posts dating back to the beginning of the project in 2016 and will be updated as new information is available. See the section beginning on page 13 for recent US Advisory Council/Hall of Remembrance updates, post information, and the blog address.



Please let us know if there's anything you'd like to know about the project or how you can help. There will be something for everyone to do.

Best to you,  
Elodie and Bill Caldwell  
ITEM Editor and Webmaster/Blogger

# Oflag 64



# A Little Company Business

## Fund Donations



THANKS to all who very generously donate to our various Oflag 64 funds. *A big thank you to Annette Nelson for her recent generous donation to the Postage Fund.*

Now that paperwork for the new Polish-American Foundation has been completed and will be submitted in January to the Bydgoszcz Court in Poland, the process for becoming a 501(c)(3) non-profit group can soon begin. As soon as that happens, you will be able to donate to the Hall of Remembrance fund and claim your donations on your taxes. We will let you know when this donation option is available as soon as we're set up.

The Postage and Reunion Funds will continue to be separate, not included in the 501(c)(3). You can donate to them individually as in the past. At this point in time, if you would like to contribute to any of our funds, please make your check payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund, **write the intended fund on the memo line**, and mail it to:

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You can also donate online through **VENMO** (owned by PayPal) if you have an account.

Handheld devices do not work. Please ask us for details.

## SAVE THOSE ARTIFACTS



Now that the Hall of Remembrance project is moving forward quickly, the US Oflag 64 Advisory Council is requesting that you save whatever Oflag 64 memorabilia you may have (war logs, photos, dog tags, clothing, documents, letters, etc.) and consider loaning them to the future Hall of Remembrance displays.

We have recently been asked by our Polish-American Foundation attorney to put together an inventory list cataloging each item to be loaned. It will be presented to the Court in Bydgoszcz once the foundation is officially registered. For now, we're requesting only individual digital photos of artifacts, along with their descriptions, which Kriegy owned them, who is sending the photo, and in whose memory it's being loaned, and approximate value if possible. **THIS IS A TOP PRIORITY REQUEST.** Please send digital photos to:



Marlene McAllister at [m.callister@oflag64.us](mailto:m.callister@oflag64.us)

or to Dave Stewart at [dslvtx@gmail.com](mailto:dslvtx@gmail.com).

No donation is too insignificant or too small but time is of the essence.

Please direct any questions to Dave Stewart.

## Oflag 64 Bulletins

While Kriegies were in captivity, they not only published the monthly ITEM, but also Daily Bulletins. We would like to follow suit and keep everyone informed about progress of the Hall of Remembrance by publishing Oflag 64 bulletins as regularly as possible. Bulletins 1 and 2 have already been posted to our Hall of Remembrance Project Blog page at: <https://hor-project.blogspot.com/>

If you're interested in receiving email notices each time the blog is updated, please subscribe by clicking on the link above and adding your email address at the lower right of the page.

## **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](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us). If you have 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.

Regarding the website, if you notice errors, omissions, or links that don't work properly, please contact me at: [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us)



# MAIL CALL



**Virginia Barrett**, daughter-in-law of Kriegy Joe Barrett, wrote that Joe would be turning 100 in late October. His son and family would be celebrating this grand occasion with him. *Since writing, Virginia emailed some photos of Joe and family at his celebration. See the Kriegy News and Information section for those photos.*

**Neal Cory**, son of the late Kriegy Bill Cory, sent copies of 16 war department documents which detailed Bill's time as a POW held in various camps and ultimately at Oflag 64 during WWII. They included descriptions of his capture, interrogations, the tunneling project, escape plans, parcels, conditions of the camp after evacuation, various camp leaders, and assistance from Polish citizens. *These documents may be included on our website in the future and/or provided to the Hall of Remembrance project for display purposes. We greatly appreciate these documents.*

**John Labashousky**, nephew and godson of the late Kriegy Edward Lescanec, wrote to let us know that his uncle passed away earlier this year. He also mentioned an earlier contact with us, stating...."Back in March of 2017, I had been in brief email contact with Elodie Caldwell about him, she inquiring about the possibility of somebody interviewing him. Unfortunately, shortly after that contact he began to have poor health, my aunt deciding that it was not a good thing to do....In that short time, I tried to have my uncle talk to me about his experiences, he expressed the unwillingness that he and other soldiers had in talking about the war. In the information on your site and others regarding the Oflag, he did express never having heard of any of activities associated there – baseball, plays, newsletter, etc....Unfortunately, I was also unable to find his name listed in the newsletters of his being brought there. But, appreciated your site and information for my knowledge that I have shared with other family members. *Edward is listed on our website database as having been held captive at Oflag 64 but there is no information about his capture date, arrival, where captured, etc. If anyone remembers Edward or has any information that would be helpful to John*

*and his family, please contact me at [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us) and I will put you in contact with him.*

**Hope Langan**, daughter of the late Kriegy Vincent A. Grimes, contacted us recently with information and several photos which were in her father's possession. Many of the photos are new and have been recently added to our website. *See the Kriegy News and Information section for these photos. Please check the website for identification of these Kriegies and events. If you have information to add, please contact me at [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us).*

