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Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia (see p. 3)

## 4th ANNUAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Tues., May 21st

9:00am Registration Set Up

### Wed., May 22nd

10:00am to 11:30am DG Board Meeting

1:00pm to 5:00pm Registration Open and Merchandise Sales/Book Store

3:00pm to 4:30pm **POW Panel 1**

7:00pm to 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open

### Thurs., May 23rd

8:00am to 8:30am Church Service

8:45am to 4:30pm **Norfolk City Tour** including MacArthur Memorial Museum, Naval Base and Doumar's Ice Cream Parlor (see page 17 for details)

9:00am to Noon Registration Open/Merchandise Sales/Book Store

9:00am to 10:00am ***Profiles in Survival, The Experiences of American POWs in the Philippines During World War II*** – presented by John Shively

10:30am to 12:00pm **POW Panel Japan trip**

1:00pm to 5:00pm Registration Open/Merchandise Sales/Book Store

1:30pm to 2:30pm ***WWI and WWII Frank Buckles and School/Educational Outreach*** presented by Ken Buckles

3:00pm to 4:30pm ***Writing Our Stories Seminar*** Scott and Deborah Rubenstein

7:00pm to 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open/  
Entertainment: Filipino Cultural Dance group

### Fri., May 24th

8:00am to 8:30am Church Service

9:00am to Noon Registration Open/Merchandise Sales/Book Store

9:00am to 10:00am **Wives Tales**

10:30am to 11:45am **2013 Mansell Speaker Series-  
*POW Broadcast Messages*** presented by Bob Heer, Caroline Burkhart, Valerie Burgess

Noon to 1:30pm POW Widows & Wives Luncheon

Noon to 1:30pm POWs Luncheon at Bunny's

1:00pm to 5:00pm Registration Open/Merchandise Sales/  
Book Store

2:00pm to 3:00pm **POW Japan Exchange Trip**

3:30pm to 5:00pm General Meeting

7:00pm to 11:00pm Quan Party and Silent Auction

### Sat., May 25th

8:00am to 8:30am Church Service

9:00am to 10:00am Registration Open/Merchandise  
Sales/Book Store

10:00am to 11:00pm

### **Memorial Service**

11:00am to Noon

Registration Open/Merchandise

Sales/Book Store

1:00pm to 4:30pm

### **Movie Screening of Jan**

Thompson's ***"Never the Same"*** At the MacArthur

Memorial Auditorium

7:00pm to 11:00pm Banquet

### Sun., May 26th

Departure

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# The ADBC Memorial Society



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## ADBC Memorial Society

Honoring the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor  
Dedicated to those persons both living and dead who fought  
against overwhelming odds against the enemy at the outbreak of  
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## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

The registration desk is a very busy place during the ADBC Memorial Society conventions. It takes as many as six people per hour during the first two days of the convention to efficiently and quickly register attendees. An on-site convention team is being formed to help with the work and achieve that goal. Particularly, people who will be in the hotel early Tuesday morning or early afternoon, May 21, and can help stuff badges and prepare registration packets are needed.

During the rest of the week volunteers are needed to help with registration, banquet reservations, information desk, post the signs, merchandise sales, book stores, run errands, etc. Please consider helping wherever and whenever you can. Wednesday afternoon, May 22 and Thursday, May 23 are the crunch times but help is needed and welcome all week. Please let Kristin Dahlstrom know when you will be available. Email her at [krisonluau@comcast.net](mailto:krisonluau@comcast.net) or phone 847-732-9084.

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## President's Message - Joe Vater Jr.

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The Convention Committee has been hard at work finalizing the details for our convention in Norfolk, Virginia from May 23, 2013 to May 26, 2013. As the Tentative Schedule provided in this issue indicates, each day of the convention is filled with activities. In addition to the always popular POW and Wives panels, we will have authors and filmmakers to educate attendees throughout the week. I urge each and every one of you to consider attending. For those of you who have never attended an ADBC or Descendants' Group convention, I am confident that you will come away from the convention with a greater appreciation of the men and women who defended the Philippines and other Allied outposts during the first months of World War II and the Pacific and who subsequently became prisoners of war. I am also confident that you will meet new friends who share your interest in this untold part of American history.

This will be my last opportunity to be able to speak to you in this forum. It is hard to believe that it has been two years since I was elected to the Board. I am not running for another term. However, I intend to continue my involvement with the Memorial Society and will certainly help the new Board wherever and whenever I am able. It has truly been an honor to represent this organization for the past two years. My job was made much easier as a result of the hard work of all of the other members of the Board of Directors and the other members of the organization who have given so generously of their time and talents. It is only by participating on the Board that one can truly understand the work involved in preparing for and putting on the convention. In addition, members of the Board and others spend countless hours reviewing grant requests, maintaining the website, administering the Google Group and getting the word out about the organization.

Thank you all for your input and support over the past two years. I look forward to seeing many of you in Norfolk.



### TV Violence and PTSD

When PTSD symptoms got worse for some veterans, it may have been related to how closely what they were seeing on the news reflected what they had gone through while serving. To help counter reactions:

Consider limiting your exposure to news on television. While media coverage may draw you in, increased viewing can raise stress levels. Watch yourself for signs of anger, rage, depression, worry, or other negative feelings. Take a time out from the news to let yourself recover from these feelings.

Keep up with daily schedules and routines. Try to include more pleasant activities in your day, even for brief periods of time.

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## 4th Annual Convention, Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, May 22-26, 2013

The ADBC Memorial Society 4th annual convention will be in Norfolk, Virginia starting Wednesday, May 22, 2013. As with the first three conventions, we are planning many activities including a coach tour of Norfolk. (See below for details on tour.)

As the name indicates, this hotel is right on the Norfolk waterway. There are many restaurants within walking distance. The hotel room rate will be \$99 plus tax. Parking is included for those who will have a car. Reservations can be made by calling 800-325-3535 or 757-622-6664 being sure to mention ADBC Memorial Society to attain our special rate. April 19, 2013 is the cutoff date for our guaranteed rate. The hotel does not have a shuttle service; therefore, you will have to make your own arrangements with the aptly named Airport Shuttle Service.

Norfolk is a lovely city with many interesting things to do. The MacArthur Memorial Museum, one of the world's largest naval Bases. Chrysler Museum of Art and Hampton Naval Museum are a few.

### Norfolk Coach Tour

On Thursday, May 23, 2013 we are offering a Tour which will be leaving from the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel at 8:45 and returning at 4:30. This tour will include motor coach transportation, a tour guide, admission to the MacArthur Memorial, Naval Station Norfolk tour with lunch included on the Base and a riding tour around Norfolk finishing with a stop at Doumar's Ice Cream Parlor.

Admission is \$64 based on 30 attendees; this price will lower if more people attend. Payment in full must be submitted with your registration (**to the tour company**) by April 30, 2013 and there are no refunds if you decide not to attend. We will, of course, try to fill your spot if you are unable to attend. If you are planning to attend the convention and want to participate in this tour, please email Judy Pruitt at pruitja13@aol.com. If we do not receive enough interest, we will be forced to cancel the trip. It sounds like a great day and we hope that you will consider attending.



