

Great-Grandson of Philippine WWII Hero

Torch Passes to Next Vicente Lim

by Vicente Lim IV

With his booming voice, Rev. Kenneth Fuller told me, "I fought on these very grounds!" They are words I will never forget for the rest of my life.

It was 2011 when my grandfather and I met Rev. Fuller on the way to the parking lot after attending the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Manila American Cemetery. He asked me if I was in the service and I said, "No, but he was..." pointing to my grandfather, Vicente Lim Jr. Both in wheelchairs, they gave each other sharp salutes, probably as sharp as they would have been if they had met 70 years earlier.

I went on to say, "He was a graduate of West Point, sir," to which Rev. Fuller replied, again with his booming voice, "West Point! Well that really deserves a salute!" My grandfather just smiled, as he was quite tired after the ceremonies that day, but I spoke on his behalf saying, "Well Rev. Fuller, you deserve a salute too, for all you've done!"

The reverend went on to tell us that he and his buddies in the 11th Airborne Division fought on the very ground on which the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial now stands. It is a story which has made me cherish my visits to the cemetery



Vincci Lim, decorating the graves at Manila Cemetery with American and Philippine flags before Memorial Day 2012.

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AWON Election Results



All four incumbents were re-elected to the AWON Board of Directors in the just-completed 2012 AWON election. Gerry Morenski received 263 votes; Norm Burkey, 256; Norma Nicol Hamilton, 245; and Ed Peters, 237. Two AWON couples tabulated the more than 260 ballots returned by voting members of AWON. Pictured above from left are Pat Armstrong, Dianne Baczynski and Bob Armstrong. Not pictured is John Baczynski. They met at the Armstrong home in Woodland, CA.

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Veteran Joins Son in Retracing Father's Philippines Footsteps

by Jerry Pinkerton

On May 24, 2012, I began a tour of the Philippines with other AWONers to participate in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Manila American Cemetery, and to visit World War II conflict sites in Manila, Corregidor and the Bataan Peninsula. Joining me after the AWON tour was Charles "Edwin" Dyer who served with my father in the 108th Regimental Combat Team (RCT).

Edwin and I began our journey at Mindanao, tracing the major route Edwin and my father took during part of the liberation of Northern Mindanao from the Japanese occupiers. Edwin called this journey, "I came, I saw, I remembered."

My Father, PFC Ralph C. Pinkerton, was 26 and one of the older men in the 108th. He was a native Texan from Newcastle with only eight years of education. Raised in north central Texas during the Depression, Ralph was a truck driver and a laborer and later a riveter building B-24 Liberators. He was married with two children: Jerry Wayne, age 4, and Judy Carolyn, age 1, when he was drafted in 1944.

Following basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, he was sent to California. In February 1945 he shipped overseas on a Liberty Ship, the *USS Sea Snipe*, and arrived at the Replacement Depot on Leyte in early March. There, Ralph was assigned to the 4th Platoon, I Company, of the 108th Infantry Regiment as a .30-caliber machine gun



PFC Ralph C. Pinkerton and family

crew leader. From March until early May 1945, the 108th was involved in mopping up operations on the west side of Leyte. The regiment landed in Northern Mindanao on May 10. My father was killed in action on June 14, 1945.

After landing, I Company immediately began to move south from Macjalar Bay, generally along the Sayre Highway route to the Del Monte Plantation. Highway is a generous name since it was little more than a dirt road. Edwin and I were driven along the current Sayre

Highway which is paved to some degree but generally is poorly maintained and remains a subpar highway.

A few days after landing, the 108th liberated the Del Monte Airfield, from which Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his party flew from Mindanao to Australia following their escape from Corregidor by Patrol Torpedo (PT) boat.

We visited the memorial at the site of the PT boat landing in Cagayan De Oro and the historical marker at the site of the Del Monte Airfield.

After securing the airfield, the 108th then proceeded south generally along the Sayre Highway to Mangima Canyon, which was heavily defended by the Japanese. The Sayre Highway has several switchbacks before reaching the bottom of the canyon where the river rushes through. The terrain is highly mountainous with steep walls. The Japanese had dug caves and created excellent defensive positions across the river. A battle ensued that for several days kept the 108th from crossing the Mangima River at the bottom of the canyon. During the night before the crossing was completed, the

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Home Front, Death Through Generations, Topics at AWON Indianapolis Conference

AWON is honored to have two highly respected scholars as keynote speakers at next month's National Conference in Indianapolis.

Dr. William Tuttle is Professor Emeritus of American Studies at the University of Kansas. He will speak about the American Home Front during World War II.