## New Visitors to our Website

**Randall Fleury**, looking for information on Kriegy William C. Comstock from the 3/507<sup>th</sup> PIR. *Anyone who can help Randall, please contact me at [elodie@oflag64.us](mailto:elodie@oflag64.us).*

**Gwen Kader Fulbrook**, daughter of the late Kriegy John Kader.

**Stephen C. Lowe**, relative of the late Kriegy Orville Theodore Lowe, wrote to let us know of Orville's passing. He shared that "Orville was 98 years old and was mentally active his last days. He told stories of attempted escapes, camp life, Russian liberation and the long road home. We have letters with envelopes to share soon." Please see the TAPS section for Orville's obituary. *We send our deepest sympathies to the family along with our thoughts and prayers. Although some time has passed, our great Kriegies are truly missed.*

**Brian Posey**, researching information on the Hammelburg Raid came across our website while looking for articles and information on the raid. He shared "I've read some of your past newsletters--what amazing stories and information! Are there any upcoming gatherings or speaking engagements open to the public where I may meet any of the veterans? These men did so much to serve their country. BTW I live in Wilmington, Delaware. Thanks in advance

for any thoughts you may have. [Anyone who can help Brian, please contact me at elodie@oflag64.us.](#)

**Ann Shields**, researcher and presenter, wrote: I saw the Washington Post article on Kriegie Mr. Sharpe at the July Dulles meeting.....I am an amateur researcher/presenter on Ft. Hunt's role in WWII and also the German POWs around Washington. Ft Hunt's top-secret tasks included training "code users" who ended up in every Oflag and Stalag in the ETO. Secret "escape & evasion" packages were also sent from Ft. Hunt to include maps, radios, compasses, and weapons. I would greatly appreciate interviewing any vet who has memories of these two aspects of their incarceration. Thanks for any help you might give! My presentations are through the GMU OLLI program, plus various library and historical society groups. Thanks so much. [If anyone has information they'd like to share, please contact me at elodie@oflag64.us.](#)

**John Warn**, a metal detecting hobbyist from Plymouth England, had a very interesting story to tell. ".....two days ago I found a silver plait of an id bracelet with a serial number on it. It was found in Cornwall near the small town of Liskeard at the top of a slope. During WW2 there was a gun emplacement there to protect Liskeard from an

aerial attack and the silver object was found where the men used to camp. All the finds made were of that era including an American one-cent dated 1942.

The name on the bracelet is Richard P Scott (*and his serial number was listed but not given here.*) After some intense research it was discovered by folks with more knowledge than me the following: Captain Richard Price Scott was an officer in the Headquarters Company of the 115th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, hence the reason for finding it in Cornwall.

He lived in Pennsylvania before joining the Army. He landed on Omaha beach on D Day with his unit before being later taken prisoner on June 10th and held in Oflag 64 or 21B Schubin before being moved to Usedom in Poland, Altburgund 53-17. He was liberated on 22nd May 1945.

I have also learnt that he has a daughter named Suzanne Pryse although I have no idea which part of America she is now living.

I would love to be able to hand this personal object over to his family. If you can be of any assistance or have any ideas how I may trace her I would be grateful for any advice. I am not sure if social media Facebook may help." [We are happy to share that, with the great help of Mariusz Winiecki, a granddaughter was shortly thereafter located through his blog's FB page. \(How amazing is that!!!\)](#)

## Treasurer's Report

The November statement was not available at the time of this printing. If you have questions about the October statement, please contact Bret Job or Elodie Caldwell using the contact information on the front page of this ITEM. The account number has been deleted for security purposes.

<b>SILVER BUSINESS CHECKING</b>		<i>Member FDIC</i>
<small>U.S. Bank National Association</small>		
<b>Account Summary</b>		
Beginning Balance on Oct 1	\$	8,140.78
<b>Ending Balance on Oct 31, 2018</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,140.78</b>
<b>ANALYSIS SERVICE CHARGE DETAIL</b>		
<small>Account Analysis Activity for: September 2018</small>		
Account Number:	\$	0.00
Analysis Service Charge asses:	\$	0.00
<b>Service Activity Detail for Account Number</b>		
<i>Service</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Avg Unit Price</i>
<b>Depository Services</b>		
Combined Transactions/Items	2	No Charge
Subtotal: Depository Services		0.00
Fee Based Service Charges for Account Number		\$ 0.00

# Kriegy News and Information

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our GREAT KRIEGY HEROES and PATRIOTS

## Just Happened -

**Jimmie Kanaya – 98 years**  
**October 3**



**Sidney Thal – 100 years**  
**October 3**



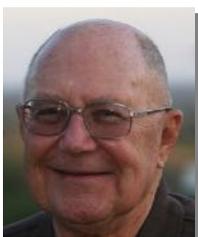
We would love photos and stories of any of these milestone celebrations!!