**MacArthur Memorial Park**



# From the Museum

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## Recent ADBC Donations

Doug Lilly, Head of Ohio Valley Veterans Memorial Squad donated a small US flag and a bullet.

William Ingram, Jr. survivor of the USS Houston sinking and member of the former ADBC sent us Admiral Nimitz Historic Site William Ingram BNC USN, USS Houston CA 30, Booklet Oral History Transcript, also copies of photos and documents related to his family, the DVD Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom (interviews with CPO William Ingram, Cpl. Richard Bassett, Col Hal Kushner, Capt. Giles Norrington, DVD "To End All Wars", and the Story of Bridge Kwai Burma DVD, "Ship of Ghosts," (see more about Bill on page 7)

Paul Ropp gave the museum some nice books: "Engineers of the Southwest Pacific, 1941-45: Reports to Operations of the Southwest Pacific Area, Army Forces, Pacific, Volume 1, Engineers in Theater Operations, and The Corpus of the Allied POW Camp in Shenyang During World War II.

John Durbin, A DVD from the History Channel called "The Destroyer" about the U.S.S. Hale, Mr. Durbin served in the Navy in the 1950s and was on the USS Hale

Mary Wood gave the museum a copy of a book about her father Dr. Joseph Franklin Peters, entitled, "An Ordinary Hero, My Dad Joseph Franklin Peters Wood"

Dan Sullivan, "Corregidor the Rock Force Assault", by Lt. Gen. E. M. Flanagan, Jr. USA (Ret.), signed by almost 30 men of the 503rd Airborne Unit

Lt. Col. USAR (Ret.), Robert Bible, "Young American Patriots: The Youth of West Virginia in WWII"

Mary Lou Rote: Framed Copy of Certificate "Balugas of Pinatubo" and brief account of the popular activity of climbing this volcanic mountain by servicemen stationed in the Philippines

Pat Henderson daughter of Lt. Frank Roberts, is donating two boxes of Kentuckian ADBC materials and items regarding the 20th Pursuit

## ADBC Statistics

We are proud to announce the following statistics:

Web hits for January were 144 thousand and Feb. 140 thousand (January was our highest month yet)

Web pages:

Flickr hits 4,000 views of photos to date

Facebook likes 75 likes We try to put up our museum events on facebook.

## ADBC Events (Upcoming)

**April 3, 2013**

The Community University at West Liberty for lifelong learning is offering a class at The Brooke County Library entitled World War II--A History of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor presented by Richard Lizza, Professor Emeritus at West Liberty University and Jane Kraina, Director of The ADBC Museum

**April 9, 2013**

71st Anniversary Bataan Death March Commemoration—We will have a tent, command car and reenactors coming to the library on April 9. They will bring military items for display. At 5:00 o'clock

people can register for the walk, and at 5:30 we will walk about 10 blocks. Proceeds from this fund-raising walk will be used for the museum and the library.

**May, 2013**

We will send representation to the Norfolk Convention

## ADBC Grants and Gifts

Since the close out of the fiscal year, the museum has received monies from Hancock Co. Savings Bank that also donated to the museum last year. The Museum attended their Awards Ceremony in November.

We have also received word of a donation towards a kiosk for the museum from Dr. Ahn. We will be able to put interactive quizzes on the kiosk, photos, letters, etc. and possibly some of our DVDs.

In February the Axelrod/Shih Family Fund awarded the library with a generous monetary donation in memory of Emily Warner. At the request of the donor, monies will go towards operational costs for the current year and to expand the museum. At present we will begin by removing shelving from the present space and furnishing that area with additional cabinetry for display. We will work on further fund-raising for expansion to the present building. This is what the ADBC Museum and Library Board have decided is the best use of funds at this time.

## A Special Thanks to Prof. Richard Lizza

We would like to acknowledge Richard Lizza, PhD, for his many



contributions to the museum. He was instrumental in starting the intern program which has led to a steady inflow of interns from three local universities: West Liberty University (West Liberty, WV), Franciscan University of Steubenville (Steubenville, OH) and Bethany College (Bethany, WV).

He serves as our ADBC Board Chair, comes in regularly to help digitize, organize photo collections, and offer us historical perspective.

Professor Lizza has been writing quiz questions to put into our kiosk. He has volunteered to teach a class for the West Liberty University at West Liberty for lifelong learning. He always comes in with a smile on his face, friendly to all the staff at the library and museum.

With his uncle having served in the Pacific theatre he has a special interest in the forgotten soldiers. We truly appreciate all his help and support of the museum.

## Thanks to Our Subscribers

Thanks to all the supporters of *the Quan* and the museum. It really helps us to keep motivated when we have such kind comments from our readers. We also appreciated all the extra donations to help us with the *Quan*. We are grateful for your generosity.

# Quan Offices Move to Historic Wellsburg's Town Square



The Quan and Brooke Review has moved to the town square in Wellsburg.

The new address is 67 7th Street in Wellsburg and mail can be sent to the address below.

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E-mail can still be sent to: [thequan@comcast.net](mailto:thequan@comcast.net)

Facebook page is ADBC Museum and contains museum activities

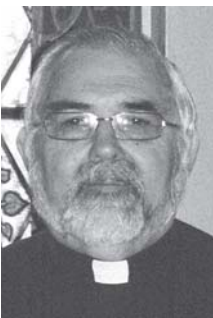
Pictures from POWs can be found can be found at the Flickr button on <http://philippine-defenders.lib.wv.us>

Rosters, back issues of the Quan and biographies, and thousands of other items of information, research and data on the ADBC Museum web site:

<http://philippine-defenders.lib.wv.us/>

## The Chaplain's Corner -

Davis Ferrell



As I write this, I am also preparing for Holy Week, the week before Easter Day.

One of the most meaningful things that takes place at our church during the week occurs on Thursday evening. In addition of focusing on Jesus' call to the sharing of His body and blood at the Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion, is his call to wash one another's feet. Each year, I remind people ahead of time that we are going to do this. Of course, involvement is voluntary. This for one gives

people time to wash their feet ahead of time if they are going to be involved. This is not for my sake as I am the one generally washing feet. We all seem to be reticent to have someone else wash our feet. To be honest most of us do not even want a stranger touching our feet.

So if it is so distasteful, why does Jesus call for us to do it? I do not know, if you have washed a stranger's feet or had them wash yours but it is about the most humbling experience you can think of for both the washer and the washee. When I say humbling yourself, I need to say something about what that means. Often when we think about being humble, we think that means to denigrate or demean ourselves. To humble oneself, simply means to accept who

you are. Not trying to be anything more or less. The bottom line is that Jesus is calling us to be a servant to all.

When I think of servant hood and what that means, I think of the members of the ADBC. They gave of their lives not only for you and me but for people they did not know or would ever know. In fact, they did it for people who if they had known them they would have likely disliked them. I doubt if any of them stopped to think of it this way. They saw what needed to be done and they did it.

After returning home from this horrible ordeal, they did not puff themselves up and brag about what they had done. No they quietly returned to life with their loved one and without any fanfare continued to living a life of

servant hood. I am sure if you asked them about the servant part of that they would look at you rather puzzled as they had never thought of it that way.

