DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS: MADELINE M. ULLOM

Born on New Year's Day in 1911 in O'Neill, Nebraska, Madeline Ullum became a school teacher in Nebraska but later decided on a nursing career, in part because she had a sister who was an Army nurse. In September of 1934, she and 60 other students enrolled in the Jefferson nursing program.

After earning her diploma from Jefferson in 1938, Madeline Ullum joined the United States Army and was assigned to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. In 1940, she volunteered for duty in the Philippine Islands and was assigned to Sternberg General Hospital in Manila. During World War II, Lt. Col. Ullum was taken prisoner by the Japanese in May 1942. She was a 30-year-old second lieutenant when she was captured on the island of Corregidor along with 65 other Army nurses.

As a prisoner of war (POW) for almost three years in Manila, Lt. Col. Ullum continued to serve as a nurse to other POWs and interned civilians. She was one of the individuals who became known as the "Angels of Bataan." For her heroism, she was awarded a Bronze Star Medal and two oak leaf clusters. After being freed in February 1945, she remained in the Army and served in Germany and throughout the United States until her retirement in 1964 as a lieutenant colonel. Her last post was at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver as assistant chief nurse and educational coordinator.

While in the service, Lt. Col. Ullum completed two degrees in nursing education, a bachelor of science from Incarntion College in San Antonio, Texas in 1948 and a master of science from Catholic University in Washington, DC in 1951. Since her retirement, she has remained active in veterans and civic organizations.

Among Lt. Col. Ullum's numerous awards and honors are the Patrick Henry Award for Loyal and Dedicated Service to Humanity in 1995 and induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She also was awarded the Janet C. Hindson award by the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Department of Nursing. A world traveler, she has returned to the Philippines four times.


VISIT OUR NEW WEB SITE

ADBC now has its own Web Site and you are invited to visit by going to the address:
http://home.switchboard.com/ADBC

Our Web Site has pages that tell about the war in the western Pacific with links to some of the people who shaped the defense of the Philippine Islands.

If you have Internet access, please go to the above Web Site and browse around. Click directly to some of your friends and enjoy this way to stay in touch with them. Maybe you’ll make some new friends, as I have in helping provide the information to the WebMistress, Ruth Jorgenson. Ruth is married to Warren Jorgenson, who is one of us. "Jorgy" is a 4th Marine and a big help to us.

We have formed a Committee to help me in administering the Web Site: Martin Christie and Don Versaw (both out of the 4th Marines, also). You will find all of their e-mail addresses on the Web Site. Together we hope to make the Site interesting, informative and useful for all of all us to have new ways to stay in touch. More than one of the members listed are housebound and would appreciate receiving messages from you and other ADBC friends.

State chapters are invited to send their information on the chapter meeting dates and location.

If you want your name, mailing address, outfit, spouse, and e-mail address, etc. listed on the Site, just send me or one of the Committee member's address to: Martin Christie <rmjjc@juno.com> or <mtennista@aol.com> or Donald Versaw <dvers@juno.com> or <donversaw@earthlink.net> or Fr. Robert Phillips <frphillips@sprintmail.com> or Try it; you'll like it. Fr. Bob Phillips, SSC+
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SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION

In preparation of the 1999 Convention in San Antonio, TX, we saw the advantage to make the trip to the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas. We know it was a five to six hour trip so it meant extending the convention over Sunday. We talked to the hotel. They cooperated, so anyone who wishes can stay over Sunday and leave Monday.

Let us know on the Pre-Convention Registration Blank if you plan to visit the museum so we can provide the necessary buses.

We are planning tours to the downtown area for those interested.

ADMIIRAL NIMITZ MUSEUM

Dear Mr. Vater,

It was nice to hear from you. We are expecting your organization, the Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, to visit the Admiral Nimitz Museum May 24, 1999. Helen McDonald has already visited with members of your group and you are on the schedule next door at the reception desk.

I'm enclosing a brochure which will show you the quality and scope of the Museum. In addition to three floors of exhibits which document the Admiral's career and the battles and campaigns of the Pacific which were under his command, the museum is home to a beautiful Japanese Garden of Peace, and an outdoor display of planes, tanks, artillery pieces, and ship compartments. The Museum is open seven days a week (except Christmas Day) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Museum of the Pacific War educates American generations about Pacific Theater World War II military history. Over 100,000 individuals, 150 school groups and a great number of military reunions visit the museum each year. The Foundation provides financial resources to maintain and upgrade our permanent exhibits, as well as create temporary "rotating" exhibits focusing on specific aspects of the war.

The next exhibit which is in development focuses on World War II POWs in Japan and the Pacific. It will be entitled "But Not in Shame." I've enclosed a xerox of the article about this exhibit which is in our upcoming Nimitz Newsletter.

If I can help you or your organization in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marty Kaderli, Membership Secretary
SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio is a thriving multi-cultural city with an abundance of rich historic offerings and exciting attractions that will keep meeting attendees fascinated and busy. Visitors will enjoy the Alamo City's history, culture, cuisine, diverse attractions, shopping, golf and sporting options, museums and galleries, and more. Various organizations showcase the performing arts as well. Festivals and celebrations pack San Antonio's calendar, and unique venues offer action-filled special events. Six Flags Fiesta Texas offers creative venues as does Sea World of Texas' customized banquets and shows. Local ranches offer rodeos, chuckwagons, barbecues, and hayrides. For more outdoor fun, guests can golf at San Antonio's many excellent courses.

SEEKING INFO

Dear Mr. Vater,

I seek information on Sadove, Irving SSgt. = Staff Sergeant, Lake Placid, NY. Sonny (Irving) Sadove was my father's first cousin. I know that his father received Sonny's Purple Heart because I saw it as a child in about 1962.

I really would like to know more information about Sonny and any details of his death. We really know nothing about what happened to him. I do not even have a photograph. Could you suggest what resources I should explore? Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Sadove Renck

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MAKE YOUR PLANS EARLY

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STAY HEALTHY THIS WINTER

Nobody wants to get sick if they can help it. Yet many people don't bother to get a yearly flu shot — the best way to keep that nasty winter bug away. Do you really need protection against the flu? You should get a flu shot if:

- you have heart or kidney disease
- you have chronic bronchitis, cystic fibrosis, asthma or emphysema
- you have chronic anemia
- you have severe diabetes
- you have an impaired immune system
- you are 65 or older
- you are a healthcare worker

Another good reason to get a flu shot is to lower your odds of catching pneumonia, a serious lung inflammation. A bad case of the flu can easily lead to pneumonia, so avoiding the flu can help you avoid pneumonia, too. You can boost your defenses even more by getting a pneumonia vaccine. You should get the pneumonia vaccine if...

- you are at least 65 years old and have never received the pneumonia vaccine
- you are older than 65 and have not been vaccinated within the past five years or you received a vaccine when you were younger than 65
- you are at least 65 years old and don't know if you received the vaccine
- you have a chronic illness, such as heart or lung disease, alcoholism or cirrhosis
- you have an impaired immune system

A few commonsense measures can help you stay healthy, too. Avoid contact with those who are ill, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your eyes, mouth and nose.