**Joe Barrett – 100 years**  
**October 24**



## Coming Up -

Ed Graf – 97 years  
January 7



John Rodgers – 96 years  
February 9



Eugene Liggett – 99 years  
February 19



Ted Roggen – **101 years**  
February 22



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



Lynn Kanaya, wife of Kriegy Jimmie Kanaya, wanted us to know of a program that would air near and on Veterans' Day which would feature WWII Nisei Veterans, Jimmie being one. If you weren't able to view it with the link we sent by email, you can still watch it by clicking on this link:

<http://www.seattlechannel.org/CityStream/segments?videoid=x99739>

The documentary entitled: **Shane Sato: Portraits of Courage Documentary** runs for nearly eight minutes. The portion featuring Jimmie begins at about four and a half minutes.



Google images photo of Jimmie as a young soldier.

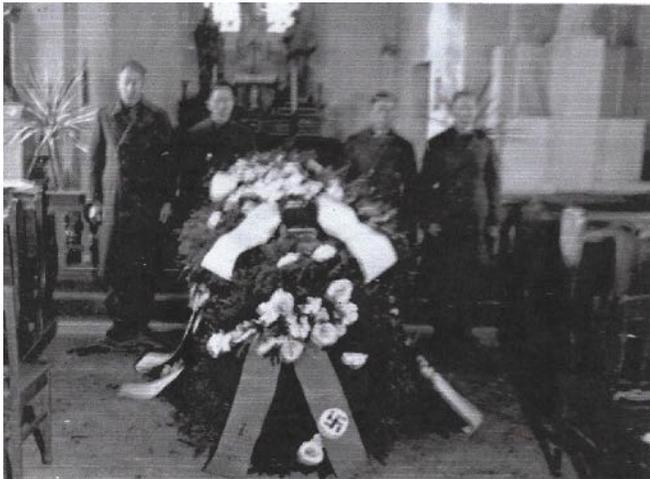


The following NEW group photos including those of Captain Richard Torrence's funeral were sent by **Hope Langan**, daughter of the late Kriegy Vincent A. Grimes. They have been posted as \*NEW\* on our website and individuals have been identified. Please let us know names of any who aren't.





Captain Richard Torrence's Funeral





## TAPS

### *Edward M. Lescanec*

1924 ~ 2018



Edward M. Lescanec, 93, passed away on Saturday, May 12, 2018 in Frey Village, Middletown. He was born in Steelton, son of the late Louis F. Lescanec, Sr. and Kathryn Matjasic Lescanec.

Ed was Manager, along with his father, at Lescanec Grocery Store in Steelton; a US Army Veteran of World War II, where he was a Prisoner of War after being captured by the Germans. He was retired from the Mechanicsburg Navy Depot with 25 years of service.



Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Mary Mrljak Lescanec; a sister-in-law, Helen Lescanec; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, William A. Lescanec, Louis F. Lescanec, Jr., Gilbert L. Lescanec, and sisters, Ann V. Kelly, Isabelle K. Lescanec, Mary Simonic and Jean Lytton.

His complete obituary was published at:

<https://wiedemanfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/606/Edward-Lescanec/obituary.html>

### *Orville T. "Ted" Lowe*

1920 ~ 2018



Born Aug 8, 1920 Orville Theodore (Ted) Lowe was the son of William J. Lowe & Ella Bush, of Verden, Oklahoma. William was a rancher & WW1 veteran.

Ted is survived by his 3 children, Susan Jones of Alabama, Stephen

Lowe (Meera) of Arkansas, and Kathy Childs (Larry) of Topeka, Kansas; his brother Melvin Lowe (Dona) of Collinsville, OK; 9 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends. His parents, his wife Margie Lowe, his son David T. Lowe, and his brother Robert F. Lowe preceded Ted in death.

He enlisted in the US Army at WW2's beginning, & also helped in recruitment centers. His unit was in numerous battlefronts in Germany where he was captured & marched hundreds of miles in winter to a Polish internment camp. He remained as a POW for 18 months, until the Russian army freed the camp.



