

Speaker/Seminar Schedule

Thursday April 16

10:30-11:30

2019 Japan/POW Friendship Trip participants report

The most recent group to visit Japan will tell of their experiences with the Japanese people and what this trip meant to them personally.

1:30-2:30

Flag Repatriation

In the spirit of reconciliation and healing, ADBC-MS, in partnership with the New Mexico National Guard Military Museum Foundation, a Japanese Flag. “Yosegaki Hinomaru” has been turned over to the OBON Society. The goal was to find the family and return the flag, seen as the remains of the Japanese soldier, back to his family.

Moderator: Margaret Garcia, daughter of Evans Garcia, NM National Guard, 200th Coast Artillery, AA.

Friday April 17

10:00-11:30

“Living with our Dads”

As many descendants of POWs get older we now understand some of the odd behavior of our Dads when we were growing up.

Moderator: Alan Overmier, son of William Overmier, SSgt 200th CA Sendai #2 Prison Camp

1:00-2:30

Corregidor: From Paradise to the Fall

The personal journeys of an Army nurse and an Army Infantry Officer, and their chance meeting on Corregidor. This is a daughter’s story of her parent’s journey from paradise and freedom to internment by the Japanese.

Presented by Sandra Harding, daughter of 2nd Lieutenant Earlyn M. Black, ANC, and Major Harry Harding.

Saturday April 18

1:00-2:30

Roger Mansell Speaker: Sally Mott Freeman

Ms. Freeman is the author of *Jersey Brothers: A Missing Naval officer in the Pacific and His Family's Quest To Bring Him Home*. Her book tells of three brothers caught up in the war, each having a completely different experience.

6:45 BANQUET

“Give Peace a Chance”

Keynote Speakers: Rex and Keiko Ziak and Bethany Glenn

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