If you come down with the sniffles, chills or fever anyway, start nursing yourself back to health right away: Get plenty of rest, drink fluids and take an over-the-counter pain reliever. As for getting back to your normal activities, wait until you feel 100 percent. (It's a good idea to tell your doctor about cold or flu symptoms if you have a chronic illness.)

TETANUS REMINDER

Most people don't think about getting a tetanus shot until they step on a rusty nail or suffer another injury. But don't wait for an emergency to get protected. If 10 years have passed since your last tetanus shot — or you just don't know how long it's been — you probably need a booster. Ask your doctor to check your records during your next checkup, and if you need a tetanus shot, get one!

SICK LIST

We understand John Aldrich is seriously ill these days and will need to undergo surgery. If you have time, drop him a card at 4430 Pompano Dr., Tampa, FL 33617.

VW TO PAY NAZI SLAVE LABORERS

By GEORGE BOEHMER
Associated Press Writer
FRANKFURT, Germany — In a change of heart, Volkswagen announced recently that it will open a private fund to pay slave laborers who worked for the company under the Nazis during 1944-1945.

VW, Europe's largest automaker, had said last month that the Nazi regime was responsible for wartime slave labor, and that any claims should be directed to the regime's successor — the current German government.

The company explained its new decision to compensate slave laborers as "done in recognition of its historical and moral responsibilities arising from the use of forced labor during World War II."

Details of the company's planned fund will be released in mid-September.

"It's a very appropriate gesture by a major German corporation finally saying it's time for us to do the right thing, instead of trying to hide behind legalisms," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean at the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Cooper said that even though the move came late, it would help some people.

"It will put pressure on other corporations and banks to remove all sorts of legal firewalls that have been erected, and I hope Swiss banks are looking at this," he said.

Jewish groups are angered at Swiss banks for keeping the assets of Holocaust victims. New York City and state said last week they will withhold business from the banks to put pressure on them.

DO YOU REMEMBER HIM?

I am receiving more and more inquiries about loved ones. Beverly Broderick wrote a touching letter to Otto inquiring about her dad that I must share.

My father, Martin Thomas Kiely was aboard the USS Houston when it was sunk. He was senior cook SC1C and I was only 3 years old. I don't remember him and I am just trying to find out a little bit about him. I heard that some of the men on the Houston were taken prisoners of war. There are so many unanswered things.

My Mom and Dad were divorced so she never told us much. In fact, we were told he never wanted anything to do with my sister or me. We found cards, letters written to us after my mom died so we have so many concerns. I don't know if my Dad suffered, etc. So if you remember him, please let me know.

Beverly Kiely Broderick 60 Rancho Dr. Sonoma, CA 94976-5806 Phone: (707) 939-3726

U.S. BARS JAPANESE WHO ADMITS WAR CRIME

By JAMES DAO
WASHINGTON, June 26 — Two years ago, the Department of Justice created a list of suspected Japanese war criminals who would be prohibited from entering the United States, veterans and Asian-American groups were delighted. Finally, they said, people who had raped, butchered or experimented on civilians and prisoners during World War II would be treated like the ex-Nazis who faced similar prohibitions.

But this week, when American officials used that watch list for the first time to bar a Japanese man from entering the country, those same groups were enraged. The reason was simple: The man, Yoshio Shinozuka, was their guest.

Mr. Shinozuka had been a member of a Japanese military unit that conducted biological experiments on war prisoners in Manchuria. He was to lecture about Japanese war crimes as part of an entourage of Japanese lawyers and former soldiers scheduled to visit New York, Washington and other cities in the coming weeks.

Their aim, which some State Department officials share, is to build pressure on the Japanese Government to make formal apologies to its war victims and pay them reparations.

REPORT ON TIME CAPSULE PROJECT

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 1998 about two hundred people gathered at the Bataan and Corregidor Memorial in Kissimmee, FLA.

Sponsored by the Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Foundation, at least half the people were members of the AD&D and the rest were people from the Philippine community.

The Foundation received so many things to be buried that it was decided that instead of just one time capsule that they would have four (4), one capsule at each of the corners of the monument.

Some of our members donated very nice artifacts: lots of books, VCR tapes, copies of orders, rosters of units and histories of various units. B/General William Hipps and Dom Giontonio presented a beautiful wreath on behalf of the American Defenders.

PNC Sam Moody gave a short talk thanking everyone for coming to the program and for giving so much of our history. Since our last official meeting the amount of bricks that have been donated in memory of loved ones have doubled. The last brick that was placed just before the ceremony was from Kermit Lay in memory of Paula Lay.

Any questions please call Sam Moody at (407) 882-7623.

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I was given your name by Eric Reinert at the POW Museum. My father was a POW in Japan, captured on Bataan and book the Bataan Death March. He spent most of his prison time in the Tokyo prisons.

I am doing some research on him especially because it recently came to my attention that he had kept a "journal" while in prison camp. I know nothing about this journal until one of my brothers told me about it. I now have it in my possession and have just finished putting it up on my computer. One of the things that struck me about the journal was that he had noted the names of the 82 men who were in his barracks. Beside some of their names he had indicated when they had died and in some instances, how.

The other thing that struck me was the fact that he kept the journal! It must have been one of the means that kept him alive.

My father was not a young man when he enlisted. He was several months shy of being 37 in 1940, leaving a wife and four children for what he thought would be one year in the army. He was in the 194th Tank Battalion, and as I can figure it out, was in the Philippines in September of 1941 stationed near Clark Field. I do have all the particulars. His name was John R. Atwell, from Fort Dodge, Iowa. My brother Dick told me everyone called him POP because he was so much older than most of the men.

I am most interested in finding out if any of the men he was imprisoned with are still alive and how I might contact them. I am considering writing a story or book about my father, as I find him to be an enigma. He didn't exist for me until he returned in 1945, as I was two years old when he entered the Army.

I look forward to hearing from you and sharing some of the information I have.

Thank you,
Sally Atwell Williams
RR1 Box 76B
Elkton, VA 22827
(540) 298-7618

NOTE

Received the July QUAN. Thank you for placing the information regarding Richard Keech. Dick has been moved to a prison closer to his family and as of this writing they have been able to visit twice. I have had response from a few former Nichol's fielders and other interested people.

This is Dick's new address:
Richard E. Keech K66028
Facility A, Bldg. 5, Cell 244
Salinas Valley State Prison
P.O. Box 1020
Salinas, CA 93906

Thank you,
Martin Christie

BARRACKS TO BE DEDICATED

Dear Mr. Vater,

Nearly three years ago, after the death of my father, Biagio Orlando Furnari, USN, I asked that a letter be printed in the QUAN. I was interested in learning about my father's wartime service and particularly his time as a POW of the Japanese after his capture on Corregidor. Your members responded to me and helped me to learn more about the courage and bravery of my father. I will always be grateful for the generous sharing of their thoughts and remembrances.