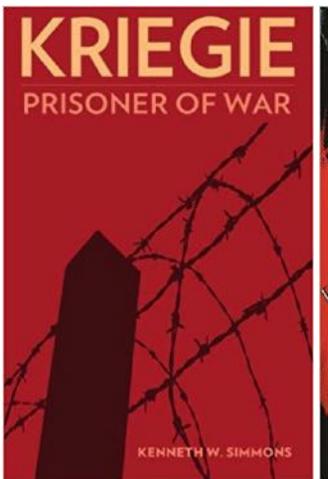
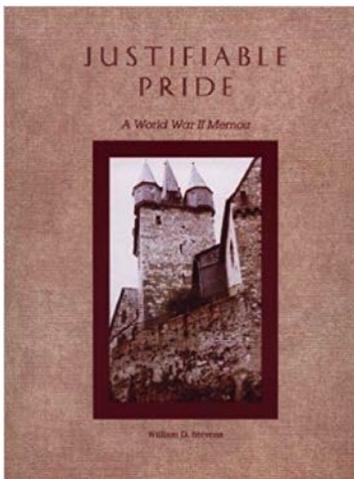
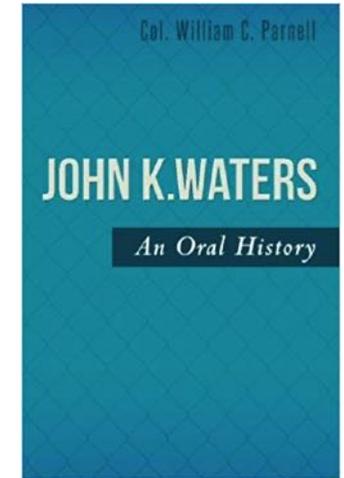
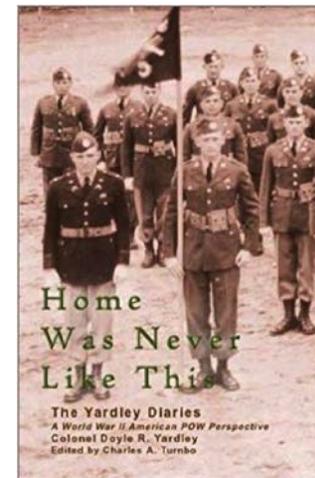
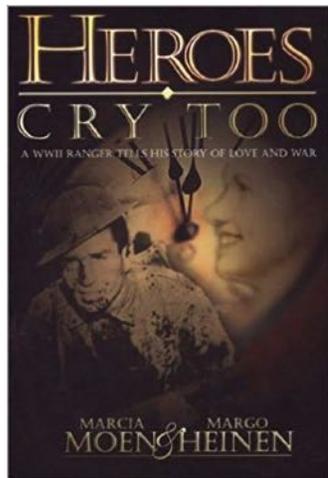
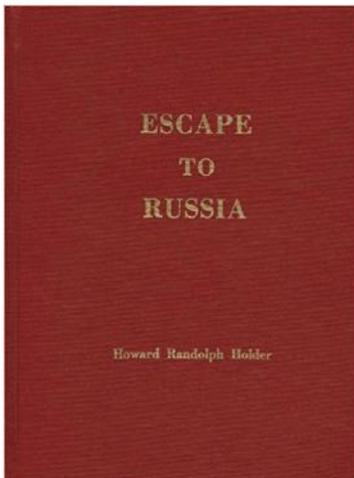
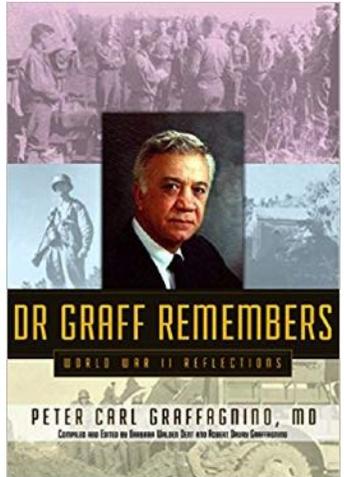
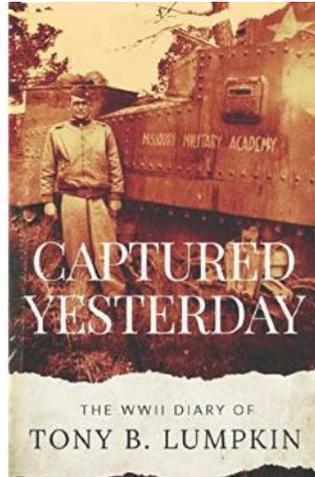
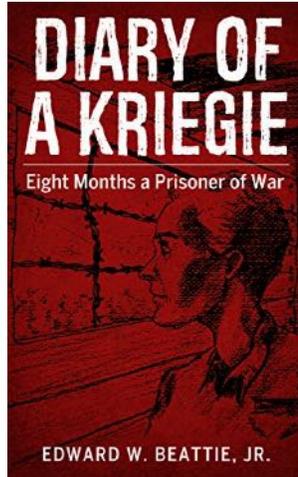
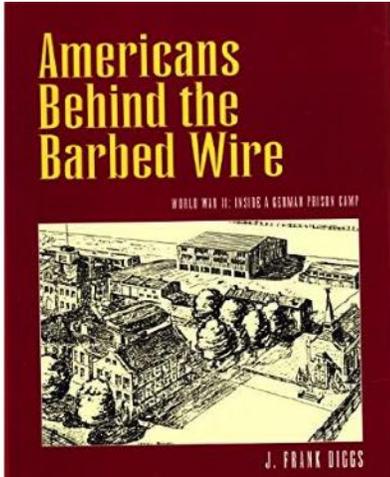
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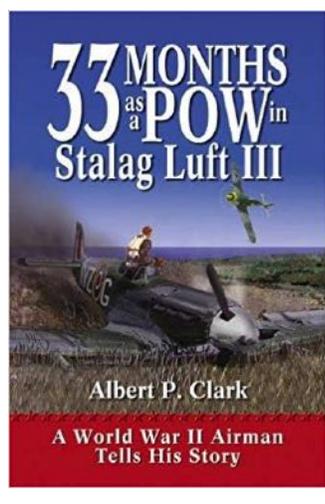
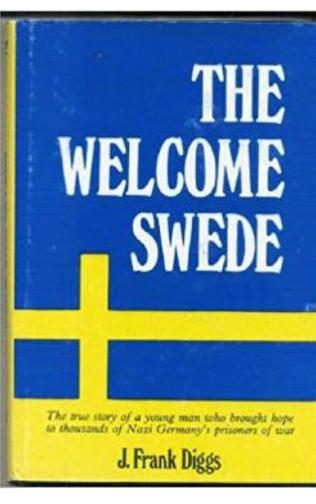
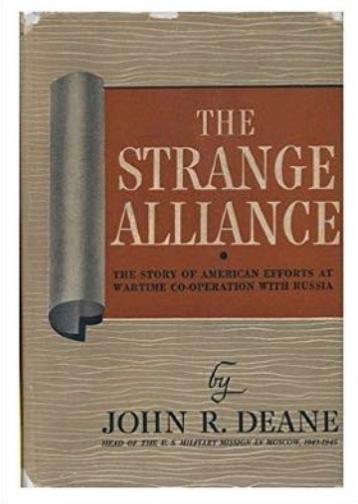