Dr. Vamik Volkan is an emeritus professor of psychiatry at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He will talk about his ongoing study on transgenerational influence - how the death of fathers in World War II not only affected their children but also future generations.

Both presenters have impeccable credentials: research-

ing and publishing numerous works, continuing to present fresh perspectives to their peers, and receiving a few awards and recognitions along the way.

Dr. Tuttle has authored and co-authored numerous books on World War II including *World War II and the American Home Front* (2004) and *Daddy's Gone to War: The Second World War in the Lives of America's Children* (1993), which was named a Notable Book of the Year by the *New York Times* and nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. His works concentrate on social and political history, in particular African-American history and the history of childhood.

Dr. Volkan has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize four times for his work examining conflicts between opposing large groups, for carrying out projects in trouble-spots around the world for 30 years, and for his psycho-political theories.

He was an inaugural Yitzak Rabin Fellow at the Rabin Center for Israeli Studies in Tel Aviv, Israel; a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University; a Visiting Professor of Political Science at the University of Vienna in Austria; and a Visiting Professor of Political Psychology at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey. He chaired the Select Advisory Commission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Critical Incident Response Group. He received the Sigmund Freud Award from the city of Vienna in collaboration with the World Council of Psychotherapy, and has authored or co-authored more than 40 books. He has spoken to AWON previously about war's psychological effects on family and children, especially orphans. He is married to AWON orphan Betty Palonen Volkan.

AWON will mark its 20th anniversary at the 2012 National Conference. The Conference runs from Oct. 19-21. See registration form at left.

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Father Tribute Comes Back to Daughter

by Penny Yazzie

I sat at my computer this morning, crying. Sobbing, really. It is not something I do a lot of, though I sometimes cry when I get emails sent by well-meaning friends showing children being surprised and embraced by their fathers returning from Iraq or Afghanistan. I am not sure if it is because I am so happy for the children that their dads made it home, or if I am once again feeling sorry for myself because my dad did not. Today, it wasn't an email. Today, it was *Facebook*.

More than a year ago I purchased two bricks at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans to honor my dad. I had hoped that they would be in place when I visited at the end of September last year. I was scheduled to give a speech to the remaining members of my dad's unit, the 315th Bomb Wing, at their annual reunion. Unfortunately it took quite a bit longer so the bricks finally were placed on a walkway outside the museum this May. I requested pictures of the bricks when they were offered to me by the museum. When they arrived, I sent them off to fam-

ily members via email.

And so, as I said, I sat at my computer this morning, crying. Sobbing, really. When I opened my *Facebook* page there was a picture of the bricks. My granddaughter, Robyn, had posted it on *Facebook*. Beneath the picture she wrote, "This is my great-grandfather's brick at the WWII Museum in New



S/Sgt. Harvey J. Dempsey Jr.

Orleans." Even that didn't set me crying; I was just so proud that she had been thoughtful enough to have done that. What set me crying was something a friend of hers wrote:

"This might sound weird, but here is a really neat site on him we found a while back when doing some research for my son's Young Marine group." She includ-

ed the information on the site that turned out to be the Father Tribute I posted on the AWON website.

She continued: "The name sounded so familiar and I remembered that I had tagged it under my favorites."

Along with the website information was the picture I had posted of him with my story. It is my favorite picture of him. His shoulders are wrapped in a string bullets and his arms are holding an automatic weapon. He is wearing a leather bomber jacket and helmet. Huge goggles are wrapped around the top of the helmet. At the time that this woman found the AWON website, she did not know that he was my granddaughter's great-grandfather.

It honestly never occurred to me that anyone other than a brother or sister war orphan would read his story. I have read them all. But to learn that someone unconnected, someone very young, would have an interest in the war, and in turn learn about my dad because of my story about him, well, this was more than I could handle this morning. This is why I was sobbing.

When I wrote my dad's story several years ago I mentioned that my parents had

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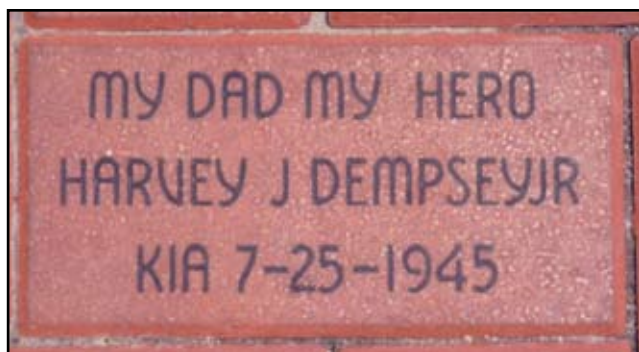
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 Charles (Edwin) Dyer, TX, friend of PFC Ralph C. Pinkerton, Army
 James Carey, PA, son of PFC William L. Carey, Army

(new members since the June issue of *The Star*)

named me Penelope Patricia and thought of me as their "Lucky Penny." They had been married ten years before I finally came along.

