



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

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## 2012 Oflag 64 Reunion CANCELLED



Due to the very low number of people projected to attend the 2012 Minneapolis reunion, combined with the high cost of putting one on, we have found it necessary to cancel plans for the reunion this year. This decision was not made lightly but was made after communication with many of our Oflag 64 family members. We feel badly about the outcome but we know, at least for this year, that it was the right decision.

Assessments will be made as time goes by about future reunions but it has been expressed by several of our Kriegies and their families that we may have had our last reunion.

All this being said, we greatly appreciate the willingness of Tiffany Skidmore, Herm Littman's granddaughter, to host the reunion. She was willing from the beginning to make it happen. We hope to have better news for next year.

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who responded to our reunion survey either online, by mail/email, or by phone.

Even without a reunion this year, the ITEM will continue to be published. If you have information to share, please contact me using any of the contact information found on the left of this page.

Best Regards,

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



# MAIL CALL



**ABE AND EILEEN BAUM** from San Diego CA (Kriegy and wife) recently sent word that they would not be able to attend this year's reunion. They also sent compliments on the ITEM. Due to the unfortunate cancellation of the reunion we will not be able to see any of our dear Kriegies and their families this year. *Thank you, Abe and Eileen, for your kind words and for sending us word about reunion attendance. It's always good to hear from you. We hope you're doing well.*

**PATRICIA BOWERS** (daughter of the late Kriegy James F. Callahan) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. She shared the following information: "My father was a POW at Oflag for 2+ years, captured in Anzio. I purchased the video your group had put together years ago. Recently, I found notes my father had taken while in camp as well as the telegrams that announced his status missing, and then as a prisoner, and then of release. My Dad passed away in 1997. I am so proud of him and grateful to you for keeping this history alive." *Thank you very much, Patty, for contacting us. Welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We have a great group, many of whom are offspring of our Kriegy heroes. We appreciate the information you've shared about your father and have added his name to our online TAPS list.*

**RANDY CLIFTON** (great nephew of the late Kriegy David W. Clifton) found our website recently and asked to be added to our email list. He also sent information about his grandfather as follows: "I've been researching my family tree and, while I've always known that my great uncle served in WWII and was a POW, just recently uncovered that he was a prisoner at Oflag 64 from Feb 1944 to April 1945. I have located a couple of news articles as well that cover some of the details of his service - one of which recounts his story in his own words. Unfortunately, he passed away on January 15th, 1990. Coming across this website has been a wonderful experience in being able to understand what he went through and to see the community of service members that has existed as a support group for these men. Thank you for sharing the stories of these men for all of us!" In a subsequent email, Randy sent photos of his great uncle. (See the Kriegy News and Information section.) *Randy, thank you very much for writing and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. It's good to have you with us. Thank you also for the information on your great uncle. We would love to add new stories*

*of our Kriegies to our website as well as photos. David's name has been added to our online TAPS list.*

**ROBERT GRAFFAGNINO** (son of the late Kriegy Peter C. Graffagnino) sent .pdf files of some of his father's war stories from Oflag 64 and the march. They can be found on our Long Cold March page at: [http://www.oflag64.us/Oflag64/The\\_Long\\_Cold\\_March.html](http://www.oflag64.us/Oflag64/The_Long_Cold_March.html)

*Thanks again, Bob, for sending the stories written by your father. They are very helpful to others as they help put pieces of the puzzle together, especially for those who were previously not aware of their loved one's Kriegy experiences.*



**JONEL HILL** from Pasadena CA (Kriegy) sent a much appreciated donation to the Postage Fund not long ago. *Thanks, Jonel, for your thoughtful and generous donation to our Postage Fund. We are always grateful for such great support from our group.*