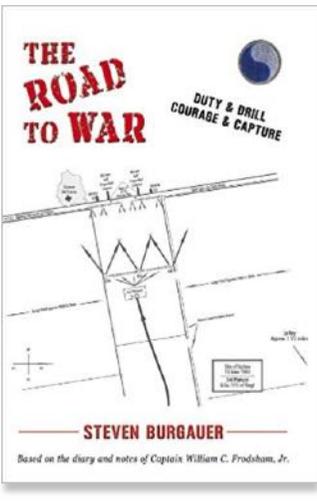
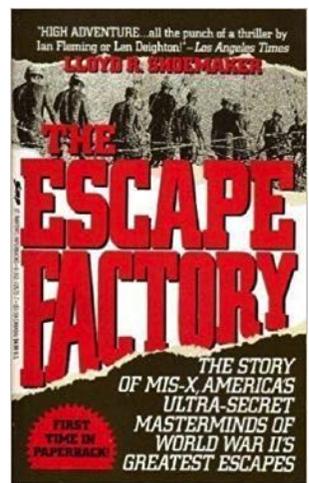
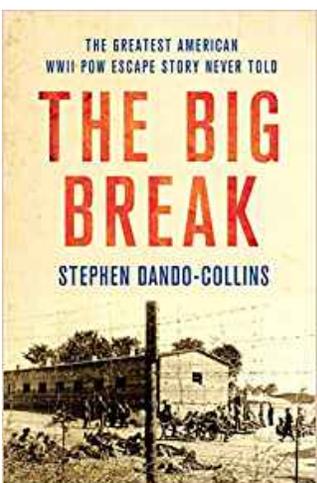
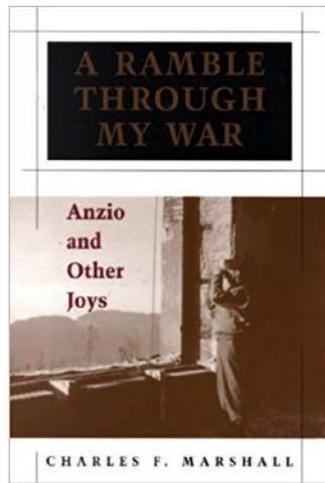
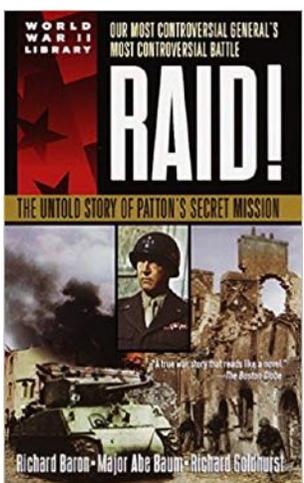
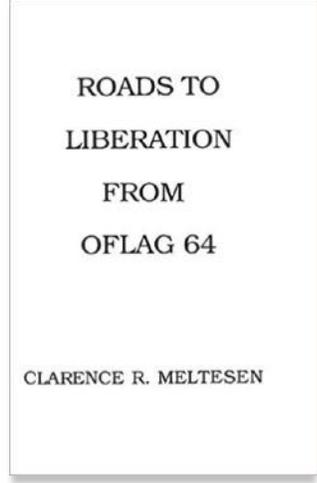
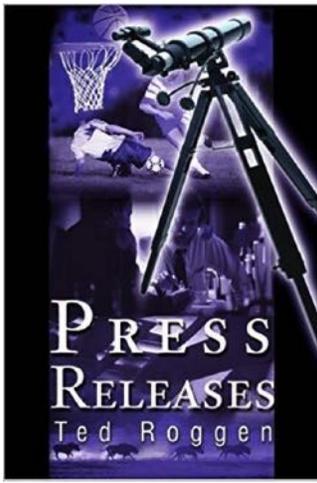
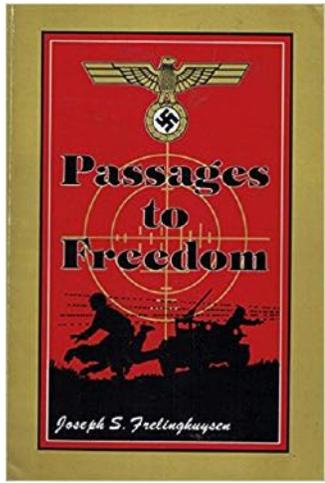
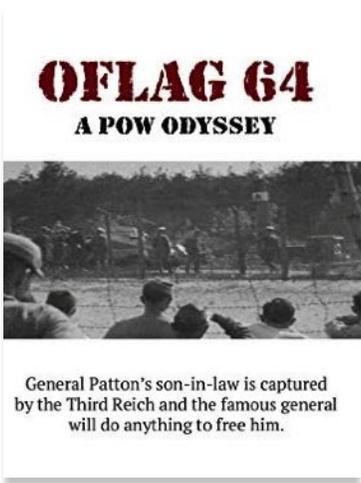
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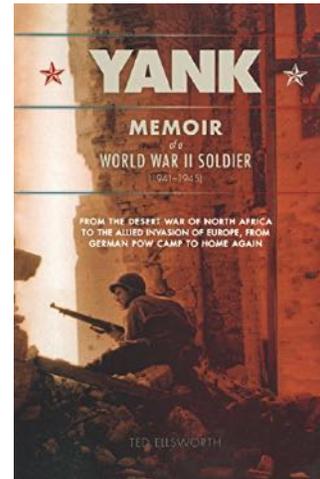
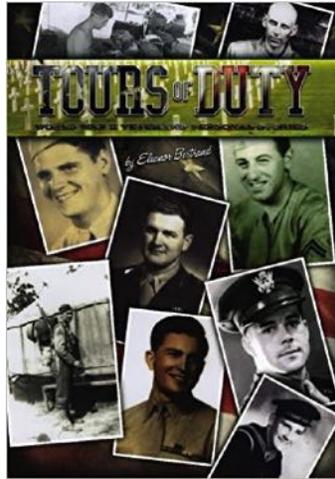
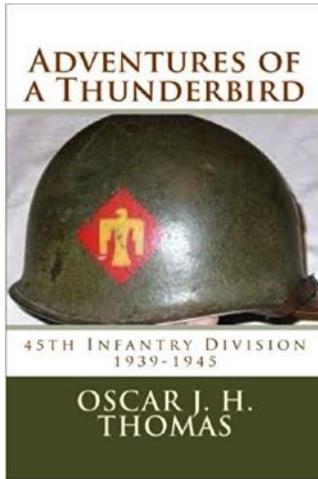


