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Oflag 64

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Site of the 2011 Oflag 64 Reunion, Oct 13-16



Time is fast approaching for our annual Oflag 64 Reunion in St. Petersburg FL and we can't wait to see everyone there. If you're planning to come but haven't yet registered, it's not too late, but please send in your registration form and registration payment right away. A reunion registration form is included on page 3 of this ITEM.

If you are flying into Tampa, it's about a 30 minute drive to St. Petersburg. If you are renting or driving your own vehicle, the hotel parking fee is \$12 per day. If you will be taking the shuttle from the airport, the Super Shuttle charge is approximately \$20-\$25 per person to transport from the airport to the hotel, but is available immediately at the airport. If you would like to contact the shuttle service ahead of time, they can be reached at: 1-727-572-1111.

We appreciate the hard work and leadership of Arlene and her team. Looking forward to seeing them and you soon.

Best Regards,
Elodie Caldwell, ITEM Editor
(Daughter of the late Kriegy Reid Ellsworth)



ST. PETERSBURG OFLAG 64 REUNION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 13

12:00 PM - Late PM Check in Hospitality Room

Friday, October 14

7:30 - 9:15 AM Breakfast on your own
9:15 - 9:45 AM Business meeting - hospitality room
10:00 AM Board bus to FL Holocaust Museum
10:15 - 11:30 AM Museum tour and speaker
11:40 AM Bus back to Hotel
Lunch on your own
12:30 PM Meet in Lobby
12:45 - 2:15 PM Tour of Dali Museum
2:30 PM Return to Hilton Hotel

The rest of the afternoon is free to tour the beautiful Beach Drive for shopping, more museums, or take a dip in the hotel pool or workout or meet in the hospitality room for a snack and a drink.

Dinner on your own

Saturday, October 15

7:00 - 9:00AM Breakfast on your own
Time TBA Board buses for tour of MacDill Air Force Base or tour of The Military Museum. This tour includes welcome speech by an officer
Time TBA Return to Hotel
6:15 PM Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in hotel dining room
Hudson Middle School Jazz Band Entertainment
7:00 PM Banquet
Our keynote speaker is Mr. John Loftus, former attorney with US Department of State and Author of several books including his latest, America's Nazi Secrets'

Sunday, October 16

8:00 AM Memorial Service - The reverend Elaine Paul - St. Martin's Episcopal Church
8:45 AM Breakfast Buffet (provided) and goodbyes

NOTE: The hospitality room will be open every day for those wishing to visit. It will be continually stocked with beer, liquor, mixes, wine and snacks.

2011 OFLAG 64 REUNION – ST. PETERSBURG FL

Thursday, October 13 – Sunday, October 16

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FEE: \$200 per person - This includes: all tours, chartered buses, a fully stocked hospitality room for the whole weekend, the Banquet on Saturday evening and Brunch on Sunday. All other meals will be “on your own”.

Remember to indicate your banquet choice below. [If you or your guest(s) plan to attend the **BANQUET ONLY**, the cost is \$30 per person.]

Banquet Choices (select one): (1) Steak (2) Chicken (3) Vegetarian

Registrant: _____ Kriegy Relationship _____ Banquet Choice ___

NOTE: If you are not a Kriegy, please let us know which Kriegy you're related to: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Guest: _____ Kriegy Relationship: _____ Banquet Choice ___

Are special hotel/transportation accommodations needed? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please specify _____

Please mail your completed registration form and check to:
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Please make your check payable to Arlene Rosenthal and write "Oflag 64 Reunion" on the memo line.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Hilton Hotel, St. Petersburg Bayfront reservations can be made by calling 1-727-894-5000 or by visiting their website at: stpetersburg.hilton.com. Please make reservations no later than 9/1/2011 and mention OFLAG 64 REUNION OCT. 13-16. The group rate is \$106+tax per night/room.



MAIL CALL



DAVID R. ANDERSON from Albuquerque NM (son of the late Kriegy Everette R. Anderson) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He wrote that he was able to identify his father in one of the photos we have posted on our website. He also included the following information: "He was born April 25,1920 in Oklahoma and died Dec 31,1992 from lung cancer. He managed a coca cola bottling plant and spent his later years as a crop duster and operated a charter airplane service in Clovis NM. He was wounded and captured by the Germans on Sept 25,1944 in Ieshane France. The Germans held him and 2 other American officers in an old house. It appears that one of the other American officers was a Lt Wilson. My dad's notes are not real clear. They were held in a house in town. It was a command communications house for the Germans. The house was shelled, knocking out their communications systems, so they were moved 5 miles back to their headquarters. At some point shortly he was delivered to oflag 64. He became an Oflag 64 prisoner, number 76246. I have his original POW card with picture. On Jan 22,1945 he was evacuated from Oflag 64 with others. He along with several others walked away from the march and hid in the woods. The next morning a Russian patrol gathered them for a 14-day waiting period. My dad did not trust the Russian patrol and so they walked. They reached Luhlín on a Russian ammo train. It took 2 weeks to get to Warsaw, where they went to a collection point in Odessa. It was great being on your website and being able to identify my dad's picture in a group photo. Sad that he died before seeing your incredible website." *Dave, thanks so much for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 Family. All are so willing to share information when they have it. We hope you find more answers to your questions. Thank you also for your kind words about our website and for identifying your father in the photo. We have added his name to those already identified and also to the online TAPS list.*