So I would ask that each of you take a few moments as you prepare to celebrate Easter and think about how you can live into the call to being a servant to all. If you have the opportunity, to participate in foot washing at your church I would recommend you at least consider being involved.



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## Books for Sale



### ***Two books by Jannie Wilbrink***

**Java Lost:** a child imprisoned by the Japanese in WWII.

**Java Lost:** Eighteen Inches on a Mattress

Each book is \$25.00 plus \$4.00 Shipping and Handling. Contact: Marianne Rohrbough, 13219 W. Twin Peaks Rd., Marana, AZ 85653

**Once Forgotten--**by D. Randall Haley, Ph D and retired Army Major. It is

about Philip R. Haley's combat and prisoner of war experiences in the Far East. It can be purchased at amazon.com for \$28.00

### **"SURVIVOR"**

An American soldier's heartfelt story of intense fighting, and survival from Bataan to Nagasaki - Msgt. Frank N. Lovato as told to Francisco Lovato

It can be purchased at www.survivorbook.com for \$23.00

# Correspondence

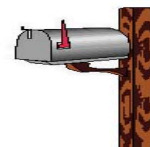
Dear Editor,

Eleven years ago I met a man I met on Bataan who was looking for information on an uncle (I believe) named Maj. Irving R Mendelson, who was wounded in 1 Corps on 23 Jan. 1942. He had no further information. I checked the roster of US military personnel in the Philippines on 7 December 1941 and did not find the name. Two weeks ago at the National Archives I found a brief reference to a Capt. Mendelson (different spelling) with the 1st Battalion, 1st Philippine Division, with the South Luzon. It was in a larger document in Record Group 407, Philippine Archives Collection, Stack 270/ Row 49/Compartment 23/Shelf 6/Box 1663, microfilm roll 88. The microfilm has aged badly and I found nothing else.

Then I tried the 11 year old e-mail addresses that my fellow researchers had given me. They bounced back, of way. If any one has any information could you please let me know.

Paul Ropp

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## ADBC-MEMORIAL SOCIETY

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*If you have not renewed your 2013 membership or if you would like to join the ADBC-Memorial Society as a new member, please add \$31 to your convention registration fee or write a separate check. \*\*\*\*(Please Print Information)*

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# One Brother Joins the Navy to Serve with his Older Brother--Both are Taken Prisoner of War, One after Surviving USS Houston Sinking, One on Corregidor



November 4, 1941



June 15, 2012

Bill Ingram at the tender age of 17 joined the Navy for one reason—to join his brother Robert on the *USS Houston*. He requested duty on the *USS Houston* upon enlistment in June, 1941. On December of 1941, he was on the *Chaumont* an old troop transport, and he was to catch the *Houston* in the Philippines. But the *Houston* had departed from Manila and set out towards Iloilo, 238 miles south of Manila, to get out of harms way. Bill was four days out at five knots an hour on the *Chaumont* when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He said, “We were hardly out of sight, but they didn’t catch us.”

Next he boarded the *Pensacola*, a heavy cruiser. He sailed on that ship until he reached port in Darwin, Australia. If he had stayed on the *Pensacola*, he says, ‘I might have missed a lot of excitement. “First, he almost missed getting on the *USS Houston*, but managed to find the ship and he was assigned to the 1st division and told to man the front turret, partly because he could fit in the small hatch. “I was 17 and weighed a little over 100 lbs.”



ROBERT F. INGRAM.

Once on board he found his brother, Robert, had recently departed from the *USS Houston* and been taken to Corregidor, eventually to be captured as a prisoner of war and sent to Japan. Robert “Inky” had been a signalman on the ship. Once in Corregidor, he joined the Admiral’s flag division.

The *USS Houston* was attacked

Forty-six men died from the blast and one of the men aboard stated that war had come to them in a real way.

The *USS Houston* was patched up and ship fitters replaced the gun house roof by putting in a large steel plate and draping canvas over the turret’s side making it appear as though the aft turret was ready for combat. They replaced the old projectiles with 500 live rounds from the *Boise*, which had been sidelined. The crew was eager to go back out and Capt. Rooks roused their fighting spirit by saying they could beat the Japanese with the two turrets that were remaining.

On Feb 14, the *USS Houston* went out to escort four troop ships to reinforce troops on Timor, hoping to keep the island in Allied hands. Around noon, the bugler sounded the call for the men to take positions for air defense as a Japanese Mavis came into view. The gunners sent shells towards the Mavis. A P-40 chased the Mavis. Nine more Mavises and 36 Mitsubishi Type 97 bombers formed to attack the *Houston*. Capt. Rooks circled his charges and the smoke from the boats guns created a smoke screen. The new ammunition made a difference and the bombers retreated. Seven Japanese bombers took a hit. The crewmen celebrated their victory but were disheartened as Timor had fallen.

It wasn’t long before the *USS Houston* would face the Japanese again, this time in a battle that would cause severe losses. A fleet of ABDA ships gathered to search for Japanese forces headed for eastern Java. On Feb. 27th they met up with the Japanese and the first major surface battle of the Pacific War, the Battle of the Java Sea, ensued. After 8 hours, two Dutch cruisers were sunk as well as three

At left, Bill Ingram who became an ADBC Member

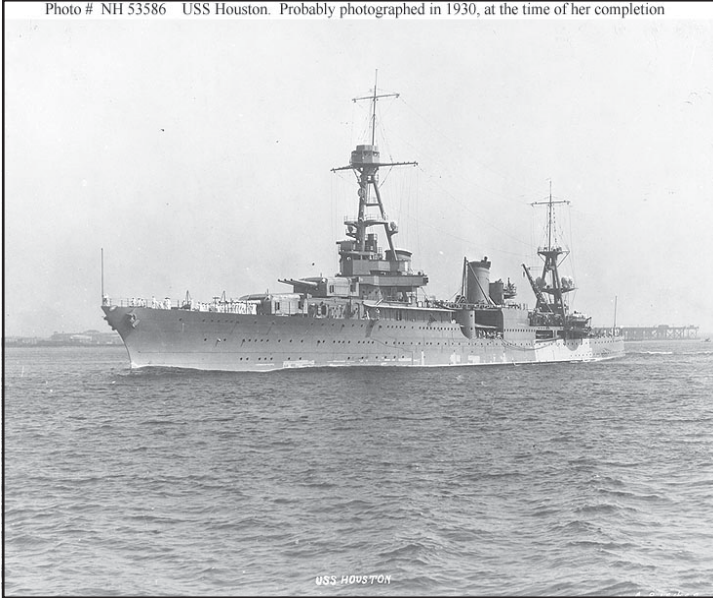
on Feb. 4 with a shower from Japanese bombers. The crews on the *Houston*’s guns fired their 5 and 8 inch guns only to find that three-fourths of their rounds didn’t explode. Like much of the equipment in the early days of the Pacific War, the guns had not been tested with live ammunition in drills.