About a year ago, the US Navy contacted my family, asking for personal information about my father's naval service. I was able to supply information from his service record as well as excerpts from letters I received from members of the ADBC. In December we learned that the Navy is honoring my father with the naming of a Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Anacostia Naval Station in Washington, D.C. as a tribute to his naval service of 30 years. Please share this official correspondence with your readers. I know that their personal reflections were instrumental in my father's receiving this honor. Special thanks to former POW's Robert Kentner, Mariano Villarin, Harry A. Wagner, Chet Past and Joseph Petak who provided me with invaluable information.

The barracks was dedicated on June 5, 1998. I know your membership will be pleased that "one of your own" is being honored by the United States Navy.

Sincerely,
Susan Furnari Conaway

SEEKS INFO

Dear Joe,

I am writing to you to see if you know any of the following men or if you would place their names in your paper. Their names are:

- Clarence Buckenor
- Eugene Lewis Cox
- Oscar Milton Powell
- Warren Harding Ransler
- Clyde Patterson Rosell
- Virgil Kenneth Simmons
- Robert E. Altman.

If you do know these men, please pass along my name, address and phone number; if you do not know them and are willing to publish their names you may also publish my name, address and phone number for them to contact me. They may call me collect.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,
William Gatto
210 Magnolia Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15229
(412) 981-1514

MANY THANKS

Dear Mr. Vater,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the ADBC for their kind hospitality during the meeting in Louisville, KY. I went to the meeting to meet with certain members regarding the death of my grandfather, Lt. Walter A. Kelso, Jr. in Moji, Japan, following the Oroku Maru ordeal.

While at the meeting, I met men who were in the same ordeal as my grandfather. Prior to attending the meeting, I spent six months speaking with Art Beale prior to the meeting. He encouraged me to come and talk to your membership.

The meeting resulted in good things. Victor Mapes remembered my grandfather from their days at Del Monte Field and at Davao Penal Colony. Father Bob Phillips was also in the same place at the same time.

Many thanks especially to Art Beale, Melvin Rott, Vic Mapes, Henry Wilayto, Herb Zinckie, and Fr. Robert Phillips (a fellow Episcopalian).

If you would please publish these details of my grandfather's service and death in the QUAN. If there are members with any information regarding Lt. Walter A. Kelso Jr., 0379197 please contact:

Mark A. Kelso
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Galveston, TX 77551
markkel@email.msn.com

Grandfather's Service:
1. Sent to Philippines October 2, 1941.
2. Assigned to Clark Field 19th Bomb Group 93rd Squadron.
3. Moved to Del Monte Field, Mindanao sometime after 12/24/41.
4. Captured May '41, interned at Davao Penal Colony.
5. Sent from Davao to Cabanatuan 6/44.
6. Sent from Cabanatuan to Bilibid 10/44.
7. Left on Oryoku Maru 12/13/44.
8. Died Kokura Military Hospital, Moji, Japan on February 4, 1945 at 3:50 a.m.

His nickname among his friends in the camps was "Bulgy". Two men who knew the whole story were George Faulkner and John E. Lester. If these men are out there I would greatly appreciate a call or letter. I have letters to my grandmother from them following the war.

All the best,
Mark A. Kelso

SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO
LOCAL HEROES REMEMBERED
AT AIRPORT CEREMONY

National guard opens Watsonville training facility in honor of ‘Bataan Death March’ survivors

By MICHAEL MERRILL
Staff Writer

WATSONVILLE — In a sometimes emotional, sometimes joyous ceremony, a dozen survivors of one of the worst atrocities of World War II gathered Saturday to remember the past and to celebrate the future.

With the opening of the California National Guard’s new Ero (Ben) Saccone Armor Training Center, located at the Watsonville Municipal Airport, Lt. Col. John J. Menter recounted the harrowing tale of the 194th Tank Battalion — composed of National Guard divisional tank companies from California, Minnesota and Missouri — who suffered unspeakable hardships at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Army after valiantly defending the Philippines in the early years of World War II.

Saccone was one of these men. He enlisted in the Salinas 40th Tank Company of the 40th infantry division in 1929. By the time his unit was activated and sent to Luzon and Bataan in 1940, he had attained the rank of First Sergeant.

The new training facility uses computers to simulate tank driving and other training exercises. The facility is expected to greatly reduce the costs of training in real tanks and sharpen the skills of armor operators.

Other survivors who were present included Frank Muther, radio operator; Roy Diaz, maintenance; Leon Elliott, half-track operator, Grammar Noses Company H2; Frank Orendain, tank commander; Glen Brokaw, tank commander; Thomas Hicks, radio operator; August Gillis, tank commander; Lawrence Rothernell, tank driver; Harold Vick, tank commander and Joseph McKusiek, maintenance.

During the early years of the war, these men held off a Japanese juggernaut against incredible odds long enough for U.S. forces to establish a foothold in the Pacific.

Early in January, 1942, General Douglas MacArthur had withdrawn from the Philippines and from February through March 1942, the Filipino and American defenders of Bataan and Corregidor fought without hope of reinforcements or additional supplies. Had it not been for the four or five months of brave defense put up by the Allied Forces in Bataan and Corregidor, Australia would not only have been attacked or taken, but occupied before General MacArthur could establish the Allied Forces’ springboard of operation. “With their backs to the sea and no hope of reinforcements, they fought,” Menter said.

Filipino forces from various parts of Luzon joined with the Americans in the hilly terrain of Bataan to make a last stand against the advancing Japanese troops. For three months, 78,000 to 80,000 Filipinos and Americans held out. On April 3, 1942, the Japanese launched a final attack on the valiant defenders.

The shortage of food, malnutrition, malaria, lack of medical supplies, and intestinal infections took its toll and the defenders of Bataan were forced to raise the white flag on April 9, 1942. The Japanese took 78,000 Americans and Filipinos prisoner.

These men and women were subjected to brutal treatment and unspeakable horror during the infamous “Death March.” Under the blazing tropical sun, 54,000 prisoners were forced to march without food and water for the 140 miles from Mariveles, Bataan to Capaz, Tarlac. Their final destination: The infamous Camp O’Donnell POW camp. These prisoners of war were kept under hellish conditions throughout the Japanese occupation.

During that trek of 140 miles, many were bound together and slaughtered with samurai swords, bayoneted, beaten and shot to death. Others were cut down for moving too slowly or for asking for water.

In survivor Russell A. Grokett’s biography titled, “The Circle is Never Broken,” he graphically describes that march, when Japanese soldiers used prisoners for bayonet practice, plunging their weapons repeatedly into their screaming victims.

“It was also the practice that each night when the guard changed, a Jap would bayonet one or two prisoners,” Grokett said. “More and more marchers began to drop by the wayside, each wondering when he too would stumble and fall to rise no more.”

It is unknown how many men died on the march, but it is estimated between 2,000 and 2,330 Americans and possibly 10,000 Filipinos lost their lives. According to Grokett, there are no precise records, but the more reliable accounts, which probably err on the conservative side, say that of the 70,000 men who started the march, 54,000 reached Camp O’Donnell. Of those who died on the march from various causes — sickness, beatings, and executions — 2,330 were thought to be Americans.

Even after the march was over, the dying of the prisoners of war continued. More than 1,600 Americans and 16,000 Filipino prisoners died from starvation, disease and deliberate cruelty.