BARBARA AND EMMY LOU BICKERS from Wilmette IL (daughter and widow of the late Kriegy Jim Bickers) recently sent a donation to our Postage Fund. They also sent a photo and included a short note which said: "Mom and I send warm Chicago greetings from our 4th of July picnic outing! We are well, but never

a day goes by without tender thoughts and memories of Dad! In fact, we recently watched, again, the marvelous film, "Oflag 64, A P.O.W. Odyssey" by Robert Galloway. Seeing all the men interviewed, telling their colorful stories of life in the camp, and knowing their contributions to our great WWII history is simply awe inspiring, viewing after viewing! I hope all the children, grandchildren, and relatives of our dear Kriegies will spend time with this historical documentary.....Please look for our contribution by mail, and split it, as needed, for the reunion and postal fund. We send love, and all best wishes for the upcoming reunion. Our hearts are with you all! *Thank you Barbara and Emmy Lou for your thoughtful and generous contribution to the Postage and Reunion Fund. Thank you also for your kind words. We love your photo.*



JONEL AND LOIS HILL from Pasadena CA (Kriegy and his wife) recently sent a donation to the Postage Fund. *Thank you very much, Jonel and Lois, for your generous and thoughtful donation to our Postage Fund. We greatly appreciate the continued support of our Oflag 64 Association members. We've missed you at our last few reunions. Hope to see you again soon!*

ALLAN HUMPHREY from Hyde Park NY (son of the late Kriegy Edward Chester Humphrey) found our website recently and asked to be added to our email list. He wrote regarding his father: "My father, Edward Chester Humphrey,

served in the 509th parachute infantry regiment among others. He spent about 11 months at Oflag 64 after being captured at Anzio. when the camp was being moved ahead of the advancing Soviet army. He escaped after the first day on the road when the group spent the night at a farm. He eventually made his way east to Odessa where he took a ship back to the states. He died on Memorial Day, 1950 during a parachute demonstration at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky when his parachute failed to open." *Thank you, Allan, for contacting us and for the information you provided about your father. We were saddened to hear about his death and the manner in which it happened. His name has been added to our online TAPS list. We welcome you, however, to our Oflag 64 Family. We have such a great group. We know you will enjoy whatever associations you have with them.*

MINDY HUTCHISON from Arlington TX (granddaughter of the late Kriegy Isaac "Ike" Franklin) found our website recently and asked to be added to our email list. Mindy is also the daughter of Sharon Hutchison who maintains the Database Roster on our Oflag 64 website. Mindy wrote: "My friend and I just happened to be working on my kinship chart for his anthropology course, and I was telling him a little about how my grandpa was in WWII. We were going to go on a trip with school to Poland this summer, but it got canceled." *Mindy, thank you for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 Family. How exciting it is to work on family trees and discover such wonderful and interesting connections. We hope you will eventually be able to make the trip to Poland.*



ANNE KREUTZER from Woodbridge VA (daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel Hoskot) sent a donation to the Postage Fund not long ago along with a short note that she would be attending the St. Petersburg Reunion. She has also been in touch with Lucine Juskalian since George's passing and says that Lucine will not be attending our reunion this year. Perhaps in the future. *Thanks so much Anne for your generous and thoughtful donation to our Postage Fund. Your continued support is always appreciated. Thank you also*

for your updates on some of our Kriegy widows. See you at the Reunion.

MYRICK L. MONROE, JR. from Houston TX (son of the late Kriegy Myrick L. Monroe, Sr.) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He also asked if anyone had information on his father. He wrote: "My father, Capt. Myrick ("Mike") L. Monroe (36 Div. 143rd Regiment, 3rdBn. Medical Corp) was captured while treating the wounded at the battle of Salerno Sept. 14, 1943 and was sent to Oflag 64 in 1943. There was an escape attempt and he was severely injured by a German guard. He had brain surgery at a German held neurosurgical unit in Breslau. Does anyone know the details of his capture? He was exchanged in Feb. 1945 and died after years of poor health Sept. 3rd 1963." *Thank you for contacting us, Myrick and welcome to our Oflag 64 Family. We have a great group of Kriegies and families, all so willing to share what information they have with others. We have sent out an email query and hope you'll quickly receive the information you seek. We have also added your dad's name to our online TAPS list.*

CHRIS PETERSEN (researcher and friend of the Oflag 64 Family) recently found our website and noted that we didn't have TAPS information for Arthur J. Houle. He wrote "Hi there - I noticed that Arthur J. Houle (prisoner number 80796) is not listed on your TAPS roster. I have been researching him due to a connection I have with the pilot of the C-47 he jumped from on D-Day (when Houle was captured). Anyway - Here is a link to his obituary from some years ago. The obituary is also included in the TAPS section of this ITEM.