The captain of the *Houston*, Captain Rooks tried to help the light cruiser *Marblehead* which was being showered with bombs. The captain turned towards the *Marblehead* so that his gunners could fire at the Japanese planes. One of the Japanese bombs had gone astray, and Rooks looking for the trajectory missed seeing the bomb as it passed out of view. The 500 pound bomb hit Turret #3 setting off fires as it ignited the gunpowder bags.

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# One Brother Joins Navy----- continued from the previous page (page 7)

Photo # NH 53586 USS Houston. Probably photographed in 1930, at the time of her completion



destroyers. The Japanese hit the Houston twice with 8 inch shells, but the *USS Houston* and the Australian ship "*HMS Perth*" had survived. The next day, the 28th, the two ships partially refueled at Batavia before attempting to pass the Sunda Straits and head towards safety in the Indian Ocean and towards Australia.

They met the Japanese invasion fleet made up almost a dozen destroyers, three cruisers, many torpedo boats and minesweepers. *HMS Perth* went down after being hit with four torpedoes, and after midnight, the Japanese targeted the Houston with a torpedo. Then a shell from the Japanese destroyed the number 2 turret and Capt. Rooks told the men to abandon ship. Capt. Rooks died when a shell hit a gun mount and the shrapnel hit him as he came down a ladder from the signal bridge. The order to abandon was remanded and the men from the Houston fought on, hitting three destroyers and a minesweeper.

But then the *Houston* was torpedoed and started sinking. The crew swam away. Red Clymer got a life ring for Bill who was now grateful he had taken swimming lessons at the YMCA. He was told to swim fast and as he looked back he could still see the ship and it was in flames. He said, "I was in the water from 2 in the morning until about 3 PM. Being in the dark was frightening because I didn't know what I would bump into--a dead sailor, a dead Japanese or a dangerous fish." He was picked up by the Japanese and they interviewed him, and clobbered him when they didn't like his answers.

Finally they threw him overboard. He swam to get a life ring, and was eventually picked up by a fishing boat whose owner was letting people on the boat in exchange for gifts. Ingram said, "All I had on was a pair of navy shorts, white shorts, and a white belt and my knife...I gave him my jackknife to get on board."

The currents in the sea headed the men towards Java. Finally, the men on the boat had enough of the trading system and chucked the native overboard. Once on shore, the men walked into what they thought was a Dutch Red Cross site and instead found it was a front for an old prison and the Japanese took them prisoner.

His first beating took place when he said Roosevelt was the greatest man, and not Tojo. After the Japanese sergeant hit Bill with a rifle

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and dug him with hob nailed boots, Bill Ingram said, "You stand there with blood running all over you and everything, and he (Tojo) becomes number one." Subservience became necessary to stay alive.

Bill worked on the Burma Road, an engineering feat that has been compared to building the pyramids because so much work was done by human labor.

By the end of the war, Bill was suffering from malaria and dysentery and in retrospect he felt that a few more weeks in Burma might have cost him his life. He suffered malaria stupor so that his trip home through Calcutta and New York remained oblivious to him.

"I woke from my "stupor" to find myself in a New York bar with some buddies. I had a head of lettuce in front of me and didn't know why I ordered it." He started crying and the bartender asked him why he was so disturbed and he said. "I just want to go home."

## The People Left at Home

Back at home while Bill and Robert were just beginning their hardships, their parents read the headlines in the local paper, titled "Parents Who Lost One Son In Sea War Notified Second Boy Missing in Action." It wasn't until the captured could send out a postcard home that Bill's parents could know for sure that their boys were still alive. In the article, Mrs. Ingram said, "I still believe they will come back to me," in spite of last official reports had them both missing in action. The Navy sent her three reports about Robert, saying he was missing, then that he was alive and then again that he was missing.

The postcards sent out by the captured prisoners allowed for choices that said that the men were fine and treated well. But the men coming home knew differently. They had not been fine or treated well.

After telling his trials to the bartender in New York, the bartender put Bill on a train to Illinois. Once there, he returned to his childhood home only to find his parents had moved. After several inquiries he made his way to the neighborhood where he was told they lived. Once there, he knocked on doors hoping someone would know of his parents. Finally, he noticed a mailman who told him he was within four doors of his parents house. "My mother almost fainted when she answered the door. She was not expecting me."

It was a relief to be home, and Bill stayed home for a month, healing at Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Bill decided to stay on in the navy. He met his wife Yvette in French Morocco and they had two children. He retired from the Navy as a Chief Boatswain Mate.

Note: After returning a call from Bill Ingram who called the *Quan* to talk to us about his experiences, he told me he was a fascinating guy and good-looking, too and chuckled. But they both ended up being true. More information can be found about the U.S.S. Houston CA-30 Survivors Association at <http://www.uss-houston.org/> The *USS Houston* was a favorite of Pres. Roosevelt and he often sailed on the ship. See our museum donations for some resources on the Houston and the Burma Thailand railway. Its story has been chronicled in the book *Ship of Ghosts* by James D. Hornfischer.

The number of men on the Houston was over 1,000 and those who survived were 369. Thirteen remain as of March 12, 2013.



# IMPORTANT CHANGES IN QUAN DELIVERY

On May 27, 2009 the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Inc. provided funds to continue the publication of The Quan for a three year period. By reducing the number of issues, George has extended that initial time frame. However, the costs of printing and postage continue to rise and the Board of the ADBC Memorial Society and George are in agreement that costs must be reduced and an annual subscription fee must be implemented.

These changes will not impact the former POWs who were members of the ADBC nor their widows. They will continue to receive The Quan without any cost. George and the Board have agreed that a subscription fee for hard copies of The Quan will be:

Pows	free whether e-mail or hard copy
Widows	free whether e-mail or hard copy
ADBC Mem. Society Member	\$12.00 Hard Copy (to the Quan)
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Members of the ADBC Memorial Society who have paid their annual dues by February 28 of 2013 and by February 28 of subsequent years will receive The Quan as part of their memberships. However, this applies only to members who receive The Quan by email. If you are a member and wish to receive a hard copy of The Quan, the \$12 subscription fee will apply.

Beginning in 2013, the current issue of The Quan will not be on the Museum website for at least one year after distribution.

In order to receive The Quan for 2013, please complete the attached form and return it by mail to the address listed

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We ask that the former POWs and members of the ADBC and their widows return this form even though there will be no charge for continuing The Quan subscription in order to ensure that we have your correct address.

IF WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS FORM PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 28, 2013, YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE ANY ISSUES OF THE QUAN IN EITHER A HARD COPY OR AN ELECTRONIC VERSION IN 2013 AND YOUR ADDRESS WILL BE PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM THE MAILING LIST.

Both George and the Board are hopeful that by taking these steps we can continue the Quan.

