

RALPH LEVENBERG
Major, USAF (Retired)

Ralph Levenberg was born in Clinton, Iowa on September 12, 1920. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Peoria, Ill. on August 19, 1940.

He was a member of the 17th Pursuit Squadron stationed in Manila, Philippine Islands at the outbreak of World War II.

After participating in ground combat with the enemy (Japanese) for some four (4) months, he became a prisoner of war. He participated in the infamous Death March of Bataan. He was imprisoned in various Slave Labor camps in both the Philippines and Japan, having survived a Hell Ship ride from Manila to Japan. He was a prisoner of war of the Japanese from April 9, 1942 until September 5, 1945. After eight months of hospitalization, he reenlisted in the Air Force. He received a direct commission in October, 1948. He performed duties as Administrative Officer; Air Police Officer; Squadron Commander; and Assistant Provost Marshal.

In June, 1950, Levenberg returned to the Far East with his unit to serve on temporary duty during the Korean Police action. He also served at Bergstrom AFB, Tx; Sidi Slimane Air Base, Morocco; Barksdale AFB, La; Mountain AFB, Idaho; and Zaragoza, Spain. He retired in the grade of Major in April, 1961.

Major Levenberg then entered the U.S. Civil Service and served in the capacity of Senior Criminal Investigator; Director of Security for the U.S. Army & U.S. Navy. He retired due to physical disabilities in October, 1974. Major Levenberg has served as National Commander of American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor; Post Commander American Legion (Post #55); Post Commander 3584 VFW; Chapter President, The Retired Officers Assoc.; he is also an active member of Jewish War Veterans; Disabled American Veterans and Military Order of the Purple Heart.

MAJOR RALPH LEVENBERG:

Major Levenberg currently serves as the Executive Secretary, National Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Veterans Affairs Department. He also serves as the POW Consultant at the V.A. Medical Center, Reno.

Major Levenberg is married to the former KATHIE MILONE' a well know writer, television personality in the Reno and Las Vegas communities. He has two sons by his late wife (Martha).

Major Levenberg is the recieipient of numerous awards.

He was named the Nation's Outstanding Veteran/Patient by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1994. He received the J.C. Penny Golden Rule award. During his active military service he received the: Bronze Star; Purple Heart; POW Medal; Good Conduct Medal; American Campaign; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign-2 stars; American Defense WWII Victory Medal; Philippine Defense Medal; Philippine Liberation Medal; Korean Service Medal; United Nations Medal; Armed Foreces Reserve Medal; Presidential Unit Citations (United States - Philippines - Korean Republic).