<http://www.gencircles.com/clubs/usa/or/messages/read/174>

Also - thanks for the wonderful work you have done with the website. I now know what movie was playing in Oflag 64 the night that Houle arrived (August 17, 44)... what an amazing record of a terrible time in which wonderful men and women sacrificed so much. Keep up the great work!" In a subsequent email, Chris added: "Since the pilot I am researching was killed when his plane was shot down (shortly after Arthur jumped out of it) I feel like his story continues somewhat through the stories of

Arthur and the other men that jumped from that plane. Your website has allowed me to fill in some of those stories. Thank you for that!" *Chris, thank you so much for contacting us and giving us the information we needed to add to our online TAPS list along with other information about Arthur Houle. We hope your research goes well.*



STEPHANIE PHELAN from New York City NY (niece of the late Kriegy Lawrence J. Phelan) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list.

She not only sent photos of her uncle but also information about a photo on our website. She wrote: "The photo of "Unknown Production"--my Uncle, Larry Phelan (who became my legal guardian) is pictured in the center of the photo, reclining." In a subsequent email Stephanie wrote: "one other thing of interest about Lawrence Phelan--he wrote a poem to my Aunt, while still a POW, that was printed in John Toland's book about WWII--The Last 100 Days." We found the poem which is included in the Kriegy Information section. *Thanks very much, Stephanie, for writing and sharing information and photos of your uncle. We welcome you to our Oflag 64 Family and have added you to our email list. Keep us posted on any new findings.*

RICHARD E. LOOS from Fairfax VA (brother of the late Kriegy John C. Loos) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. He also sent the following information about his brother: "My brother John C. Loos was a prisoner at Oflag 64. John (or Jock) as he was called is deceased now and while alive offered very little information about his captivity. I am in the process of writing our family's genealogy book and am presently researching the time of his imprisonment. I was only eight or nine years old at the time but I still have memories of attending the monthly Red Cross POW meetings at a theater in Pittsburgh. My Mother and I would always bring the Red Cross food/cigarettes/ toiletries, etc. cartons hoping they would get to him. He was one of those who escaped during the march from Oflag 64. His POW number was 50009. Our family received notification dated March 21, 1945 from the Military Mission in Moscow of his "release" from

a German Prisoner of War Camp. Just when he actually met up with the Russians is not known. He would say very little of this time of his life other than he credited the Polish people with saving his life and some sketchy details of his capture and escape. I'll keep my finger crossed in hopes that perhaps we will hear something from your group. It would be very helpful." In addition to becoming a member of your organization, I am trying to find a copy of the video Oflag 64 A P. O. W. Odyssey." *Thanks very much, Richard for writing and welcome to our Oflag 64 Family. We have added you to our email list and have provided information about the video. Your brother's photo has been added to our website gallery and is included in this ITEM in the Kriegy information section that follows. We hope, Richard, that you're able to quickly find the information you seek. If anyone has information to share, please contact me (Elodie) and I will forward it on to Richard.*

JOHN A. PATTON (son of the late Kriegy John R. Patton) is looking for information on his father who was a "paratrooper captured in North Africa and held prisoner at Oflag 64. His commanding officer was Colonel D.R. Yardley. He would have been in Oflag 64 during part of 1943 and all of 1944 I believe. I would be interested in hearing from anyone he who knew him or knew of him. I know that he worked as a cook for part of the time in Oflag 64. I found that out from some old camp newsletters that I have in my possession. I also have many photos from the camp as well. My father was born in Kentucky and resided most of his life in Ohio." If anyone has information to share, please contact me, Elodie, and I will forward the information to John. *Thank you, John, for contacting us. We have sent an email query to members of our group. We hope you have received the information you've been seeking.*

MARY WING SOARES (daughter of the late Kriegy Leonard F. Wing, Jr.) recently wrote to tell us of her father's passing in 2005. She also sent a copy of his obituary (included in the TAPS section) and a couple of photos of him. *Thank you so much, Mary, for sending us the obituary and photos. Our dads were wonderful men, great heroes and patriots. No matter how much time passes, we still miss them. Our best to you and your mom.*