**CHECKS to the Quan should be mailed to Editor, The Quan, 67 7th St., Wellsburg, WV 26070**

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## Pictures at the ADBC Museum



### Can You Identify Anyone?

These are two photos donated to the museum. Above is an ADBC picnic in Lynnfield Massachusetts, and to the left is 19th Squadron

The picnic picture is from 1946 and the other one was from 1986





**U.S.S. Houston Survivors and Friends Meet In Houston, Texas for 71st Reunion**  
 Picture on right, from right to left, POWs William Ingram, Jr. (story on page 7) and Howard Brooks with younger veterans at the reunion at the Hyatt in Houston at banquet on March 15  
 Picture on left, Marion E. Ellsworth, "Elly" (US Asiatic Fleet) and Kathleen Olsen at Sam Houston Memorial Park on March 16 (Quan subscribers)

## West Liberty University Graphics Art Students Design Brochure

Kyso Design Group of West Liberty University designed a brochure for their graphics class

The brochure is for self-touring the museum

From left to right are Courtney Moulder, Krista Groves and Victoria Bryant





# 2013 T-Shirts Offer Two Options

2013 T-shirts will be **available at the Bataan Memorial Death March, March 14 to 17, 2013** at White Sands Missile Base, New Mexico **and at the ADBC Memorial Society Convention in Norfolk, Virginia May 22 to May 25, 2013.**

They will be in **Adult** sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL and XXXL, 100% cotton preshrunk in the Royal Blue and the Maroon with both the ADBC Memorial Society Logo front chest style and pocket logo style. There will be a **ladies style** t-shirt in Iris Blue with in either pocket logo in Adult sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL.



**T-Shirt Logo for  
Descendant**

There will also be **Youth** sizes in the Maroon with front chest Descendant logo in XS, S, M, and L sizes.

There are **two different logos**. No photo with t-shirt available yet.

Cost is \$20 on site and \$22.50 each for mail out. Make check out to the ADBC Memorial Society and send orders to Linda McDavitt, 5201 McCormick Mountain, Austin, Texas 78734



**T-Shirt Logo for  
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## Auction Items Needed for Education Grant Funds

The ADBC Memorial Society awards monetary grants to educators who want to write curriculum and other projects for classroom use about the history of World War II in the Far East. The grants make it possible for the applicants to do the work. These projects help put the true WWII history in the Pacific and the plight of the POWs back into the classroom.

Two grants were chosen for the award. At the Albuquerque 2012 convention they were presented. Scottie Kersta-Wilson used her grant to write a book for students of all ages (primarily middle-school) about her grandfather Zero Wilson, who boosted spirits of POWs with music and theatre in the POW camps. Georgia and James Owens developed "Bataan in a Box" for high school social studies teachers in NM. It contains curricula and materials and can be adapted for other states.

ADBC Memorial Society raises money for the education grants by holding Silent Auctions held annually during the Quan Party at the convention. This year it is Friday, May 24 at 7 pm in Norfolk, VA at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel. Last year the auction raised \$1,475. This year the goal is to make \$4,000.

Donations of quality items to be auctioned this year are being actively sought and are very welcome. World War II memorabilia, items of historical value, books, and art from the war years, etc., are ideal. They would be of particular interest and will generate the greatest sales. Also requested are quality objects of a more general nature that you may have no further use for but may still be of value to someone else. Objects of art, a fancy specific gift basket, a gift card from a national eatery or retailer, hand made quilts or knitted throws, needlework, wall hangings, original oil paintings, and fine handmade jewelry are all good auction items.

Certain museum quality items will be chosen for bidding specifically as a donation to the ADBC Museum in Wellsburg, VA. The item will be donated to the museum by the winning bidder in honor of a POW of choice. As in the past, we will list the items for sale on the JPOW and ADBCMS websites or Google Group so people unable to attend will be able to bid on the items.

**We won't know what will be at this year's auction until you tell us about your donations. Contact Pat at [patwangnc@yahoo.com](mailto:patwangnc@yahoo.com) or 704-264-9877 to tell her what you are donating. If you are coming to the convention, please bring your donations to the auction table in the registration room as you register. If can't bring your donation, you can mail it to:**

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## DEATHS- THIS ISSUE

**Antonio, Sam Juan  
DeVivo, Frank  
Difford, Floramund "Ann"  
Gilligan, Francis  
Hazel, Lewis Arnold  
Minger, Dale T.  
Oliver, Glenn Stuart  
O'Rourke, James  
Pepper, Herbert Edward  
Rinas Bruno  
Ring, Samuel  
Sabotta, Quentin  
Wray, Robert (Major)**

### Sam Antonio



Sam Antonio, 92, of Grants, NM, passed away July 12, 2012. He was born June 23, 1920, to Crecensio and Maria Antonio in Anzac, NM. He served in World War II, belonged to the 200th coast artillery, and survived the Bataan Death March. He received a Bronze Star and numerous campaign medals. He was known for his sense of humor and his love of fishing. He was also a champion archer. He is survived by his sons: Gary Antonio and wife, Debra of Colorado Springs, CO, and William Antonio and his wife, Denise of Albuquerque, NM, daughter: Tina Valdez and husband, James; and Veronica Jaramillo, all of Grants: Alice Juan, of Tuscon, AZ, Andrea Ortega of Sells, AZ, sister, Andrea Corpuz of Laguna, NM, 29 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren. His wife Lucy Antonio preceded him in death, as well as a son Leonard, his parents Crecensio and Maria Antonio, his sister Elizabeth Vallo; brothers, Nick and Jose Antonio, and John Sarracino. He was buried in Grants Memorial Park with full military honors by the VFW

Lodge 3221 and 200 attending his service as a final farewell.

### Frank DeVivo

Frank H. Devivo, 91, died Dec. 1, 2012 in Council Bluffs, IA. At 16 he signed up for the C.C.C. Program, learning soil conservation, etc. When he was 18, he joined the US Army and was sent to the Philippine Islands for basic training. He was due to come back to the States when on Dec. 7, 1941 the Japanese bombed pearl Harbor. Frank was on the island of Corregidor, where they held out for 6 months without any additional rations or ammunition and finally were forced to surrender to the Japanese, May 8, 1942. For the next three and a half years he suffered starvation, forced labor and brutal beatings. He was also sent on a "Hellship" Voyage to northern Japan to work in the copper smelters. Frank was liberated in Sept. 1945, weighing less than a 100 lbs. Frank is the only member from his group of eight that enlisted in 1940 to survive and come home. All the others died in the prison camp. Frank worked on the Union Pacific Railroad, in the mail and clerical department and then the accounting department retiring in 1981. Before being declared legally blind, Frank was an avid gardener and repair man. He volunteered at the Veterans Hospital in Omaha, NE for 12 years and was a lifetime member of Holy Family Church. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Doris; daughters Patricia Holder (Jack) and Nanci Schnitker of Council Bluffs, IA; sons Steven DeVivo of Broken Arrow, OK and John DeVivo of Blair, NE, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.--submitted by his wife Doris DeVivo



### Floramund Fellmeth Difford "Ann"

Floramund "Ann" Fellmeth Difford (LTC Army Nurse Corps) August 7, 1913 - July 31, 2012.