On October 10, 1945, troops under the command of MacArthur returned to Bataan, landing on the southern tip of Luzon and capturing Corregidor and Manila Bay. The surviving Filipino and American prisoners were freed.

Saccone said he credits his survival to his wife Bea. It was his thoughts of her during his ordeal while she struggled alone to keep their family together, that gave him the courage to go on. “The men of Company C paid dearly with their lives because they know freedom is the most important commodity you can have,” Saccone said.

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THOMAS M. BANDY

This is to inform you of the death of my husband, Thomas M. Bandy, 83, March 14, 1998, Clearwater, Florida.

He enlisted in the Army Air Force, Sept. 26, 1940. After training at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., he was sent to Nichols Field and later Clark Field in the Philippines. He was honorably discharged April 4, 1946, as a Sergeant 28th Bomb Squadron 19th Bomb Group. During this time he was interned for 40 months in Japan as a Prisoner of War, first in Bilibid Prison, Manila, 40 days Totori Maru (Hell Ship), #2 Mitsu Camp and Nishing Flour Mill, Kawasaki, Japan. He was released from prison Aug. 30, 1945.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marie Hembrough Bandy.

ROBERT L. BALZER

Robert L. Baltzer, age 82, of Beaver-creek, passed away Thursday, July 30, 1998 after a lengthy illness. He was pre­ceded in death by a sister Eldonna Sorensen. Robert is survived by his wife, Phyllis, to whom he was married for 51 years; two sons and daughters-in-law Bob and Becki Baltzer and Brian and Sharon Baltzer; one sister, S.L.E. Wanderer; and four grandsons, Bob Jr., Scott, Matt and Ian Baltzer. He was a retired master sergeant from the U.S. Air Force with 22 years of service and then had 12 years of civil service at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Robert spent four years of his life as a prisoner of war in a Japanese Prison Camp during WW II and was a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post 8312, Beaver-creek. Private services were held at the conven­ience of the family.

JAMES W. CHANEY

James W. Chaney, 82, a life-long resi­dent of Moriarty, NM passed away Friday, August 7, 1998 in Farmington, NM. James was born April 14, 1916, on the Snyder Ranch near Moran, TX to Floyd and Mabel Morris Chaney. He married Nona Noah in El Paso, TX on November 21, 1945. James graduated high school at Tatum, NM and then went to college at New Mexico Teachers College, in Silver City, NM for two years. While in Silver City he also worked at the U.S. Forest Service, packing mules, and then was drafted into the 200th Coast Artillery Regiment, from January 20, 1942 to January 6, 1948. James was one of 200 survivors of the Bataan Death March. He was also a member of the Dist. Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church for 20 years, a 50 year member of the Soil Conservation Dist. Board, a 12 year member of the New Mexico State Highway Commission, 4 year member of the State Soil Conservation Board, and a 50 year member of The Moriarty Rotary Club, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow. He came into the Rotary Club six months after it was char­tered. James is survived by his loving wife Nona Chaney, of Moriarty, NM; one daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Jake Jacobs; and two grandchildren, Kadiair and James Noah Allyn Jacobs; one sister­in-law, Lea Chaney; four nieces, Duina and Kenneth Blount, Shortie and Paul McDonald, Donna Jo and Hank Pachta, and Marza and Jerry Daugherty; two nephews; and special children, Bill Pogue, Mike Pogue and Ladonna Gueswel.

THOMAS COLEMAN


He was born January 10, 1915, in Omaha, Neb., the son of George and Karen Peters Coleman. He was a supervisor at Veterans Hospital. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Disabled American Veterans, VFW of Greenfield, and the Greenfield Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He is survived by three sons, Thomas B. (Darlene) Coleman, Allen (Dorothy) Coleman, and John Coleman; five grand­children and two great-grandchildren.

The service was held at Murray Funeral Home. The Rev. John Gray officiated, with burial in Hardins Creek Cemetery, Bridges. Military rites were conducted by the Highland County Honor Guard.

RICHARD DEUITCH


A funeral mass was held 10 a.m. Thurs­day at St. Mary Catholic Church in Otis, with the Rev. Joseph Pusateri officiating.

Mr. Deuitch was born July 31, 1918, in Garrett, the son of Henry and Mary Loretta Long Deuitch. On July 20, 1973, in Valparaiso, he married Blanche K. Swihart, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sandra (Brett) McQuarrie, Mary Ann (Dave) Huckstedt, and Theresa (James) Johnson; a son, Richard K. Deuitch; two step-daughters, Lori (Dan) Hannon and Mari (James) McVay; a stepson, Karl (Jodi); three brothers, Norbert Deuitch, John (Jack) Deuitch, and Robert (Duke) Deuitch; a sister, Anna Katherine (Kate) Nichols; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Four brothers preceded him in death.

Mr. Deuitch was a World War II Navy veteran and was a prisoner of war for three and a half years, receiving the Purple Heart. A retired barber, he owned his own barber shop in Westville for many years, and was a painter at Midwest Steel in Burns Harbor for 14 years.

He also was a member of Aaron Scissinger American Legion Post 178 in Garrett, and the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, all in Garrett. He also was a member of National Ex-POWs, the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, and the Knights of Columbus, where he was a Fourth Degree.

CORNELIUS C. GALLEGOS

Cornelius C. Gallegos, 80, of Las Vegas, NV., passed away on July 13, 1998 at Vayo, Utah. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 3rd Pursuit Squadron, stationed at IBA, Zambales, North of Olongopo, P.I. where he was captured by the Japanese on April 9, 1942. He survived the Bataan Death March and was held in various Prison Camps for the next 3½ years, including Osaka and Tanagawa. After his career with the U.S. Air Force, he was a teacher in the Los Angeles City Schools for over 20 years.

He was a life member of AXPOW, ADBC and the DAV. He is survived by his wife, Betsy, of 11 years and a daughter, Phyllis Stone.

Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.

DR. EUGENE P. GOSLINE

WARNER ROBINS — Memorial ser­vices for Dr. Eugene P. Gosline were held July 9, 1998 at 4 p.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church. Gosline died Saturday, July 4, 1998. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a Japanese prisoner of war, incarcerated in a coal mining camp across the bay from Nagasaki for more than 41 months. He received the Silver Star Medal, Presidential Distinguished Unit Badge with two oak leaf clusters, American Defense Medal Ribbon with bronze star, Asiatic Theater Ribbon with two bronze battle stars, Philippine Defense Ribbon with one bronze battle star, Prisoner of War Philippine/Japan Campaign, Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Good Conduct Medal and nine overseas service bars. He was a chiropractor for 50 years.

He was a member of the Georgia Chiropractic Association, radiological commit­tee, served several terms on the board of directors, public affairs committee, was co-chairman of the ethics committee and was a member of the steering committee of the chiropractic political action committee.

He was the recipient of the Georgia Chiropractic of the Year Award, a Special Presi­dential Award and Allen-Leiter Public service Award.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Gosline; children, Scott Gosline, Dr. Gregory Gosline, David Gosline, Anita Gay, Robbin Gosline, Daniel Gosline and Carl Gosline; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

6 — THE QUAN
ABE JACOBS

Abe Jacobs, 75, of Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, died Saturday, Aug. 8, at Blessing Hospital.