PAT WATERS from Mt. Pleasant SC (son of the late Kriegy John K. Waters) recently wrote to inform us of the passing of Bill Cory. (See the TAPS section for his obituary.) He also said that he would not be able

to make our Oflag 64 Reunion due to a conflicting family reunion. *It was good to hear from you again, Pat. Thanks so much for letting us know about Bill Cory's passing. We will certainly miss another great Kriegy hero and patriot. Our sincere sympathies along with thoughts and prayers are sent to the family. We will also miss you at our next reunion, but family get togethers just shouldn't be missed. Enjoy your time with them, but think of us just a little.*



PHILIP "PJ" WILCOX from New York (author and friend of the Oflag 64 family) is working on a book with General Rowny, USMA class of 41. The book will feature a couple of our

Oflag 64 POWs, Tuck Brown who has passed away and James Forsyth who resides in Manchester CT. Because of PJ's contact with us, we were able to make connections with James Forsyth, with whom we had previously lost contact. We are so appreciative of that contact. James is doing well and has had a wonderful interview with PJ. Looking forward to reading the book when it's finished. He also had a couple of questions about POW days and information contained in early ITEMS. *Thanks so much, PJ, for contacting us and for helping us make the connection with James. We had a great conversation and he asked to be added to our ITEM mailing list. We hope that information forwarded to you answers the questions you had. We'll be interested in reading your book when it's published.*



Dear Oflag 64 Family,

If you become aware of Kriegies who have passed away and are not listed on our online TAPS list, please send the information to me at the address listed below. I would also appreciate obituary information as well as any photos that can be added to our Kriegy galleries.

Other information related to our dear Kriegies is also most welcomed.

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Thank you very much,

Elodie Caldwell, daughter of the late Kriegy Reid Ellsworth
ITEM Editor, Oflag 64 Association

Postage and Reunion Fund Donors

THANKS to all who have generously donated to the postage and reunion funds. We appreciate the great support of both funds.

**Barbara and Emmy Lou Bickers
Jonel and Lois Hill
Anne Kreutzer
Herman Littman**

If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to Oflag 64 Postage Fund, on the memo line specify Postage Fund, Reunion Fund or Split, and mail your donation to:

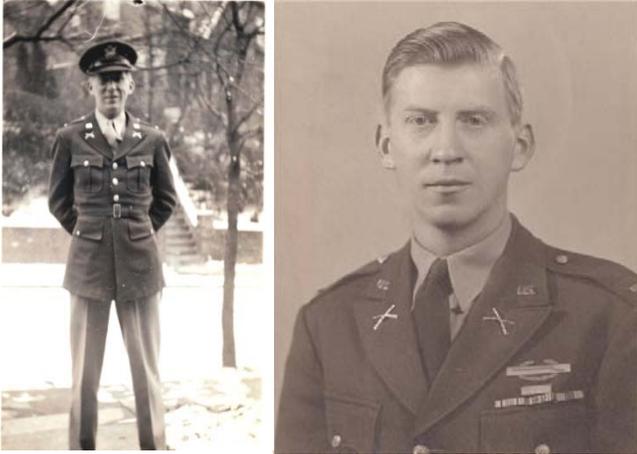
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KRIEGY NEWS AND INFORMATION

John C. Loos, 1st Lt Oflag 64 POW



Lt. Loos landed on Utah Beach June 12, 1944. He was the Executive Office, Heavy Weapons Company, 315th Regiment, 79th Infantry Division. Following the capture of the port city of Cherbourg his Division turned south toward the town of St Lo. While proceeding en route his Regiment encountered heavy German artillery fire just north of the crossroads town of la-Haye-du-Puits. Many of his men were wounded including his Company Commander, Captain Ed Scullen. While trying to hide his Captain in some underbrush he looked up into the rifle muzzles of two German soldiers. He was captured on July 4, 1944.

The picture on the left was taken in December 1942 and the one on the right was taken after his return and rehab in April 1945. The following is what I know about his POW tenure:

Following capture he was marched to Alencon, Fr.(110 mi.) pushing wounded in carts.
Rode trucks to Paris (115 mi)
Train to Chalons-on-Champagne, Fr. (100mi.)
Unknown method of travel to Trier, Germany (120 mi.)
Unknown method of travel to Limburg, Germany (60mi.)
Unknown method of travel to Oflag 64, Szubin, Poland (450 mi.)

He described his escape; "They kept us marching at night and hid us in buildings and barns during the day". He and another officer noticed the guards were not taking headcount in the evening so they stayed in the barn and when the group left, took off. "I owe my life to the Polish people. One family gave us their last eggs". After meeting up with the Russians (I don't know how this occurred) he was marched to Warsaw, sent in box cars to Odessa where he left for Naples in a British ship. From Naples he returned to Boston.