# Publications

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.







### Additionally....

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.)

### Regarding the following....

We were unable to locate images on line for the following publications, but you can still find them by clicking on their links or contacting individuals directly.

**My World War II Experiences** by Donald A. Lussenden, <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>

**The Water and The Rock** by Charles Jones. Diary of a man captured in Africa. [http://www.amazon.com/Water-Rock-Charles-L-Jones/dp/B000IXSZHO/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551381&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Water-Rock-Charles-L-Jones/dp/B000IXSZHO/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551381&sr=1-1)

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

### Finally....

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.



# Oflag 64 US Advisory Council/Hall of Remembrance

## Oflag 64 US Advisory Council Stated Mission



*The Oflag 64 Association, 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 Association is to support the citizens of Szubin and their governmental entities in the creation of an Oflag 64 museum within the framework of a Hall of Remembrance for the Nazi German Camps located in Szubin.*

Relating to the new Hall of Remembrance Project Blog mentioned on the first page of this ITEM, an email was sent to all Oflag 64 Association members for whom we have valid email addresses. The following is the text of that email sent November 7, 2018.

Hello Oflag 64 Association Families,

We would like to invite you to visit our new Hall of Remembrance Project Blog page at [Hall of Remembrance Project Blog](#). There are several posts, just created, that cover a period of two years from the time the Oflag 64 US Advisory Council was formed in September 2016 to the present day. We hope you will visit the blog often. We have put a link to it on the home page of our Oflag 64 website at [www.oflag64.us](http://www.oflag64.us).

Through these posts you'll be able to see how the project began and all the work that has been done thus far. Please note that on the blog itself, posts are in reverse chronological order, with the most recent always appearing at the top. Posts include (chronologically):

9/6/16	In the beginning...
2016/2017	Letters between the US Advisory Council, County of Nakło, and the Mayor of Szubin
9/16/17	Oflag 64 "Living History" Live-Actor Reenactment
10/22/17	Barrack "separation" completion
4/18	Dave Stewart Networking in Poland
7/26/18	Barrack title transferred to City of Szubin!
7/22-7/29/18	US Advisory Council met in Washington DC: Polish/American Foundation to be formed
9/17-9/21/18	Advisory Council Meetings in Poland
9/22/18	Sportplatz (Sport Day)

Towards the end of November, three Oflag 64 US Advisory Council members again traveled to Poland for the purpose of finalizing the Polish/American Foundation paperwork, thus enabling the project to move forward at a much faster pace. Their report and photos of their trip follow.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this important work and with the forward movement of creating the Hall of Remembrance, we would love to hear from you. There is something for everyone to do.