Funeral services were held at All Faiths Chapel of the Illinois Veterans Home with the Rev. James McCoy officiating. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Mr. Jacobs was born Oct. 1, 1922, in Ottawa, to Abe and Florence M. (Sheehan) Jacobs Sr. He was a graduate of Ottawa Township High School and was a laborer in pipeline construction. He was taken prisoner of war during the Battle of Corregidor and was held in Japan until their surrender ending World War II.

He is survived by two sons, Ronald (Linda) and Robert (Melissa); a daughter, Christine (Raymond) Tompkins; a brother, Dr. Robert Jackson; three grandchildren; and his former wife, Shirlie (Peter) Jacobs.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Phyllis and Jacqueline Jacobs.

He served aboard the U.S.S. Canopus.

WILLIAM L. MATTSON

William L. Mattson of Cheshire died June 4 of respiratory failure. He was 75. He was born July 30, 1922, in Brainerd, Minn. He and his wife, Joyce, were married in Brainerd on June 25, 1947. During World War II, Mattson served in the Army. He was a prisoner of war and a survivor of the Bataan Death March.

Mattson graduated from the University of Minnesota and the University of Oregon. He was a high school teacher in Minnesota and Oregon. His interests included hunting, fishing, traveling and collecting World War II books. He enjoyed being in country and gospel singing. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, the Ex-POWs, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Ann Murrell; three sons, David, Tom and Alan; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 20 at Faith Lutheran Church in Junction City.

DEAN MELVIN MCCALL

Dean Melvin McCall of Dallas, born Jan. 28, 1921 in Wilmington, Kansas, passed away June 24, 1998 at the age of 77. Mr. McCall was a veteran of World War II serving in the Army. He was also a P.O.W. for three years during the war. He was also a member of the 19th Bombardment Association. Dean is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law: Greg and Debbie McCall; Gary and Glenda McCall; grandchildren: Jessica and Cassandra McCall, Bailey and Lindsey McCall; step-son and step-daughter-in-law: Joe and Kathy Jernigan; step-daughter: Cheryl Jernigan; step-son: Tom Jernigan and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Dean were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 29, 1998 at First Christian Church of Duncanville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, Indiana 46792.

CHARLES E. MONTGOMERY

We deeply regret to inform all members of the ADBC that Charles E. (Monty) Montgomery passed away June 1, 1998 at his home in Willard, Utah, of natural causes. Monty was born June 5, 1920 in Echo, Utah. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps June 8, 1940, and was assigned to the 19th Bomb Group at March Field in California. He was deployed to Clark Field in the Philippine Islands in late 1941, then arrived at Del Monte Field Dec. 1, 1941. He became a prisoner-of-war May 10, 1942 with the surrender of all forces in the Philippines in 1942. He was interned at Malayanalay for about four months, then transferred to Japan on the Tottori Maru during September and October of 1942. He was then interned at Tokyo Area 2, working in the steel mills at Kawasaki No. 5. In February 1945, he contracted pneumonia and was sent to Shinagawa to recover. While there, he witnessed the firebombing of Tokyo. He was repatriated in Aug. 1945. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad, retiring after 40 years of service. Monty served as a past president of the Northwestern States Chapter, and received numerous awards and recognition from the ADBC. He traveled back to the Philippines numerous times after the war, always helping those Filipinos who were living in poverty. Services with full military honors were held in Coalville, Utah, June 15, 1998.

After Corregidor was overrun by the Japanese forces, he and his shipmates scuttled their ship and made their way to Bataan Peninsula, where they fought with members of the 4th Marine Regiment until they were captured.

When the war ended in 1945 and he was released from a POW camp in Japan, he weighed 89 pounds, half his normal weight, said his wife, Dorothy Dickinson Perry.

After he closed out his Navy career, Mr. Perry returned to his hometown to work as a high school teacher at Benson High School in Portland, Ore., where he had graduated in 1939.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a son, Michael Perry; a daughter, Colleen Taylor; a sister, Irene Delaney; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

JASPER C. MULLINS

Jasper C. (Moon) Mullins of Tacoma, was born in Kentucky on March 8, 1911 and passed away on July 17, 1997 in a Seattle Hospital. A memorial service was held at Fort Lewis Chapel on Aug. 17.

He leaves his wife Margaret, a son Ted, daughters Cathy and Vickie, three sisters Suse, Mary Jo and Lee, along with many nieces and nephews.

Moon joined the Army in the late 30’s and was in the Philippines when war was declared. He surrendered on Bataan, made the Death March and was later sent to Taiwan with the officers. In October ‘44 he was sent to Manchuria. Moon was in Chemical Warfare and spent 3½ years as a POW of the Japanese.

He was a Life Member of National EX-POW and also of the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor.

JOSEPH R. PERRY

Joseph R. Perry, a decorated Navy veteran who spent 3½ years in Japanese prisoner-of-war camps during World War II after he was captured at Bataan, died in Carmichael on Monday, June 15, 1998 of complications from Alzheimer’s disease.

He was 78.

Mr. Perry, a past national commander of a group called American Ex-Prisoners of War, had resided in Sacramento County for 20 years.

After service in two wars, he retired from the Navy in 1960 as a chief petty officer. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for combat wounds.

Mr. Perry was serving aboard the submarine tender USS Canopus near Corregidor during the early months of World War II when Japanese forces invaded the Philippines.

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RILEY T. ROBINSON
Riley T. Robinson of Rutherfordton, N.C., died April 1998. He served with the 59th CAC on Corregidor. He was a P.O.W. in Cabanatuan, Mukden and Kamioka. No other details.

JOHN J. SANDOR
YOUNGSTOWN — Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Szabo & Sons Funeral Home and at 10:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Hungary Church for John J. Sandor, 80, of 341 S. Belle Vista Ave., who died Monday, July 13, 1998 in St. Elizabeth Health Center.

Mr. Sandor was born April 5, 1918, in Youngstown, a son of Steve and Anna Kovach Sandor, and was a lifelong area resident. He was a supervisor for U.S. Steel for 38 years, retiring in 1972. He was a member of the church, Disabled American Veterans, the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, and was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater where he was a survivor of the Bataan Death March. He was a prisoner of war for 42 months, and received three Bronze Stars and a POW medal. He was a graduate of Chaney High School.

Besides his wife, the former Katherine McIntyre, whom he married June 26, 1948, he leaves a son, John; a daughter, Miss Kathleen at home; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Maty and Mrs. Irene Nemeth; and three grandchildren.

Two brothers, Frank and Steve, are deceased.

HARRY ALBERT WAGNER
Harry A. Wagner, 76, of Carlsbad, Ca died September 16, 1997. Harry left his family, and his multitude of friends for a better place. Harry was born in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, April 18, 1921. This world will be a lesser place without him.