It would mean a lot to me if anyone has information regarding:

Does anyone recognize Lt Loos?

When did Lt Loos arrive at Oflag 64? (determined to be September 29, 1944)

Approximately how many days would it have taken to travel to Oflag 64 from Alencon and the methods of travel from Chalons to Oflag 64?

Does anyone know what happened to his Captain, Ed Scullen?

Does anyone know who his escape partner was?

If you have information to share about John C. Loos, pictured here, please let Elodie know and she will forward it on to me. Thank you very much. Richard E. Loos

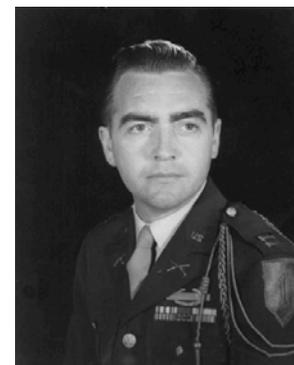
In the photo below, **Everette R. Anderson** was recently identified by his son David R. Anderson. It was an incredible find for the Anderson family. **Everette is kneeling, 6th from the left**, next to Roy Chappell in the center.



Larry Phelan's poem to his wife was found at: <http://www.merkki.com/poetry.htm> along with this notation -The following poem reflects the effect starvation had on the prisoners. Virtually every waking minute was spent obsessing on food.

By Lt. Larry Phelan, dedicated to his wife

I dream as only captive men can dream
Of life as lived in days that went before;
Of scrambled eggs, and shortcakes thick with cream;
And onion soup and lobster Thermidor;
Of roast beef and chops and T-bone steaks,
And turkey breast and golden leg or wing'
Of sausage, maple syrup, buckwheat cakes,
And chicken broiled or fried or a la king.
I dwell on rolls and buns for days and days,
Hot corn bread, biscuits, Philadelphia scrapple,
Asparagus in cream or hollandaise,
And deep-dish pies - mince, huckleberry, apple.
I long for buttered creamy oyster stew,
And now and then, my pet, I long for you.



ITEM COMMENTS



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

We thank you immeasurably for the excellent work you maintain on The ITEM. ~ **Barbara & Emmy Lou Bickers, Wilmette IL**

I look forward to reading the issues of ITEM —thank you! ~ **Stephanie Phelan, New York NY**

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OFLAG 64 WEB CONNECTION

You have an incredible website.....It's incredible and I have identified my father from POW photographs on the OFLAG 64 prison website. ~ **David R. Anderson, Albuquerque NM**

Thanks for the wonderful work you have done with the website. Keep up the great work!Your website has allowed me to fill in some stories. Thank you for that! ~ **Chris Petersen**

New visitors to our website

David R. Anderson – son of the late Kriegy Everette R. Anderson

Allan Humphrey – son of the late Kriegy Edward Chester Humphrey

Mindy Hutchison – granddaughter of the late Kriegy Isaac “Ike” Franklin

Tom Merrill – researching information on POWs

Myrick L. Monroe, Jr. – son of the late Kriegy Myrick L. Monroe, Sr.