Floramund, a dynamic woman completed a long and eventful journey of almost 99 years on July 31, 2012. She was born on August 7,

1913 in Chicago, IL to Henry and Gertrude Fellmeth, the youngest of 13 children and was destined to do great things in her life. Her road began when she graduated from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing with post graduate studies in surgical nursing from Bellevue Hospital in New York. She entered the Army Corps on August 1936 and served until November, 1946. She entered the Army Nurse Corps on August 1936 and served until November 1946. Her first assignment was at Fort Warren, Cheyenne, WY where she met her future husband Wallace E. Difford, Jr. Her overseas assignment was the Philippines, where she was one of 104 nurses stationed in Corregidor and Manila. When the war started she was selected to stay behind in Manila with 200 critically wounded Soldiers. On December 31, 1941 it was decided to try and evacuate on the Red Cross Ship "Mactan" and after a month at sea in hostile territory they arrived in Australia. Until US Nursing personnel arrived she set-up the South Pacific Army Nursing service. At the end of 1944 Floramund headed home and on February 2, 1945 she married Wallace E. Difford Jr. Floramund is a recipient of the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star. Floramund and Wallace had four children and helped countless others during their lifetime. She continued her nursing career and retired from Sacred Heart Medical Center Spokane in 1975. She was an active life member, ADBC, the VFW, Turnwater, WA; the American Legion, Dupont, WA, and St. Margaret's Guild, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Lacey, WA. She is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Lt Col Wallace E Difford Jr. and son Gary Henry Difford. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law COL (ret) Paula and LTC (ret) Jim Renshaw; daughter Lt Col (ret) Dana Difford; sister-in-law Genavie "Geb" Nichols; (adopted) daughters Taeko Kato, Ruth Aktepy and Hilary Webster and countless nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the OSU. Burial was at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent Washington on Monday, August 2012.

### Francis Galligan

Francis Galligan of Longmeadow, Mass., died November 21, 2012, at the age of 91. He was born in Taunton, Mass., to Frank and Hilda



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(Hartling) Galligan. He served in the military in the US Army and Air Force during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He was a Japanese prisoner of war in WWII. After 30 years of service he retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1971. Then he worked as an Air Traffic Control Specialist for Westover AFRB and retired from that job in 1998. He belonged to the DAV, the ADBC, the Air Force Sgt. Assoc. and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association. His wife Alice (Patenaude) Galligan preceded him in death. His survivors are his son Brian Galligan of Texas, his fiancée Penelope Anastasiou and his extended grandchildren, Michael and Anastasia Cole, brothers Norman, William and Robert Galligan, sisters Elaine Richards and Mary Ellen Briggs. He was buried with Military Honors in St. Brigids Cemetery.

## **Lewis Arnold "Rosebud" Hazel**

Lewis Arnold Hazel, 94, passed away on July 9, 2012 with his beloved wife Ludell, and his children at his home in Savannah, Georgia. He was born March 10, 1918 in Leroy, Illinois. He loved baseball and pitched a no hitter in high school. He was a Bataan Death March survivor and after his experience in the war, he thought every day was "a beautiful day." Hazel retired from the U.S. Air Force in July 1960. He was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame in 2006. He was a lifelong member of Robert McIntire United Methodist Church. He belonged to the Men's Club, the Usher Board, Board of Trustees, and the Wesleyan Sunday School Class at that church until it closed, and he joined Whitefield United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ludell, his son H. Lewis (Mary) Hazel, daughter Christy (Michael) Plummer. Grandchildren Chris (Gina) Hazel, Chuck (Kellie) Hazel, Benjamin Plummer, Natalie (Jonah) Broulette. His family said, "He loved life and fought death until the Lord said it was time to come home."

## **Dale T. Minger**

Dale T. Minger, 92, of Wadena, Iowa died Sunday April 1, 2012. He was born Jan. 15, 1920 to Glen (Erikson) Minger. He attended country school until the eighth grade and graduated from Wadena High School. He then started college at Upper Iowa Univer-

sity in Fayette. He had to postpone his college dream for 50 years due to the war and subsequent Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He did earn his degree. Dale was a great farmer, and helped his parents with bills when he worked in cleaning an island on the Mississippi. He enlisted in the US Army when World War II broke out. He fought on Corregidor until it was surrendered and he went to Japan as a prisoner of war. When he came home, the Veterans Hospital in Iowa City aided his recovery. He also found solace from working with the farm animals. He married Olive "Ollie" Struss. He attended the Wadena Community Church. Dale Minger was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Ollie, a brother Bob, his brother-in-law, Bill O'Laughlin Sr. and a nephew, Bill O'Laughlin Jr. He is survived by his sisters Marjorie (Bill) Strudhoff of Hawkeye, Iowa and Arlene O'Laughlin of LaCrosse, Wisconsin; a sister-in-law, Ann Minger; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

## **Glenn Stuart Oliver**

Glenn Stuart Oliver, 93 died, November 25, 2012 with his wife Ester and his family at his side. He was born April 28, 1919 in Brainerd, Minnesota and graduated from Aitken High School in 1937. In 1940, he joined the 34th Tank Company (later renamed Company A) of the Minnesota National Guard. He married Esther three days before reporting for duty. He trained in Radio Electronics Repair School and headed to the Philippines. He was on Clark Field when the Japanese bombed the Philippines after their Pearl Harbor Attack. Shrapnel struck Oliver in the head in an attack in the next month and he received a Purple Heart.

Glenn survived the Bataan Death March and was held in the following camps: Cabanatuan, Nichols Air Field and Bilibid Prison. Glenn was one of nine survivors of the "Hellship," The Arisan Maru. The ship, not marked as having POWs, was attacked by American torpedoes that split the ship in half. Glenn was recaptured by another Japanese convoy and sent to a Japanese prison camp. He weighed 85 pounds at the end of war and recuperated at Madigan Medical Center. He worked for ASARCO and enlisted in inactive Enlisted Duty. He was recalled to

duty at Fort Lewis, where he trained recruits in the Korean Conflict. He returned to ASARCO and eventually became a senior locomotive engineer. He also owned a radio and television repair shop and served as the authorized Sylvania repairman.

Glenn Oliver loved the outdoors, and spending time with his family. He camped, hunted, fished, did water and snow skiing, ice hockey, ice skating and boating.

After he retired he belonged to several genealogy societies, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, American Ex-POWs, and the ADBC. He belonged to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for over sixty years. Although his wartime experience was important to him, his daughter Cindy Watasuki said his family was his biggest love.

He is survived by his wife Esther; two daughters, Cynthia Wakatsuki and Elizabeth Cook (Richard Cook); grandchildren David Moffett (Monica), Sean Moffett, Michael S. Pedee (Michelle), Margaux Isaman (Cameron), Elizabeth Pedee, and Ryan Wakatsuki (Danielle), and great-grandchildren Lucas, Colin, Carson and Archer. Summary from obituaries in the Tacoma News Tribune.