We, his friends, struggle to understand this tragic loss. Harry Wagner was captured by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands in early 1942 and transported to Mukden, Manchuria with other American Military men. The Army, Navy and Marines were forced into slave labor in a factory in Mukden. They were freed by the Russians in 1945.

Harry Wagner served in Patrol Wing TEN, U.S. Navy, operating Catalina Flying Boats out of Cavite located in Manila Bay, Philippine Islands.

Harry served his community just as he served his country. After retiring from a successful real estate career, Harry was always doing things for others. He volunteered his time to Meals on Wheels and tutored students in math and reading at a local school. He was also involved in POW groups and the Neighborhood Watch program.

Harry is survived by his wife, Orpha Kroeker Wagner and his daughter Kristine Wagner.

Harry Wagner is also survived by a very large, and a very sad group of POW buddies. We will miss his laughter and his smile.

MARSHALL E. WINDHAM
MILTON — Marshall E. "Windy" Windham, age 75, of 1207 Woodland Dr., died Saturday, May 23, 1998, at his home. He was born July 5, 1922 in Omaha, NE, the son of William and Ruth (Wright) Windham. Marshall graduated from Reed Spring, MO High School. Windy married Joanne Schaubele on Oct. 21, 1978, in Summerland Key, Fl. He has lived in Milton the past 6 years, moving here from Florida, where he has lived most of his life. Marshall served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1970, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. During his 30 year career he served as an aerial gunner, radioman, airborne electronics instructor, bombardier-navigator, Squadron navigator, and finally as aircraft maintenance officer. He was held as a P.O.W. in Japan during World War II for almost 4 years. Windy was awarded the Air Medal; Purple Heart; Good Conduct Medal (5th award); American Defense Service Medal (Bronze “A”); American Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (w/1 star); World War II Victory Medal; Navy Occupation Service Medal; China Service Medal; Korean Service Medal (w/1 star); United Nations Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal (2nd award); and Expert Pistol Shot Medal.

He is survived by wife, Joanne; a son, Michael; beloved father of Christine (James) Wright and Robert (Catherine) Windham; very special grandfather of Timothy, Brian and Melissa Wright, and Kari and Alex Windham; 2 cousins, Charles (Marie) Caldwell, and Imogene Perkins; close friend of Boyd Hickman, Joe Strahl, and Leroy Bowman.

SIGMUND J. CLAYMAN
Sigmund J. Clayman, MD, Quan returned deceased. No other details.

FELIX POWELL
Felix Powell of Dublin, GA. Quan returned deceased. No other details.

CHARLIE RAEFORD SMITH
Charlie Raeford Smith of Angier, N.C. Quan returned deceased. No other details.

JACK D. GORDON

DO YOU REMEMBER?
Dear Mr. Vater,
I want to ask if there is anyone who was in the Japanese Prison Camp Philippine Military Camp No. 10C? My brother, Lamar N. Stewart, Tech. Sgt., went over on the U.S.S. President Coolidge and wrote us a letter on the way over dated Nov. 12, 1941. He wrote how well fed they were. We received a radio gram from Manila and that's all until he was in prison.

The War Department sent a letter that the Japs were shipping loads of prisoners to Japan and the U.S. sank the ships since they believed they were Japanese. I was too young to know much about what my folks heard from other prisoners who returned home. I believe his last Air Base was in Shreveport, LA, Barksdale Field.

Maybe someone was in the same prison camp with him. I surely would love to hear from them. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Nellie Stewart Kirby
11350 Getchell Dr.
Theodore, AL 36582
(334) 973-1198

P.S. I just found a card where he was in Honolulu, HA, Nov. 6, 19--. I can't read the year; also a card dated Oct. 1940 from Barksdale Field, Shreveport, LA and then on to Ft. Benning, GA. One card dated 1941 was from an island in California. He was saying good-bye.
I hope you can make some sense from this letter. Oh, how I'd love to hear from someone who knew him.
ARE WE FORGOTTEN?

On Friday, May 22, 1998, I represented the US Department of Veterans Affairs at the closing banquet of the 53rd week-long national convention of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. Louisville hosted these distinguished and honorable groups of men and women veterans of the Second World War. As you can imagine, the group is dwindling with age; they now number, in my estimation, not over 300 in attendance, plus wives and widows.

For those whose history is rusty, let me briefly retell the story of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. Just after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and sank our Pacific fleet in 1941, they launched a wide ranging military campaign throughout Asia, including an invasion of the Philippines. America was poorly prepared to defend the Philippines, but they had little choice. For about six months our soldiers, sailors and airmen were on the central mortality rate for prisoners of war, estimated, not over 300 in attendance.

O'Donnell, the Allied helper, thus began one of the darkest chapters in American military history. The infamous and brutal “Bataan Death March,” Camp O'Donnell, the “Hell Ships,” and finally three years of forced labor in Japan, Korea or Manchuria followed. Of those captured, 25 to 30 percent died in Japanese hands; that contrasts with a less than five percent mortality rate for prisoners of war held by the Germans. All suffered horribly under the Japanese, and still suffer lasting ill effects. It should be noted that a number of women from the Army Nurse Corps were involved in the final defense of Corregidor, although none was subjected to the Death March. One was in attendance at the convention. She is the “Angel of Corregidor” to her male compatriots.

At the banquet I attended, I asked if the local media were expected. I had visions of television crews and print reporters eager to cover a national convention of one of the most decorated and honorable groups of war veterans still alive today. After all, it was the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend, and these men and women were the stuff of legend, akin to veterans of “Pickett’s Charge” or “Morgan’s Raiders,” but still alive and available for interviews. Immediately I could see that I had inquired into a sensitive area. It was explained to me that, yes, they had sent out press releases, as is their usual custom. I had received my notice, had I not? Yet, during the week-long convention, not one single media representative had visited or even called. The old veterans explained that young news editors and reporters are unlikely nowadays to even know where or what Bataan and Corregidor were. One

MORE INFORMATION

Through your kind efforts several months ago I asked you to publish a request in The Quan in an attempt to try and find any information on my first cousin Donald A. Gregg who was killed in the Bataan Death March.

Through the American Battlefield Monuments Commission my brother and I were able to gather some information on him and those statistics are as follows:

a. Name: PPC Donald A. Gregg
b. Service Number: 15061710

c. Unit: 60th Cavalry Regiment

d. Died/MIA: November 13, 1942. He died from dysentery and was buried in a common grave with 7 other American Prisoners of War at Cabanatuan Prison.

e. Entered active duty from: Indiana

f. Age: At this time I do not have his exact age but from piecing information together from his 80-year-old sister, it appears that he was 22-years old (DOB 1920).

As we were searching for only my cousin, as mentioned above, we do not have any other information as to whom the other POWs were. The information was provided to us by the United States Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, VA 22332-0405 listed only that information on PPC Gregg.

I would like to thank you and your members again for the regard that you gave to my request.

Sincerely,

Jim Iaconis
227 Sandy Avenue
Moundsville, WV 26041
Telephone: (304) 845-861
E-mail: Iaconis@hgo.net

told me “we are forgotten, but it doesn’t matter; at least we remember each other.” Perhaps it was thought that American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor is some sort of hobby or sport group.