Chris Petersen – researcher with information on Arthur J. Houle

Stephanie Phelan – niece of the late Kriegy Lawrence J. Phelan

Richard E. Loos – brother of the late Kriegy John C. Loos

Philip Wilcox – working on a book with General Rowny, USMA class of 41



PUBLICATIONS

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

1. **Americans Behind the Barbed Wire** by Frank Diggs, Story of Frank's trip across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Vandemere Press, P. O. Box 5243, Clearwater FL 22205 (New price is \$24.95/Hardcover) <http://www.vandamere.com/diggs.htm> or <http://www.amazon.ca/Americans-Behind-Barbed-Wire-Inside/dp/0743474821>
2. **Diary of A Kriegie** by Ed Beattie. Diary of Ed Beattie, A UPI Correspondent captured near the Moselle River in Sept '44. Publisher: Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York NY <http://www.amazon.com/Diary-kriegie-Edward-W-Beattie/dp/B0007E4AUA>
3. **Escape to Russia** by Howard "BOOMER" Holder. Story of Boomer Holder as he went across Russia in 1945. Publisher: Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Russia-Howard-Randolph-Holder/dp/B0006F7X72/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226549191&sr=1-1
4. **Home Was Never Like This.** Diary of Col Yardley. Publisher: Yardley Enterprises. Evergreen, CO. http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=HOME+WAS+never+like+this&x=0&y=0
5. **Justifiable Pride** by William D. Stevens, Jamal Books, 2340 Devoe Drive, Lincoln NE 68506, 402-488-6005 http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Justifiable+Pride&x=13&y=17
6. **Katyn Forest Video** (Beta or VHS). Ray Towers, Jr., 25105 Vista Greens Court, Hayward CA 94541, 415-582-4871
7. **Kriegie** by Kenneth Simmons. Diary of an Air Force Pilot. Publisher: Thomas Nelson and Sons. New York NY. http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Kriegie+by+Kenneth+Simmons&x=0&y=0
8. **Kriegsgefangener 3074 (Prisoner of War)** by Clarence Ferguson. Publisher: Texan Press, Waco TX http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_b?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Prisoner+of+War+by+Clarence+Ferguson&x=16&y=17 or occasionally available at: <http://www.abebooks.com/servlet/SearchResults?an=Clarence+Ferguson&sts=t&tn=Kriegsgefangener&x=43&y=14>
9. **OFLAG 64, 50th Anniversary Book.** Anniversary Committee. Publisher: Evanston Publishing Co., Evanston IL. http://www.amazon.com/Oflag-64-fiftieth-anniversary-book/dp/1879260239/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1226550698&sr=1-1
10. **Passages to Freedom**, Joseph Frelinghuysen, 1990, Publisher: Sunflower University Press, 1531 Yuma (Box 1009), Manhattan KS 66502-4228, 800-258-1232 (\$17.95, includes S & H) http://www.amazon.com/Passages-Freedom-Story-Capture-Escape/dp/0897451317/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550856&sr=1-1
11. **Oflag 64: A P.O.W. Odyssey**, DVD, Robert Galloway, Osprey HD, 192 E Bay St, Ste 300A, Charleston SC 29401-2701, (\$29.95 plus \$5 S&H - Please make checks payable to Robert Galloway, Osprey HD)
12. **Raid! The Untold Story of Patton's Secret Mission** by Richard Baron, Major Abe Baum, and Richard Goldhurst (paperback) http://www.amazon.com/Raid-Untold-Pattons-Secret-Mission/dp/0440236096/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254190748&sr=1-1

13. **A Ramble Through My War** by Charles T. Marshall, Publisher: Louisiana State University Press, 1999. (\$29.95) http://www.amazon.com/Ramble-Through-My-War-Anzio/dp/0807126365/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226550977&sr=1-1
14. **The Escape Factory** by Lloyd Shoemaker. Story of a secret organization in Wash DC that maintained contact with all POWs in WWII. St Martins Press. New York NY (A few are available on Amazon.com) http://www.amazon.com/Escape-Factory-Story-Mis-X/dp/0312925727/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551149&sr=1-1
15. **The Road To War** by Steven Burgauer. Based on the diary and notes of Captain William C. Frodsham, Jr.; a riveting first-person account of duty and drill, courage and capture. (Available on Amazon.com) http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_2_15?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=the+road+to+war+burgauer&srefix=The+Road+to+War
16. **The Water and The Rock** by Charles Jones. Diary of a man captured in Africa. Publisher: Anchor Publishing Co., Northwood, IA http://www.amazon.com/Water-Rock-Charles-L-Jones/dp/B000IXSZHO/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1226551381&sr=1-1
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A Grand Tour of Russia to Odessa, Winter ~ 1945 by Herb Garris, edited by Clarence Meltesen. Now available on the Oflag 64 website.

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

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

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

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

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

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William R. "Bill" Cory

1920 - 2011



CORY, WILLIAM ROBERT, 91, of Louisville, died Wednesday August 3, 2011. He was born in College Park, MD and was a tenth generation member of the Cory family, which emigrated from England to Massachusetts Bay Colony in the 1630s. He was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Cory, of College Park.

Educated at St. Andrew's School (Middletown, DE) and Washington and Lee University, he joined the Maryland National Guard in 1938. During [World War II](#) he fought the Germans in Tunisia with the U.S. II Corps. He was captured in February, 1943, and spent two years as a POW (Oflag 64) in Poland. He escaped by tunnel in January 1945 and returned to the United States that February. Integrated into the regular Army, he served in intelligence at Ft. Knox, KY and at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. He served as Military Attache in New Zealand and Greece from 1946 to 1949. He resigned his commission in 1950.



Until his retirement in 1988 he was vice president at Anaconda Aluminum (formerly Cochran Foil), Stitzel-Weller Distillery and Fleming Potter Company. He was active as a director of the Community Chest (now The United Way), the Family and Children's Agency, the Metropolitan YMCA and the Norton Hospital Foundation.

He was a member of the River Valley Club, the Leland Country Club (Leland, MI), a founding member of the Tavern Club, a former member of the Mill Reef Club of Antigua, the Pendennis Club, the Wynn Stay and Louisville Country Club.