**THOMAS HOLT** from Brandon MS (Kriegy) wrote that he would not be able to attend the reunion this year. He shared: "I am still here among the living, I'm glad to say; I'll be 93 in a couple of weeks and think, if I keep up my health, I'll be among the older Oflag Kriegies. Don Waful is a couple of years ahead, 95 or 96? I'm still able to do for myself, but the years take their toll! Wish I could come to the 2012 Oflag 64 Reunion, but, not possible now! I have to use a walker. Keep well! Best wishes and good health to all my fellow Kriegies! I'm of the time at Oflag 64 of John Waters." *Thank you so much, Tom, for writing. We hope your health continues to be good and that you're able to do the things you wish to do. Unfortunately, we won't be having a reunion this year. It's hard to think that we might have had our last one, but hopefully not. Stay well.*



**ROBERT LAPLANDER** from Tichigan WI (author, historian, and friend of Oflag 64) has recently written that his book WOODEN HORSE is finally complete and will be out in print soon. He thanks everyone who provided contributions and assistance. *Thank you very much, Robert, for keeping us posted on your book. Congratulations to you on all your great works.*



**HERM LITTMAN** from Spokane WA (Kriegy) sent a donation to the Postage Fund recently. *Thank you so much, Herm, for your thoughtful and generous contribution to our Postage Fund. What would we do without great support? Best to you.*

**DANNA LOCKERBY** (daughter of the late Kriegy John B. "Jack" Carpenter) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. She also wrote: "Thank you so much for your site. 2nd Lt. John B Carpenter (Jack), was my maternal grandfather. I wanted to let you know for your taps page, that Jack passed away in an auto accident in 1980." *Danna, thank you for writing and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We're happy you have found us. Thank you also for sharing information about your grandfather. We were sorry to hear about the auto accident that resulted in his death. His name has been added to our online TAPS list.*



**PEGGY MARLATT** (daughter of Kriegy Bob Thompson) sent the following message recently by email: "My daughter and her new son were in Prescott AZ for Mother's Day so we went by to visit with Bob O'Neil. I'm sending a photo of Bob with Tanner (my grandson); they were so cute together. Bob looked great. My daughter, Tanner and I also flew out to Houston to visit with the new great grandparents. I will also attach a photo of Daddy with Tanner. It was great for them to see him. Daddy nicknamed him "catfish". Mother and Daddy have been at The Forum in The Woodlands TX since Thanksgiving. The address is 5055 W Panther Creek Dr., Apt 5206, The Woodlands TX 77381. Daddy has a cell phone 918-894-7639, and the phone in their apt is 281-419-4462. I know they would like to stay in contact with friends. My brother Robert and sister Nancy both live in the Houston/Woodlands area so they see Mother and Daddy often. You are welcome to include photos and info in the Item if you like. (See the Kriegy News and Information section.) We miss seeing you all. *Thanks so much, Peggy, for writing and filling us in on news of your parents as well as of your visit with Bob O'Neill. The pictures are great and help us feel in touch when we are not able to see each other as often as we'd like.*



**ANNETTE SECOR NELSON** from Hudson FL (widow of the late Richard W. Secor) sent a donation to the Postage Fund recently. She also sent word that she would be unable to attend our reunion. Sadly, we have had to cancel this year's reunion. *Thank you very much, Annette, for thoughtful and generous contribution to our Postage Fund. We will*

*continue to publish and send the ITEM as long as we have the funds to do so.*



**GENERAL DOUGLAS O'DELL** retired from the USMC and from Chestertown MD (son of Kriegy Douglas V. O'Dell, interned at Hammelburg) recently sent a nice letter along with a donation to the Postage Fund. He wrote that his father was active in negotiations with the German guard force and the Serbs in the adjacent camp for Red Cross parcels and other contraband since he spoke fluent German. He was present at the time of the Baum Raid, briefly escaped, but was recaptured the next day. He was shortly thereafter liberated. General O'Dell, as some of you may remember, attended the New Orleans reunion in 2006. He always looks forward to receiving the ITEM. *Thank you so much, General O'Dell, for your kind words, for your thoughtful and generous contribution to our Postage Fun, and for the information about your father. The 2006 reunion was great fun. We remember your address to the group at that time.*