## **James Richard O'Rorke**



James (Jim) Richard O'Rorke, 90, of Red Feather Lakes, Colorado, passed away on January 6, 2013. Jim was born in Washington, PA on September 27, 1922. He was one of the last survivors of the Bataan Death

March and a POW in Japan during WWII. Jim served with the U.S. Army Signal Corp (Sergeant Major) in the Philippines, surviving the Death March and POW experience in Japan to escape two weeks before war's end. MacArthur personally acknowledged Mr. O'Rorke at war's end at the Yokohama Grand Hotel in Japan. After recuperating at Fitzsimons Hospital he established himself in Red Feather Lakes and built a cabin lodge, as well as his own cabin which his family still uses frequently. He attended university at what is now UNC in Greeley where he met

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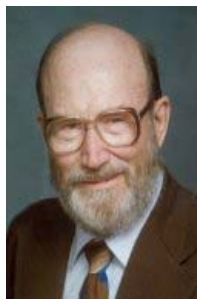
his wife, Muriel O'Rorke (Tatelman), who predeceased him in 1991. While Panama visiting his in-laws in 1953, Jim was offered a position with the Canal Zone. This led to his lifelong career as a Foreign Service Officer (FSO1) with the U.S. State Department, with postings in Guatemala, Honduras and two voluntary tours of duty in Vietnam during that war. While serving, he received numerous commendations from various Presidents and high ranking State Department officials. He was also a 32nd Degree Member of the Masonic Temple. Jim was fluent in Spanish, Japanese and spoke Vietnamese and Mandarin. He stayed on top of current events and read the New York Times, giving him material for debate, discussion and many laughs with his friends. In November, he was able to meet President Obama during his campaign stop in Fort Collins. While in his 70s he decided to add a basement to his cabin in Red Feather Lakes. He used a pickaxe to break up rock, and shovels and wheelbarrows to move debris. While others chuckled, he continued on; the arduous work sustained him, and he outlived the skeptics. Jim leaves behind his children: Susan O'Rorke of Fort Collins, Robin O'Rorke of Fort Collins and Scottsdale, AZ and Regan O'Rorke currently living in Nicaragua. Susan's daughters Taryn and Teagan Sebba, will remember him fondly. They visited him most every day and became almost permanent fixtures at Rigden Farm. His other grandchildren include Kendall, Morgan and Riley who flew into town to honor their grandfather. His extended family in Ecuador led by Tomas O'Rorke-Araujo will also miss him. Jim will be remembered as a stubborn debater with a kind heart and passionate feelings for human dignity and the underprivileged. Jim contributed to many charities promoting the causes of equal rights, women's issues, racial and religious acceptance and other public causes. One of his favorite sayings was "Que sera, sera." -Whatever will be, will be.

## Herbert Edward Pepper

Master Sergeant Herbert Edward Pepper, 93, died early October 2, 2012 at the VA Hospital in Lake City, Florida after an extended illness. He was the son of the late Jesse Lee and Maggie Lula Veal Pepper. He had made

his home in Lake City since 1946 coming here from Cleveland Georgia. He was of the Catholic Faith. He served his country in the United States Army during WWII. He was also a survivor of the Bataan Death March in April 1942. He was a POW until August 1945 and received many medals including the Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation, American Defense, Good Conduct, American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific Campaign. He retired from the VA hospital after 29 years. Herbert enjoyed going to the mountains, fishing, riding his bike, gardening and flowers. He is survived by his wife of sixty-five years Pauline Pepper, Lake City, FL, three sons Thomas Pepper (Renee) Panama City, FL, Herbert Pepper (Sherry) Lake City, FL, Michael Pepper (Kim) Live Oak, FL, two daughters Carol Giebeig, Lake City, FL, and Patricia Stapleton (Keith) Jacksonville, FL, one sister Roseman Ellison, Las Vegas, Nevada. Twelve grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild also survive. He is preceded in death by two brothers Howard and Henry Pepper and six sisters Reba Pepper, Robbie Shaw, Rethea Jackson, Rilland Ruby Allen, one grandson Dustin Pepper. A Funeral Mass was conducted Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the Epiphany Catholic Church. He was interred in the Jacksonville National Cemetery on October 5, 2012 at 9:30 AM. with Military Honors.--submitted by his daughter Patti "Pepper" Stapleton

## Bruno Rinas



Bruno S. Rinas died Dec. 1st, 2012 in Coralville, Iowa at the age of 92. Bruno was born Jan. 8, 1919 in Egeland, Dakota and he was raised on a farm in North Dakota. After graduating from Egeland Community Schools in 1937 he worked for the Civilian Conservatin Corps building park and trail infrastructure in the upper Midwest. In 1941, he joined the US. Army Air Corps and went to the Philippines. After his capture he survived 44 months as a POW in forced labor camps in the Philippines and Japan. After his release he went to Shick Hospital in Clinton, where he met Frances Ann Thompson, a caregiver. They married Dec. 27, 1945,

purchasing and operating a farm in North Dakota. In 1949, Bruno started college and with the help of the GI bill he earned a BS degree from the Iowa State University in Ames, Phi Beta Kappa after just 2 and a half years. In 1952 he worked as a vocational agriculture and industrial arts instructor at Marion High School. Next he earned his Master's Degree in 1952 from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He returned to Marion teaching Physics, Chemistry, Qualitative Analysis, Biology and Math. Bruno treasured letters from students thanking him for how they positively affected their lives. After retirement he joined his wife Fran in her antique business working in that for 15 years. He became interested in competitive duplicate Bridge and played in many tournaments. He earned the most coveted Life Master ranking for competitive play. The title fit him in life as well as the game of bridge. He also supported the Democratic Party, local and national charitable organizations including Habitat for Humanity, VFW, and the ADBC. He was preceded in death by his mother and father (Albertina and Adolph), wife (Frances), siblings (Elsie, Otto, Edna, Arthur, Lois, Howard, Robert and Arlene), a son (Mark), and a grandson (Matthew). He is survived by four siblings, Evelyn, Agnes, Ray and Hugo, a son, Joe, two daughters Barbara (Cordis) Bechler and Linda (Kurt) Livingston; daughter -in-law Jennifer, 9 grandchildren, Shelly, Corrine, YaVonne, Ronald, John, Jennifer, Nicholas, Joshua and Justin, 11 great grandchildren and 5 Great-great grandchildren as well as dozens of nieces and nephews. Rinas Bruno is buried in Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.

## Samuel Ring



Samuel Ring, 84, died June 29, 2011 in Newport News, Va. He was born January 18, 1927 at Camp John Hay, a US military base on the Philippine Islands. When he was 17, Samuel began his military career and was helped the 6th Army Rangers in eliminating the Japanese ammunition depot. Although not at Cabanatuan when the Rangers rescued the men, he stopped at the makeshift



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hospital treating the rescued POWs. When he heard someone call out for Sgt. Ring he thought it was for himself. That is how he found his father Master Sergeant Walter Ring was alive. The family had thought he had perished. Samuel Ring stayed in the military retiring after 32 years of exemplary service. He served tours in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam and was a highly decorated Veteran in all three campaigns, having received a Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He was married to Jeannine Ring for 44 years and she preceded him in death.