He was a member of the Filson Club, the Speed Museum, the Salamagundi Club and the Society of Colonial Wars. He was a member of St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church in

Harrods Creek and Trinity by the Cove Episcopal Church in Naples, FL.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Caroline Barr Joyes Cory. He is survived by his daughter, Nina Cory Claytor (Preston) and his son, Ernest Neal Cory II (Lee); grandchildren, Caroline Joyes Nixon McMillen (Bryan), Edith Houghton Nixon Hyatt (Benjamin), Stewart Castleberry Crittenden Cory and Katherine Preston Troutman Cory; and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his companion, Charlotte W. Price and her daughters, Ann Price Davis (John) and Liz Price Diaz (Leonardo), their five children and two grandchildren.

Funeral: 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, 6710 Wolf Pen Branch Road, with private burial at Cave Hill Cemetery. Visitation is at the church after 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Arrangements under the direction of Pearson's. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial gifts to the Leelanau Conservancy, PO Box 1007, Leland, MI or St. Andrew's School, 350 Noxontown Rd. Middletown, DE 19709.

Bill's online obituary was found at:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/louisville/obituary.aspx?n=William-Cory&pid=152879448>

Bill's online guestbook was found at:
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Arthur J. Houle, Jr.

1921 - 2002

Lt. Col. Arthur J. Houle Jr., USAF retired, died Sunday (July 7, 2002), in Salem.

Lt. Col. Houle's funeral will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday (July 15, 2002), at St. Anne Catholic Church in Grants Pass. Viewing will be prior to

Mass at the church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Grants Pass.

He was born April 17, 1921, in Anville, Mich., to Arthur and Anna Houle. He was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1941. He received parachute training, earned his wings and was assigned to the 507th parachute infantry regiment at Fort Benning, Ga.

On June 6, 1944, he parachuted into Normandy, France, with the 82nd Airborne Division during the World War II Allied invasion of Europe. He was a POW at Oflag 64, Altburgund, Germany, force-marched to Hammelburg, Germany, where he escaped and was recaptured and returned to Hammelburg. He escaped to the Serbian compound and the Serbian POWs hid Lt. Col. Houle until they were liberated by the U.S. Army's 14th Armored Division.



After the war he attended Wayne State University in Detroit. He re-enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Rescue Service as a parachute team leader and transferred to the USAF Air Rescue Squadron, where he was chief survival instructor. Lt. Col. Houle served in Alaska, the Philippines and many states in America.

He retired in 1963 and settled in Ashland, where he attended Southern Oregon College. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1970 and a master's in 1972.

Lt. Col. Houle was a member of the VFW Post 01833, Moose Lodge No. 178, National Rifle Association, the Josephine County Sportsman Association, American Legion Post No. 0028 and the Pararescue Association. He earned his Oregon pilot's license in 1989.

Lt. Col. Houle is survived by three daughters, Martha, Kay and Dana; one stepdaughter, Vicki; one stepson, Richard; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen and Joan.

Arrangements: Howell-Edwards-Doerksen with Rigdon-Ransom.

Submitted by Chris Petersen

Leonard F. Wing, Jr.

1923 - 2005

Published: May 2, 2005



Rutland attorney and Brigadier General (Ret.), Leonard F. Wing Jr. died Saturday, April 30, 2005, at Rutland Regional Medical Center. He was 82.

He was born in Rutland, Vermont, son of Leonard F. Wing and Bernice Kidder Wing, grew up in Rutland and attended Rutland schools. He graduated from Rutland High School and enrolled at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. Mr. Wing left Norwich in April of 1943 when the entire cadet corps of Norwich was activated for service in World War II. Mr. Wing was commissioned an Officer in the 84th Division and was shipped to Europe. He was wounded and captured on Thanksgiving Day, 1944 and escaped from the Germans in the latter part of January, 1945. With the help of the Polish Underground he made his way through Poland and Russia to Egypt where he was shipped back to the United States. He returned to Norwich in 1946 and completed his junior year. He was then accepted at Boston University School of Law, from which he graduated in 1950 with an LLB. He was granted a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Norwich in 1980.



Immediately following his graduation from law school in June of 1950, he was activated with the 43rd Division for Federal duty during the Korean War. He served in Europe during the Korean War and was released from the service in September of 1952. He remained in the Vermont Army National Guard and completed 31 years of service in 1973. During his 31 years, he commanded a Company, a Battalion of Infantry, a Cavalry Squadron, and a Tank Battalion, was the Commander of a separate Armored Brigade which led to his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General. When he retired, he was the Deputy Adjutant General, Army Vermont and he retired with the rank of Brigadier General.