**BOB O'NEILL** from Prescott AZ (Kriegy) called recently to let us know that he wouldn't be able to attend the reunion in Minneapolis this year. Separately he sent a much-appreciated donation to the Postage and Reunion Funds. *Thanks so much, Bob, for your call. It's always a pleasure to talk with you. Thank you also for your contribution to the Postage and Reunion Funds. What wonderful support! We regret that we won't be having a reunion this year, hopefully next year.*

**DAVID R. OHL** from Long Beach CA (grandson of the late Kriegy Donald A. Ohl) recently sent word that his grandfather had passed away. He also sent a photo which will be included in the TAPS section of this ITEM. *Thank you very much, David, for the obituary and photo of your grandfather. We were previously unaware that he had passed away. Our sympathies to you and your family.*



**WILBUR "BILL" SHARPE** from Ashburn VA (Kriegy) sent a photocopy of the 1945 ITEM that was being sold on eBay. He is also working with Mariusz on the "Little Theater" project as well as with Don Waful, Sid Thal and members of the Ford family. He expressed thanks for the ITEM and offers a copy of the 1945 ITEM to anyone who is interested. *Thanks so much, Bill, for your thoughtfulness and for your kind words. And thank you also for being so willing to help Mariusz with his*

*project. We hope to have access to his finished project whether online or by other means.*

**SHELLEY SCHOENBERGER** (granddaughter of the late Marvin Shelley) wrote that she had found a letter written by her grandfather on our Oflag 64 website. She wrote: "Thank you so much. This was amazing to find. Really, truly touching to find a letter "to his grandchildren" as that's me :)" *Thanks, Shelley, for writing. It warms our hearts to hear touching stories from Kriegy family members as they find information on our site.*

**SUSAN GRISET VAN DER ROEST** (daughter of the late Lorin Griset) recently found our website and asked to be added to our email list. She also wrote: "My father passed away March 31, 2006. He was a POW at Oflag 64 from about Nov. 1944-Jan.1945." In a subsequent email, she sent copies of Lorin's obituaries and related articles. (See the TAPS section.) She also mentioned that she would eventually like to retrace her father's footsteps from Oflag 64 to Hammelburg. *Thank you, Susan, for writing and welcome to our Oflag 64 family. We're glad to have you with us. Thank you also for the information about your father. He has been added to our online TAPS list. Let us know if you would like contact information for others who have made the trip you mentioned. Lucy Lussenden did this after the passing of her husband who was a Kriegy. You can find photos of her trip along with a narrative on our website at:* [http://www.oflag64.us/Oflag64/Trips\\_and\\_Tours\\_Gallery/Pages/Long\\_March\\_Revisited.html](http://www.oflag64.us/Oflag64/Trips_and_Tours_Gallery/Pages/Long_March_Revisited.html)



**DON WAFUL from Syracuse NY** (Kriegy) sent a donation to the Postage Fund along with a short note that said: "Happy to be of assistance. I've replied to the Polish Professor, who in Szubin, is doing a history of our Oflag 64." *Don, thank you so much for your thoughtful and generous donation to the Postage Fund. And thank you for contacting Mariusz Winiecki. The input of our Kriegies has been invaluable to him and subsequently to anyone who is able to benefit by his project.*



**DARWYN WALKER from Springfield MO** (Kriegy) recently sent a donation to the Postage Fund. *Thank you very much, Darwyn, for your thoughtful and generous contribution. We appreciate your support.*

**JAMES WIGNALL** (nephew of Kriegy Kenneth Murdoch Finlayson) recently wrote with information about his uncle and has asked for contact with anyone who may have known him. He shared: "I am the nephew of the above POW and have inherited all

his personal effects and POW information and photos. Kenneth helped with the OFLAG 64 magazine and was Hon Secretary for EKRA, the newsletter for ex-Kriegies until his death. Is it possible to put me in contact with anyone who knew my Uncle, as I have many items of historical interest that I would like to make available for others to see." *Thank you very much, James, for writing. Thank you also for sending pictures of the artifacts in your subsequent email. (See the Kriegy News and Information section.) We have not been able to find your uncle on our records, but that doesn't mean he wasn't there. We hope you hear from others who remember him. Best to you on your search.*