Best Regards,  
Elodie and Bill Caldwell  
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In September of this year, members of the Oflag 64 US Advisory Council again traveled to Szubin to participate in meetings regarding the Hall of Remembrance. Standing center in the photo at the left is Mayor Artur Michalak, his interpreter, Jan Daniluk (a Polish advisor to our US Advisory Council), US Chaplain Ritchie who delivered the “blessing” of Barrack 9, and his travelling companion. Also seated at the table are Dave Stewart and other Polish and American citizens. In the photo at the right, from left seated around the table, are Chaplain Ritchie, his traveling companion, outgoing MOAS Director Wiesław Guziński, Cindy and Glenn Burgess, Randolph Holder, Su Holder, Dennis Thompson, Dave Stewart, and unknown Polish citizens.



They also attended the “key transfer” ceremony at the site of Oflag 64 where the “keys to Barracks 9” were exchanged. Cindy Burgess, daughter of Kriegy Wilbur “Bill” Sharpe, along with outgoing Szubin Mayor Artur Michalak were recipients of the keys presented by a representative sent by the Voivode (provincial governor). Both national anthems were played and remarks were made by the Voivode representative, Mayor Michalak, and Cindy Burgess.

The following photos were taken of participants and guests at the “key transfer” ceremony.





While the Oflag 64 US Advisory Council members and travelers were still in Poland, they also attended the Sportplatz (Sports Day) event on the grounds of the Oflag 64 camp site. At last minute, the previously scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Live History” reenactment event had to be cancelled. In its place Mariusz Winiecki with the great support of Gmina Szubin, the Szubin Museum, MOAS, and others, organized the sports day event. It included an American-style football game played by a Polish team (KS Archers), a baseball game, and other activities Kriegies enjoyed while in captivity.



Following the football game, Dave Stewart presented the Archers’ coach, and a few of his team members, an American “Medal of Honor” football provided by Pat Waters. (Quite a few spectators. Looks like they were very interested in the game.) Barrack #9 (bottom left photo) is behind those looking on.



In addition to the sports activities, compelling posters by Szubin students expressing their idea of what life must have been like as POWs in Oflag 64 were displayed. Outdoor activities were followed by a presentation given at the MOAS school by Dr. Jan Daniluk, one of the US Advisory Council's Polish advisors. The entire event was held to continue publicizing, and garner support for, the Hall of Remembrance project and the renovation of Barrack #9.

Before the end of the day, Sportplatz challenge coins were given to participants, students, and town officials, and were very well received. It's interesting to note that the photo of the baseball player on the back of the coin was taken by the International Red Cross during an actual baseball game played while our Kriegies were in captivity. Thanks to an anonymous Oflag 64 family member for donating the coins. (front and back of the coin are pictured)



The next three pages, THE BULLETIN-2, details events of the most recent trip to Poland which transpired in November. Thanks to Cindy and Glenn Burgess who made the trip twice within two months and to Susanna Connaughton for their efforts in finalizing the documents for registering the Polish-American Foundation. You will see they spent many hours in many places (Gdansk, Warsaw, Szubin) working to accomplish this great work. We are extremely grateful for their dedication and commitment.



## THE BULLETIN - 2

December 11, 2018

The Oflag 64 Advisory Council is pleased to announce that the documents for registration of the ***Polish American Foundation for the Commemoration of POWs in Szubin*** were signed and notarized on November 27, 2018, in Warsaw, Poland. The Foundation's legal counsel in Poland, Wojciech Peterek, will submit these documents to the Polish courts, while we eagerly await their approval.

Due to Polish legal guidelines, ex-Kriegy Wilbur Sharpe reassigned his responsibilities as Founder to his daughter, Cindy Sharpe Burgess. Wilbur remains engaged in the project!

The Foundation consists of two bodies; the Foundation Board (adopts and executes action and financial plans) and the Foundation Council (supervisory, controlling and evaluating body of the Foundation).

### **Foundation Board Members**

Mariusz Winięcki, President  
Susanna Bolten Connaughton, Vice President  
Dr. Jan Daniluk

### **Foundation Council Members**

George Patton Waters, Chairman  
George Thomas Cobb  
Cindy Sharpe Burgess

Additional members to both the Board and Council may be forthcoming as plans unfold. The Foundation Charter required at least three members for each body prior to submitting registration documents.