I don’t know exactly what happened to media coverage. I do see that a community activist can spend an hour in the sunshine protesting something, and get front page or lead story coverage. An actor can promote hemp cultivation, and get repeated coverage. A golf tournament or horse race can command community wide celebration. And rightly so, I might add. Yet, the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor didn’t rate a word of mention or print? Shame, Louisville journalists. We can do better than that. Those men and women earned our perpetual respect and honor, to say nothing of the mere courtesy of an acknowledgment.

Sincerely,

Henry W. Gresham, Director
Louisville Regional Office
Department of Veterans Affairs
545 South 3rd Street
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 582-5801

THE CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

“Forgiveness Revisited”

Important themes in our lives never go away; they flee our minds briefly, but return when we least expect them. ‘Forgiveness’ is one of those themes. Most of us have grown up hearing that we must forgive other people when they do us harm, just as God assures us of His forgiveness. This is true as far as it goes.

God’s forgiveness of our sins or misdeeds is not automatic. Unconditional forgiveness would trivialize sin. So God forgives those who honestly feel remorse for their sins and, therefore, repent, ask for forgiveness and pledge to not repeat the sinful act.

When we deal with our hostility to those Japanese whose atrocities caused so much death and sickness during our POW years, it may help to remember that Japan, as a nation, has neither repented nor asked for forgiveness. Therefore we are not required to forgive them, even though we would like to do so.

It might be better for us if we were to forgive the unrepentant Japanese; we could lighten our emotional load by so doing. But many of us have found a middle course of action, which is still hold them accountable but to do so without hatred in our hearts. We would still be their prisoners if we allowed hatred toward them to fester.

Holding them accountable is the same as saying that, for every sin, even if forgiven, there is a consequence which the sinner cannot escape. When King David was confronted by his sinful relation to Bethsheba he was remorseful and repented; and he was forgiven. But the unwanted pregnancy was the consequence of that sinful liaison.

For the Japanese those consequences are a lack of trust or their actions in the future. We can realize some peace by knowing that.

In His Service,

Fr. Bob Phillips+
National Chaplain
American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor

HENRY BARBATTI

Joyce Barbatti stating that she ran across the USS Houston web site on the Internet. Her father-in-law was Henry Barbatti, Chief Petty Officer. She is in the process of compiling family memories and would be interested in talking to any survivors as he never spoke of his experiences. Her address is 8021 Slap Tail Trail, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Phone: (319) 266-8030.

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THE UNIFORM

We're not ashamed of our uniform,  
And if you are a friend;  
You'll not say against it,  
Any words that may offend.

It has covered heroes bodies,  
And by heroes has been worn;  
Since the day of the republic,  
When the Stars and Stripes were born.

Uniforms have many patterns,  
Some are khaki, some are blue;  
And the men who wear them,  
Are of many patterns, too.

Some are of wealthy parents,  
Some are college graduates;  
Some have manly virtues,  
Some are simply proverbs.

We have many skilled mechanics,  
Men of brains and letters who;  
Loyally serve the country,  
Misbehave, act rough and swear;

Men of brains and letters who;  
When they came into the service,  
We have many skilled mechanics,  
Are disgusting anywhere.

So are many former prisoners of the  
Japanese around the country. They need help  
In filing their claims or working with the VA.  
Our widows need help in getting their DIC. One new law from Congress  
will reinstate DIC for remarried survivors of members whose second marriage  
or subsequent marriage is ended by death or divorce. Many widows and POWs  
have given up on compensation claims. HELP ME FIND THEM. REMEMBER AS A  
FORMER PRisoner of war —  
YOUR CLAIM CAN BE REOPENED AS LONG AS YOU ARE ALIVE. If you are  
receiving less than 100 percent compensation from the VA — or are not  
receiving DIC — give me a call. We may not win but we will certainly try. The  
phone number is (941) 647-2972.

Sincerely,  
Randall S. Edwards

THANKS

I want to thank the membership for their confidence in me in electing me to be  
your National Service Director. There is a big pair of shoes to fill. John Emerick has  
done it all for many years and he deserves all the honors that can be heaped on him.

As your new Director, I need your help. There are many former prisoners of the  
Japanese around the country. They need help in filing their claims or working with the VA.  
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(THIS poem was learned in a Japanese  
POW Camp by Curtis G. Davis (AKA  
Pierce Davis) during World War II and to  
the best of his knowledge had never been  
published. He has recited it on hundreds of  
occasions since World War II.)
VA HEALTHCARE ENROLLMENT

Veterans and their families have raised questions about the new eligibility and enrollment rules for VA healthcare. Veterans will not lose their eligibility for VA healthcare services if they are not enrolled by October 1, 1998. Veterans can enroll at any time they come to a VA medical center for care, even after October 1, 1998.

The new VA healthcare enrollment system allows veterans to be eligible for a comprehensive package of inpatient and outpatient service with the important addition of preventive and primary care. These services include diagnosis and treatment, rehabilitation, mental health and substance abuse treatment, home health, respite and hospice care, and medications and pharmacy services.

The new law requires the VA to have the enrollment system in place by October 1, 1998. Enrolled veterans will be placed in one of seven enrollment priorities. Remember to apply for enrollment at the nearest VA medical center to receive healthcare services after October 1, 1998. The law does not state that veterans must be enrolled by October 1, 1998, in order to receive healthcare services.

You do not need to enroll if:
• you have a service-connected disability rated by VA as 50 percent or more
• you need treatment for a service-connected condition
• you were released from active duty in the past 12 months for a compensable disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty

If you have been receiving VA healthcare services since October 1996, you do not need to apply for enrollment. VA will automatically process an application on your behalf.

HELP

As the years go by, I realize more and more the value of service of the ADBC and The Quan. Thank you all so much for the wealth of information and the generosity and kindesses of the members.

Can anyone help me find a copy of each of these books —
1. The Horror Trek
2. Of Rice and Men

Also we are interested in finding out which of the Japanese ships my first husband Lt. Max C. Kissel sailed from the Philippines to the Naromi (?) Japan prison camp, and what year.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Margaret Kissel Seidel
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Down where there are no 10 commandments,
And a man can raise a thirst;
Lie the outcasts of civilization,
Victims of life at its worst.

Down on the gin soaked islands,
Are the men that God forgot;
Victims of the ever present fever,
The itch and the tropical rot.

Into Manila on payday,
To squander our meager pay;
We raise merry hell for an evening,
And are broke as usual next day.

Vermin at night on our pillows,
Ills that no doctor can cure;
Hell now, we’re not convicts,
We’re U.S. soldiers on foreign tour.

(Author unknown but was probably written prior to World War II.)

NORTHERN AMERICAN COMMANDER

On behalf of the members of the Northwestern States Chapter of The American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, I wish to thank you for placing the notice of our Convention in the Quan some months ago as I requested.

The Convention was held in Spokane, Washington at Cavanaugh’s Ridpath Hotel on June 11, 12 and 13, 1998. We had 120 people at our banquet and everyone had a good time. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Jack M. Donohoe, Commander

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BY ENOS GOULD

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Carl McCrillis, ex-POW, Punta Gorda, FL

"Thank you for the book. I was an air mechanic with Hq and Hq Squadron of the 24th Pursuit Group stationed at Clark when the war started. I have read several books. Yours is the best about POW camp life. Most are too good to the Japanese."