**MARIUSZ WINIECKI** (researcher and friend of Oflag 64) recently sent word that he has been in contact with several of our Kriegies but would still like to hear from Tom Holt and Robert Rankin regarding his Little Theater project. He sent other news that he found some photos of the camp when it was still Oflag XXIB, prior to becoming Oflag 64. You can access these photos in the Kriegy News and Information section and at: <http://www.bildindex.de/obj20145712.html> *Mariusz, we appreciate your diligence in contacting our Kriegies on this great project. You have done an extraordinary job at collecting information. Thank you also for sending us the web site for the Oflag 64 photos. They will be of great interest to many.*



**JUDY WHORLEY WINKLE** (daughter of the late Kriegy William Whorley) recently contacted us regarding a change in her email address. *Thank you, Judy for contacting us. It was good to hear from you again. Updates have been made to our email address book and you should again be receiving our communications.*



**JOSEPH ZELAZNY from Tacoma WA** (Kriegy) recently sent a donation to the Postage Fund along with a nice letter and compliments on the ITEM. He also sent a photo of a recently finished project in Indio CA, a remembrance monument, one of a kind and has sent the photo (See the Kriegy News and Information section.). His next project will be to build a monument in 2013 honoring those who suffered during the Bataan Death March. He sent his greetings and wished everyone well. *Thank you so much, Joe, for your thoughtful and generous donation to our Postage Fund. Your support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to you, as well, on the completion of your recent project, a very worthy and worthwhile project.*

# KRIEGY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Our friend in Poland, Mariusz Winiecki, who is doing a project relating to Oflag 64 for the museum there, recently found the following photos. The photos can be found on line at:

<http://www.bildindex.de/obj20145712.html>

By way of explanation, the photos were taken by the Germans sometime in the early 1940s and are published at:

Bildarchiv Foto Marburg,  
Biegenstraße 11,  
D-35037 Marburg,  
Tel. 0049-(0)6421-2823600,  
Fax: 0049- (0)6421-2828931,  
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Mariusz wrote: The quality of the pictures is surprisingly good in comparison to others of that time period. The pictures might be dated before the first group of American POWs arrived there, but in fact it is the same camp.



Picture 01 shows the chapel and the corner watchtower. The Goon guard can be seen near the watchtower.



Picture 02 is taken from the backside of the camp. The hospital is at the upper left.

Picture 03 shows the front of 'kommandant building'. The next building seen behind is the 'white house'. On the fence there is a sign and on it is written "Oflag XXIB, kommandant". The inscription confirms that the pictures were taken before US officers came to Szubin. The prisoners (French and British RAF officers) of the Oflag XXIB located in Szubin were moved to the Oflag IIB in Arnswalde in the spring of 1943, when their Oflag closed because the Germans needed more soldiers. The keepers of that Oflag would have been sent to the front. After the US POWs arrived, the camp was reopened with a new number, Oflag 64.



Picture 04 is unlabeled. If you know anything about it, please contact Elodie at the address information on the front page of this ITEM.

**We are currently waiting for permission to post these photos on our website. If we are unable to obtain that permission, we will include a link to them on our LINKS page.**



James Wignall, nephew of Kenneth Murdoch Finlayson from Stalag VIII B, submitted the following photos and descriptions of Kriegy artifacts.



1 - An armband with a red cross on it, presumably because he would have had to display it, as a POW, so the Germans knew his status in the camp.

2 - Two identity tags marked with Stalag VIII B and his POW no. 12299 and two rings of very cheap material, possibly hand made from scrap aluminum tins in the POW camp, with a buckle fastening and the name LAMSDORF marked on each ring. Any idea what these were for?



3 - A combined fork and spoon. Though they are marked, there are two sets of initials on them, AG & JM, neither of which are my Uncle's (KF). This suggests the previous owners either died or were moved to another camp. What do you think?

It may be better to add these photos for all members to see. Surprisingly I received a reply from the UK Army Medical Museum today and they are unable to identify either a use or purpose for the two rings. Could this be a problem for members to solve? What were the rings for and why were they made?