### **Other productive meetings in Poland included:**

#### **November 23, 2018: Meeting in Gdansk with the members of the Foundation Board**

Susanna Bolten Connaughton, Cindy and Glenn Burgess, Mariusz Winięcki and Jan Daniluk met at the WWII Museum (magnificent) in Gdansk for a 4-hour tour led in part by Jan who is an original curator of the museum. Jan is extremely professional and well versed in his field. Following the tour, the Board met for an additional 3 hours of detailed planning. Very productive and what a great team!

#### **November 26, 2018: Meeting in Szubin with local officials**



Cindy and Glenn Burgess and Mariusz Winięcki, met at the Szubin Town Hall with the incoming Mayor Piotrkowski, the former Mayor Michalak (currently a member of the Town Council), the President of the Town Council, Anna Kijowska, and the Director of the Szubin Museum, Kamila Czechowska. The Mayor emphasized that although the town's administration has changed, the high level of support from the town remains the same. The Mayor is optimistic that the Town Council will approve the upcoming budget proposal, which includes funds for the immediate assessment of the condition of the barrack. Further governmental funding will be dependent on central government support, as Szubin's resources are limited. Much planning lies ahead between the town and the Foundation.

Following the meeting at the Town Hall, we reconvened with the same attendees at the office of Mr. Sebastian Halas, the superintendent of the school located on the grounds of the former POW camp. We toured the barrack and learned that Mr. Halas' father operated a printing press in the barrack when the superintendent was a child. Mr. Halas is supportive and emphasized his willingness to grant additional land for parking purposes in the future.

At both meetings there was a lovely array of refreshments both beverages and sweets. We felt welcome and optimistic.

**November 27, 2018 in Warsaw: Signing of the foundation's charter documents with notary, legal counsel, an international interpreter, and a consultant. Mission Accomplished**

Attendees: Susanna Connaughton, Cindy and Glenn Burgess, Mariusz Winiecki, Mr. Peterek (lawyer), Mr. Zawieska (consultant) and Mr. Czekala (notary). The name of the interpreter escapes us!

The quantity of documents and signing was analogous to closing on a home!!!!

Following all the formalities, we proceeded to a lovely restaurant for a working lunch with Mr. Zawieska (consultant) who has many valuable suggestions and connections within Poland. He has volunteered his services which is a huge gift!

Later that afternoon, we walked to meet with US Embassy's Deputy Cultural Attaché, Scott Whitmore. During the walk, we unexpectedly ran into Professor Zybertowicz, Advisor to President Duda with whom we had met in Warsaw in September. He remembered our mission and wished us well and requested we keep him informed.

Scott Whitmore shared much valuable information, insight and offered his support in the future.

#### **Overall Impression:**

This trip was quite productive on many levels. The group is convinced we can depend upon the support and enthusiasm from all with whom they met. We were encouraged to keep the momentum going and to forge ahead.

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#### **Next steps:**

- Appeal to all ex-Kriegies and their families for an inventory of artifacts, no matter how insignificant they may seem. None are too insignificant or too small. **TOP PRIORITY REQUEST.**
- To be included:
  - individual digital photos of all items to be loaned (must be labeled if not already)
  - the name of the Kriegy who owned them
  - in whose name they will be loaned
  - approximate value of the artifact
  - who is sending them (include maiden name of sender if female)
  - Please send digitally, if possible, to Marlene McAllister at: [m.mcallister@oflag64.us](mailto:m.mcallister@oflag64.us) or to Dave Stewart at: [dslvtx@gmail.com](mailto:dslvtx@gmail.com). This information will help with the plan and design of the future museum! If there is not an option of sending digitally, please send actual photos to Elodie at the address on the front page of this ITEM. She will scan and return them to their owners.
- Begin the process of establishing a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization for fundraising purposes in the United States.
- Once the Foundation is registered, the charter states we must have \$10,000 in a bank account. We may or may not have the nonprofit status by that time. We are brainstorming ideas to amass those funds. If you have suggestions, or are interested in donating, please let us know! You can donate to the Hall of Remembrance fund at any time prior to becoming a non-profit by writing your

check to the Oflag 64 Postage Fund but marking your donation for the **HALL OF REMEMBRANCE PROJECT** on the memo line of your check. and sending it to Bret Job at 2801 SW 46<sup>th</sup> St, Cape Coral FL 33914-6026 or Elodie Caldwell at 2731 Terry Avenue, Longview WA 98532-4437.

- Reach out to those who have skills in: marketing, fundraising, communications, finance, grant writing, governance. If you would like to contribute your skills in any of these areas, we would be delighted to hear from you! Please contact Cindy at [burgessgl@verizon.net](mailto:burgessgl@verizon.net).
- Request volunteers to serve on the Board of the non-profit. Those positions will be identified soon.



**Board: Jan, Susanna and Mariusz  
in Gdansk**



**Mayor's Office in Szubin**



**Cindy and Mariusz Signing the  
Registration Documents with  
Notary and Lawyer in Warsaw**



**So that's the Notary's Full Name!**

If you would like to contact a member of the US Advisory Council regarding any phase of the Hall of Remembrance Project, please contact me and I will put you in contact with them.

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