Upon retirement from the National Guard, General Wing was presented with the Eagle Award from the National Guard Bureau. He was, during his service, the recipient of the Vermont Distinguished Service Award, of which, at that time, there had been fewer than 10 such awards presented in the 30 previous years. During his service he completed the Infantry Officer Candidate School, the Adjutant General School, the Infantry Officer Associate Advance Course, Air Ground Operations School and the Command and General Staff College.

Wing served as a member of the Board of Fellows of Norwich University and received the Distinguished Service Award from Norwich in 1986. He set up a scholarship at the University for the benefit of a Rutland County student in the name of his father, Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing.

At the 25th anniversary of D-Day, commemorated in England and in Normandy, Wing, a Colonel at the time and the only representative not ranked above Major General, and one of only 25 American military participants, was selected to represent the First Army area consisting of New England, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

During his service to his country he was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, the Combat Infantry Badge, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart Medal.

Gen. Wing was no less accomplished in the field of law. He was actively engaged in the practice of law for 46 years. He began his practice with the law firm of Ryan, Smith & Carbine, Ltd., a firm originally established by his father as Fenton, Wing and Morse. He retired from that active practice as the Senior Partner and Shareholder of that firm.

He served on numerous committees of the Vermont Bar Association. He was a member of the Board of Managers of the Vermont Bar Association for 10 years and served as President of the Vermont Bar Association in

1984-85. He served on the Judicial Nominating Board for six years and was Chairman of that board for four years. In 1979 he was elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers and acted as the State Director of the Vermont membership. There were, in that time, only approximately 3500 lawyers throughout the country who belonged to this membership-by-invitation-only college. At the time there were only eight members from Vermont in the organization. Mr. Wing was a member and past President of the Northern New England Defense Attorneys Association.

Mr. Wing also made considerable civic contributions. He was a member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce since 1952 and was a director of that organization. He had served as a worker and Chairman of the Community Chest Drive in the City of Rutland (now the United Way), worked on heart and cancer fund drives, served as County Chairman of the Heart Fund Drive, served on the Rutland City Board of School Commissioners for six years and served as President of that Board. During his service on the School Board, he was Chairman of the School Construction Committee.

Mr. Wing was also a founding organizer and President of the Havenwood School for retarded children in the city of Rutland, President of the Rutland Association for Retarded Citizens, State President of the Vermont Association of the Retarded and Director of the Parents Association for the Brandon Training School.

Mr. Wing was a member of the Christ the King School Board for more than 25 years and served as its President for many of those years. He served as the Director and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the College of St. Joseph, was a member of the Elks, Moose, American Legion, VFW and Knights of Columbus. He served as Co-Chairman of the Rutland City Bicentennial Committee and other charitable committees for the city.

Wing was also a Director of the First Vermont Bank and Trust Co. and the First Vermont Financial Corporation for more than 30 years.

The General divided his leisure activities between golf and the Boston Red Sox. He enjoyed the study of history, particularly the Civil

War. He was a great fan of reading books and as he aged, daily trips to the library replaced his daily trips to the A&P. In his final years he was especially grateful to those friends with whom he shared weekly lunches. His greatest joy was spending time with his wife, Mary, and his children and grandchildren. He didn't seem to care how they spent their time as long as they spent it together.

In 1947, Mr. Wing married Mary Evelyn Costello of Rutland. She survives him as do their nine children and spouses: Joan Loring Wing and her husband Alvin B. Figiel and their children Mark K. Foley Jr. and Megan Foley of Rutland, Vt.; Leonard F. Wing III of Castleton, Vt.; Christopher Wing of Durango, Colo.; Timothy Wing and his wife Susan and their children Charles, Amy, Dylan and Caleb Wing of North Reading, Mass.; Mary Jane Wing Soares and her husband Douglas and their children Michael, Christopher, Anthony and Thomas Fish Wing Soares of Londonderry, N.H.; John Bartley Wing and his wife Margaret and their children, Kirstin, Bartley and Susan Wing of Rutland, Vt.; Ann Kidder Lee and her husband William and their children, Christine, Eric and Isaac Lee of Casper, Wyo.; Patricia Wing Bartenstein and her husband Claus and their children Leonard Wing and Evelyn Bartenstein of Rutland, Vt.; Katrina Wing Clark and her husband Edward and their children Liam and Cameron Clark of Rutland, Vt.; three great-grandchildren, Jack, Abbie and John Foley; and his caregiver and friend, Bev King of Rutland, Vt. He was predeceased by a brother, Bruce Clark Wing; a sister, Patricia Wing O'Rourke; and a grandson, Baxter Gammons Clark.

Calling hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2005, at the Clifford Funeral Home.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at Christ the King Church in Rutland, Vt. Burial, with military honors; will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Center Rutland, Vt.

Submitted by Mary Wing Soares



Our national symbol standing guard at the National Cemetery in Minneapolis on a beautiful morning.