It is a privilege to be the custodian, not owner, of historical items such as these and I intend to document the Service and POW History of my Uncle for future generations, lest we forget.

**These photos were sent by Peggy Marlatt, daughter of Bob and Gladys Thompson** after a recent visit with Bob O'Neill in Arizona (top photo) and then with the Thompsons in Texas (bottom photo). Both are holding Tanner, great grandson of Bob and Gladys.



**Randy Clifton sent the following photos (and photo description) of David W. Clifton, his great uncle, during war years.** The two pictures appear to be from before he was shipped into action (There are no other details regarding the date, location or the other men pictured). David Clifton is left side, front row. The second portrait is just an isolated headshot from the same picture.



**This photo was submitted by Joseph Zelazny presently living in Tacoma WA.** He is the past president of the East Valley Memorials Foundation, Inc. Their motto is: "Serving Those Who Served Us". This recently completed remembrance monument, honoring combat wounded, was dedicated February 20, 2012, Presidents' Day. Another monument is on the calendar for dedication later this year.

For more information, you can contact Joe Zelazny at:

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## 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 love receiving the ITEM – Keeping up with everyone. ~ **Abe and Eileen Baum, San Diego CA**

I always look forward to receiving the ITEM. ~ **General Douglas V. O'Dell, Chestertown MD**

Thanks for the Oflag 64 ITEM. It is well organized and I am sure appreciated by all. Keep up the good (rather superior) work. ~ **Joseph Zelazny, Tacoma WA**

## OFLAG 64 WEB CONNECTION

I am so proud of him and grateful to you for keeping this history alive. ~ **Patricia Bowers**

Coming across this website has been a wonderful experience in being able to understand what he went through and to see the community of service members that has existed as a support group for these men. Thank you for sharing the stories of these men for all of us! ~ **Randy Clifton, AZ**

Thank you so much for your site. ~ **Danna Lockerby, Phoenix AZ**

This was amazing to find. Really, truly touching to find a letter "to his grandchildren" as that's me :) ~ **Shelley Schoenberger**

### New Visitors to our Oflag 64 Web Site

Patricia Bowers – Daughter of the late Kriegy James F. Callahan

Randy Clifton – Great Nephew of the late Kriegy David W. Clifton

Susan Grisct van der Roest– Daughter of the late Kriegy Lorin Grisct

Robert Graffagnino – Son of the late Kriegy Peter C. Graffagnino

Danna Lockerby – Granddaughter of the late Kriegy John B. "Jack" Carpenter

Shelley Schoenberger – Granddaughter of Kriegy Marvin Shelley

Jim Wignall – Nephew of the late Kriegy Kenneth Murdoch Finlayson (of Stalag VIII B)



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## 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/B0007E4UAU>
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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](http://www.amazon.com/Raid-Untold-Pattons-Secret-Mission/dp/0440236096/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254190748&sr=1-1)

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## Lorin Griset 1919 ~ 2006

**Lorin Griset, 86**  
**Mayor of Santa Ana in the '60s**



Lorin Griset, a former Santa Ana mayor who helped steer his city through racial tensions in the late 1960s, has died. He was 86.

Griset, an insurance broker and church deacon whose son Dan also later served as mayor, died Friday at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach from complications of a hematoma, family members said.

Born to a Santa Ana dairy farmer, Griset was elected to the City Council in 1967. Two years later, he became mayor as the city plunged into turmoil after the slaying of a Santa Ana police officer by a member of the Black Panthers.

Amid complaints that police looking for suspects were pulling innocent black residents out of their cars at gunpoint, Griset met with black ministers and protesters to quell tensions. He later helped launch the city's Human Relations Commission.

In 1971, he supported a plan to bus schoolchildren to achieve integration.

Not all of the lifelong Republican's views were liberal. When Santa Ana wanted to shut down a beer bar with nude entertainment, Griset accompanied a vice officer to the establishment and later testified in court that the performance he witnessed was obscene.

Before entering politics, Griset, a UCLA graduate, helped found a Christian businessmen's group and served as president of Goodwill Industries.