He is survived by his current wife Edith M. Ring, son Alain Ring and his wife Cathy of Roanoke, Va., son Maurice Ring of Newport, North Carolina, and daughter, Carolina Ring Spinney and husband, David of Yorba Linda, Calif.; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## Quentin Sabotta



Quentin Sabotta of Cedar Rapids, Iowa died April 11, 2012 at the age of 92. Quentin was born Jan. 4, 1920 to Lawrence and Johanna (Kreibeck) Sabotta in Trempeau County, Wis. In 1940 he joined the US Army Air Corps and after the Japanese captured him he was a prisoner for three and a half years. After he left the military. Quentin graduated from Winona State College where he was Senior Class President. He then received an MA degree in educational psychology. He then spent 23 years working for the Cedar Rapids Community School District and then 35 years as an evaluator for Iowa Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. His hobbies included working on cars and motorcycles and he built three motor homes from scratch and with his children's help an earth shelter in the country. Quentin belonged to VFW Post 788, American Psychological Association and St. Ludmilla's Parish. Preceding Mr. Sabotta in death were his parents, older sister Lucille McClaine, and younger brother Adrian of Winona, Minn. He is survived by his wife,

Phyllis Sabotta; their nine children, Denise Denise (Dan) Ledegar, Diane Blewett (Tim Johnson), Paul (Marsha) Sabotta, Chris (Bruce) Beguhn, Sara Panek (Ron McGraw), Linda (Bob) Williams, Michael (Anne) Sabotta, John Sabotta, and Vince (Devon) Sabotta; and their 17 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Janice Heitman, of Stewartville, Minn. Also surviving him are four children from a previous marriage.



## Major Robert Wray

Major Robert Wray, of Cedar Rapids died April 17, 2012 at the age of 95. Bob was born October 9, 1916 in Milton, Iowa to Ed and Grace

(Tackelson) Wray. He attended Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant on a football scholarship and then enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He courted his future wife, by landing his airplane on country roads and pasture. They married Sept. 9, 1939 in Swedesburg and departed for the Philippines. Lt. Wray became the Commanding Officer of the 34th Pursuit Squadron and he flew P40s. He was General Wainwright's Air Officer, Provost Marshall and photography officer for Clark and Nichols Field in the Philippines. After enduring the Bataan Death March, and imprisonment for three and a half years, Major Wray spent a year and a half recovering. He received several awards and medals including the Silver Star and Purple Heart. He then worked as a Corporate Pilot for LaPlant-Choate Mfg. Company and was later employed by Iowa Manufacturing Company (Howard Hall) as Assistant to the President and Corporate Pilot, retiring in his seventies. He was on the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission. He mowed the Marion Airport, owned by his daughter and son-in-law and critiqued the way planes took off and landed. Bob is survived by his son, Col. David (Frieda) Wray of Fallbrook, CA and his daughter, Jan (Perry) Walton of Marion; five grandchildren, Alisa and Tapiana Wray, Gina and Shawn Holman, and Randy Walton; four great grandchildren; nephew, Carl (Maribelle) Lund; and niece, Carol (David) Pitts. He was

preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marie; parents, and sister, Rowena. He was buried in Swedesburg Cemetery.

## Other Known Deaths

Frank Stecklein

*Our departed veterans  
are sadly missed.*

## Km 101 and 102 Marker



**KM 101 Marker (in the Philippines) purchased by Col. Richard McMahon, president of the Maywood Bataan Day Organization (MBDO) memorializing 580 men of the 192nd tank Battalion who fought in the Philippines.**

**MBDO purchased/ KM 102, significant as it is in the fenced in area at the newly renovated San Fernando Train Station museum. The train station was the end of the long Death March. Col McMahon sent us this picture and information. He participated in the ceremony at Capas. More information can be found at <http://www.mbdo.org>**



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## 30th Annual Mukden Survivors and Descendants Reunion

The 30th annual Mukden Survivors & Descendants reunion to be held on Oct 1 - 6 2013 in Hamburg Pa. Anyone interested in more information please contact the hosts Terry & Dawne Clay (Wayne Miller's daughter).

Dawne's Email address is [dkclay1@comcast.net](mailto:dkclay1@comcast.net).

Home address is 751 Garfield Rd Mohrsville Pa 19541

Home Telephone # 610-926-0667.



# ADBC Memorial Society Announce 2013 Grant Recipients

Once again we had several outstanding requests for grants in 2013. It was a hard choice, with the following grants given:

\$2,500 to The World War II Foundation to support the defray wrapping/post-production costs of the documentary *Operation 4-4-43/The Davao Dozen*. This documentary will be shown at the 2014 Convention.

\$2,500 to Jan Thompson to support wrap up costs for the documentary *Never The Same*. This documentary will be shown Saturday, May 25th at the MacArthur Museum. Jan will give a presentation to include a Q&A session immediately following the showing. Thank you to all that applied and we wish you success in finding funding for your projects.

## More About Jan's Documentary

### NEVER THE SAME: The Prisoner of War Experience

The film is narrated by (two time Emmy award winning) actress Loretta Swit. Her all star supporting cast is: Ed Asner, Alec Baldwin, Jamie Farr, Mike Farrell, Robert Forster, Christopher Franciosa, Robert Loggia, Christopher Murray, Don Murray, John O'Hurley, Kathleen Turner, Robert Wagner and Sam Waterston.

**NEVER THE SAME:** The Prisoner-of-War Experience will have its World Premiere at the Gene Siskel Film Center in Chicago April 6 and 7.

Website for film: <http://www.nts-pow.com>

Her documentary includes entries from seventeen diaries, poems, and over 140 original diaries and recipes. Remembering recipes and food from home sustained the men plagued by gnawing hunger. When faced with obtaining the most basic of needs, thoughts of food dominated the fantasies while awake and dreams of the prisoners of war.

Jan is a professor in the RadioTelevision Digital Media Department at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Jan's dedication to the subject of the sacrificed men on Bataan and Corregidor is greatly appreciated by her fellow descendants and supporters of these sacrificed men.



## 70th Anniversary Commemorative Pins for Sale



Lapel pins commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Fall of the Philippines are available for purchase while supplies last. They are \$3.00 each including postage. Fill in the information below and mail with your check to:

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## Descendants' Group Patch Order Form

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**Sharon Cooper and Cards with Art of Ben Steele**

In late 2010, I began making and selling the Remembrance and Ben Steele photo cards as a fund-raiser for the Descendants' Group. Here is an update on how my project is going. I have made just over 1,000 cards. The profit to our group is nearly \$1000. I have filled orders ranging from 6 cards to 84. I have mailed cards to 20 different states ~ MT, WA, WY, CA, MD, TX, SC, AZ, IL, IN, NM, FL, PA, NV, KY, NC, ND, NJ, NY, and VA.

The Remembrance Set and 18 of the 36 Ben Steele photo cards can be viewed on the Descendants' Group website. The cards are individually made and sell for \$2.00 a card/envelope plus shipping with one free for every five ordered. The Ben Steele set has 36 cards and the Remembrance set has 30. You can contact me at [fromtheheart2007@aol.com](mailto:fromtheheart2007@aol.com) or at (509) 582-8601 and (509) 554-4551. My home address is 2610 W. 8th Pl. Kennewick, WA 99336.

These cards are a wonderful way to honor our former WWII Prisoners of War and keep alive their stories of hardship and survival. Sharon Cooper



A sample of two cards, many more available