Louis E. Myer, ex-POW, Walnut, IA

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POW DRAWINGS

Dear Joe,

I have recently been given a number of drawings made by one or more former POWs. Some of the drawings are of individuals and their names are on these.

I'm sure that people close to those containing names would treasure these. I am willing to make them available to whomever might claim them. Here is a list of the individuals who are named on these drawings:

Sgt. Beecher; Al Roholt; Lt. Col. E. Warner; Maj. Steve Sitter, M.C.; Lt. Col. Wm. North, M.C.; Chaplain Oliver; Aaron Klintchko (3 sketches); Capt. Archer; Capt. Lee Stevens, QMC; Mr. R. Lewis, Civ. Emp. A.T.S.

I also have a number of drawings of camp life. Some are located in Hoten POW Camp. There are a few individual drawings without names, and I believe if you could reproduce them and run them in the QUAN, someone, somewhere most probably would claim them.

I think that I'll send those that are not claimed to the Andersonville museum. What do you think?

Sincerely,

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**INFORMATION**

I am seeking information about my father, Robert Lee Morris (1922-1960). He rarely talked about the war. I was a child when he committed suicide. All I know is that he was in the 31st infantry, received a battlefield commission, and had a Filipino outfit. He was captured on Bataan and ended up in Japan. I would especially like to hear from Lt. Kohac if he is still living.

If you knew Robert Lee Morris or know anyone who did, please contact his son Charles Morris at (253) 572-5989. Collect is O.K. or write to: 506 N. 2nd St., #106, Tacoma, WA 98403.

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**HELP**

TO: THE MIGHTY 19TH MEN
FROM: Sarah Ann Smith Gordonier
DATE: July 8, 1998
RE: PFC Beverly Payne Smith — 0699835
19th Squadron, 20th Air Base Command

I have been communicating with Richard Gordon, Tom Gage, Andy Miller, and with their help I have acquired a considerable amount of information regarding my Uncle.

My goal now is to find one of the MIGHTY 19 that knew my Uncle Beverly. He was from Weston, West Virginia. I am sending everyone on the roster this memo and hoping to hear soon.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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**GENE MAY OFFER NEW TARGET AGAINST ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE**

VA researchers have identified a gene that causes a form of dementia and may provide a new target for treating Alzheimer's disease. Reporting in the June issue of the *Annals of Neurology*, scientists at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle said mutations of the gene produced tangles of long string-like filaments similar to those found on the brains of Alzheimer's patients.

The research team included Drs. Gerard Schellenberg, Parvoneh Poorakaj, Thomas Bird and Murray Raskind, and colleagues at the VA medical center and the University of Washington. In studying two families with "chromosome 17 frontotemporal dementia," the scientists found that nerve cell death was caused by a mutation in a gene called tau. Their discovery suggests that the tangles in neurofibers are part of the development of Alzheimer's rather than a consequence of the disease.

"We showed that if you alter tau, you get neurons dying," Schellenberg said. "That's what Alzheimer's disease is all about."

Over the last 15 years, the investigators have studied a family whose members frequently develop what appears to be Alzheimer's disease. When family members died, brain autopsies showed many neurofibrillary tangles but none of the starch-like amyloid plaques that mark Alzheimer's. After tracing the abnormality to a mutation in the tau gene on chromosome 17, the researchers identified a second family affected by the disorder and found the same tau mutation in afflicted members. They believe their findings may help scientists understand and treat other neurological diseases.

"In addition to suggesting tau as a rational drug target in both frontotemporal dementia and Alzheimer's disease, our findings may help us learn more about a variety of brain disorders," Bird said.
Thank you for the information on The Quan. We never knew anything about how to find him out more. On Memorial Day this year, my uncle was honored with a renewed dedication at the VFW in Burkburnett, Texas. When I mentioned this to a co-worker, he told me about a survivor of the Dead March here in Ardmore where I am working. His name is David Cappe of Ardmore, OK, and I would like him to know how much I appreciated his help. My mother and aunt's are looking forward to maybe finding information about what happened to their brother. He was PFC John William Vaughn. When he was growing up he was called ‘Buddy’ or ‘Blackie’. He grew up in Burkburnett, Texas (near Wichita Falls, TX) on the Oklahoma border. His serial number was 190928501, and he was about 22 years old when reported missing. He entered the Army Air Corp. when he was 18 years old. He had a girlfriend in California named Ruth Ingalls. She might have married a friend of John’s after he was reported dead. In 1942 his family received a notice that he was missing in action. That was the last they heard about him until May 1944 when they were sent a notice that he was ‘presumed’ dead. If anybody knows of or about him, the information would be greatly appreciated. Send any information to: Jean Johnson 17956CR258 Troup, TX 75789

OUR INTERLUDE

We’re out on the edges of nowhere, Ringed round with a cord of steel; We’ve been battered and numbed till Some of us have forgotten how to feel.
We’ve forgotten the clasp of friendly hands, And hearts that are loyal and true; We’ve forgotten to laugh, and some of us Have forgotten the pals we knew.
But dog eat dog, nor to Hell with you, Do not nor never will rhyme; With brotherly love, or truth or God, Or Carols at Christmas time.
Let’s remember the tint of autumn leaves, And the beauty of drifted snow; Let’s remember the songs and smiles we shared, In the warmth of a campfire’s glow.
Let’s remember the folks back home, On the ones who watch and pray; That the same swell guys who left them, Will be coming back someday.

(‘Believed written by someone on Fort Drum, the concrete battlewisp in Manila Bay.)

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WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it would not add Viagra to its formulary, the drugs that must be available at all VA medical treatment facilities.

VA long has offered veterans a broad range of treatments for erectile dysfunction, and it will continue to offer these therapies while assessing any new approaches. However, the cost of Viagra would have a crippling effect on VA’s pharmaceutical budget at anticipated levels of use.

“VA must weigh all factors when considering its benefits package," VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Kenneth W. Kizer said. “VA projects that the cost of providing Viagra could exceed $280 million annually, which would represent more than a fifth of VA’s total pharmaceutical budget.”

In addition, a VA pharmacy committee recently reviewed safety issues pertinent to VA’s patient population and recommended against adding Viagra to VA’s formulary because of safety concerns about the product in VA’s patient population. Viagra may interact with numerous medications, and its safety in patients with the kind of complex medical problems commonly experienced by the patients VA treats, has not been demonstrated, the pharmacy committee advised Dr. Kizer.

Omitting Viagra from the national formulary limits its availability but does not ban its use in VA. Where a physician at a medical center feels that there is an overwhelming therapeutic rationale to use Viagra, network officials may decide to provide the drug “off formulary,” following locally established criteria.

Make your plans early for the San Antonio Convention. It’s a great convention city.

Time is running out on some of us; let’s get together while we can. Arrangements will be made for tours. Be sure to stay over Sunday to go to the Nimitz Museum.