During World War II, while serving as an Army officer in France, he was captured by the Germans and sent to a prison camp in Poland, his son Norman said Sunday. Griset and other POWs were later forced to march to Germany through the snow as their captors fled advancing Russian troops. Griset was freed when the war ended, his son said.



Returning home, he set up an insurance business and -- as part of a promise he made to God as a POW -- embarked on various evangelism projects, such as spearheading an appearance by Billy Graham at Anaheim Stadium in 1969. He also served on the boards of Biola College and Wycliffe International, a missionary group founded by his uncle.

After leaving politics in 1975, Griset remained active in Christian circles, teaching Sunday school and serving as a deacon at Calvary Church of Santa Ana. His oldest son, Dan, was elected to the City Council in 1979 and served as mayor from 1984 to 1986.

A Santa Ana continuation high school scheduled to open later this year will be named the Lorin Griset Academy, relatives said.

Griset is survived by his wife, Dorothy; five of their six children; two sisters; and eight grandchildren. Services are set for Friday at Calvary Church. Published [April 04, 2006](#) | Roy Rivenburg | Times Staff Writer | LA Times

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## Donald A. Ohl 1920 ~ 2011

**Don Ohl – IPT editor a WWII vet**  
by Joe Segura Staff Writer, Press Telegram.com



Don Ohl, a former associate editor of the Independent, Press-Telegram, died Sunday. He was 90.

Ohl died at the VA hospital after a short illness. He had worked on the newspaper for 34 years, from 1952 to 1986.

Ohl was born July 10, 1920, in West Branch, Iowa, and adopted journalism as his field of study at the University of Iowa after discovering that pre-med courses weren't his cup of tea. Those studies, however, were interrupted by World War II.

Ohl was a lieutenant and saw action in France and Germany. He was captured and imprisoned in a German POW camp, Oflag 64 in Poland.



Six months later, Ohl and two other prisoners escaped and hid in a barn until Russian soldiers found them and assisted in their safe repatriation to the United States.

Returning to Iowa, Ohl worked for the Des Moines Register. And while on a blind date at a golf course, he met his future wife, Ruth Weisbrod, a World War II nurse. They married in 1952.

That same year, he was offered a job at the Independent Press-Telegram as city editor. He served the paper in a number of other positions until retiring.

As associate editor, Ohl was deeply involved in the successful efforts to change state legislation on tidelands funds, led the newspaper's editorial support of local hospitals and was a large part of the paper's effort to bring the Queen Mary to Long Beach, according to the family.

His quiet demeanor took a back seat when Ohl pressed home points on an issue recalled Editorial Page Editor Larry Allison. "He was very outspoken," he added.

Ohl would become a friend to city managers and mayors and he had a weekly Saturday date with Mayor Tom Clark over a 25-year period.

"He was very supportive of the city," said Clark.

Ohl's service to the community included being a board member of the Red Cross, YMCA, St. Mary Medical Center, Long Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and the children's Dental Health Clinic.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, their four children, Rebecca Ohl and David Ohl of Long Beach; Richard Ohl of Westminster; and Marie LaRue of Gig Harbor, WA and children David, Vanessa, Kelsey, Ryan and Riley.

There will be a private family service. In lieu of flowers, the Ohls suggest donations to the Red Cross, the YMCA and the Los Altos Methodist Church.



# God Bless The USA

by Lee Greenwood

If tomorrow all the things were gone,  
I'd worked for all my life.  
And I had to start again,  
with just my children and my wife.

I'd thank my lucky stars,  
to be livin here today.  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom,  
and they can't take that away.

And I'm proud to be an American,  
where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died,  
who gave that right to me.

And I gladly stand up,  
next to you and defend her still today.  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,  
God bless the USA.

From the lakes of Minnesota,  
to the hills of Tennessee.  
Across the plains of Texas,  
from sea to shining sea.

From Detroit down to Houston,  
and New York to L.A.  
Well there's pride in every American heart,  
and its time we stand and say.

That I'm proud to be an American,  
where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died,  
who gave that right to me.

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