"So your grandmother is Lucky Penny," Robyn's friend continued. "The meaning behind her name is what kept it locked in my brain. What an awesome way to get your name, you know?"

I have hated my name all my life. Few people ever say it correctly. Penelope does not rhyme with cantaloupe or antelope. Someone once called my house asking for Penepola. I told them there was no one here by that name. Spanish speaking people also pronounce it differently with the accent on the final 'e' making it sound like a long 'a' and every syllable also seems to be accented. Pen-a-low-pay. I want my granddaughter's friend to know that because of what she said, I no longer hate my name. Thank you, Christina. From "Lucky Penny."



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AWON Connections

Pictures and Stories of Members
Gathering Around the Country



The So-Cal lunch bunch met on May 5. They had ten in attendance but the seven who were still around for a group photo were, from left: Rita Niro Blair, Barbara Torrey Smith, Vic Muller, Kathy Donohue Mayerski, Roger Connor, Ann Pogue, and Ellen Barbieri. Also attending were Barbara and Dick Swenson, and Sharon Crowley Connor. *Roger*

division Janice's father was in with the National Guard. That evening they ate at the American Ale Grill. *Janice*



Margaret Hohmann and Caroline Jackson met at an Olive Garden in Dolver, DE for lunch in June. *Caroline*



AWONer Ken Sills and wife, Dodie hosted Janice Buterbaugh, Jeanne Rhinehart, and Lynne Lecrone for a three-day weekend in State College, PA, where they also visited Janice's son, Steve. Friday evening the group had dinner at the Mt. Nittany Inn high atop Nittany Summit. Then they retreated to the Sills' home where they enjoyed 1950s music from their jukebox, and letters and memorabilia about Ken's father that Ken's mother had just surprised him with. Saturday, they toured the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg dedicated mostly, but not completely, to the 28th Division, the same



In early May, Tom Holcomb and wife, AWONer Carla Holcomb, left, had dinner with Dianne Peirson and husband, AWONer Rik Peirson, at Café Del Sol in Santa Barbara, CA, as the Holcombs were traveling in northern California to visit their son in Santa Rosa.

Then, the Holcombs paid a visit to John Baczynski and wife, AWONer Dianna Baczynski, in Novato, CA (inset). *Carla*

AWON Members Show, Tell War Orphan Story at Annual Pennsylvania Airshow

by Lynne Lecrone

June 1-3, 2012, AWON participated in the 22nd annual WWII Air Show in Reading, PA. This was the eleventh year that AWON has been a part of the WWII weekend, looking for more orphans from that generation. AWONer Rusty Lerch; his son, Kevin Lerch; and AWONer Lynne Lecrone; manned the AWON table that was located in the hangar.

It was a beautiful weekend but there were a few showers and, of course, some mud. It would not be a WWII weekend in Reading unless we had some rain and mud!

Two other AWON orphans and their wives stopped by to see us on Saturday - Dale and Mary Jane Moyer, and Ken and Dodie Sills. It was great to have some time with more of our AWON siblings. Unfortunately, there were no new orphans to report that were found for this year.

Folks passed by the AWON table and listened to the stories about our fathers, the



Rusty Lerch, Kevin Lerch, and Lynne Lecrone at the Reading, PA, airshow.

orphans, and what AWON is all about. Many people spent time looking through the books of our fathers and us. Often times, tears would creep down their cheeks because they don't think about the orphans that were left without their fathers.

It was an enjoyable weekend. Maybe next year, there will be an orphan stopping by to find out about AWON and will join us.



On June 16 AWONer Jerry and Judy Pinkerton of Dallas, TX hosted, from left: AWONers Mark Mulder, Robert Landrum, Mary Nguyen, Wanda Russell, Jerry Pinkerton, Mary Alice Renner, Patty Temte, Gail Brown, Carol Mercer and, not pictured, Rodney Ives. *Patty*



Susan Chadd, Diane Helland, and Dorrie Lloyd-Still met July 7 at Allgauer's in Northbrook, IL. This was Diane's first AWON get-together and so we had a lot to talk about. One coincidence we discovered is that each of our mothers remarried after the war and each of our fathers had been good friends with the step-father our mother subsequently married. *Susan*

... Lim, from front page

and the Memorial Day ceremonies there all the more.

To the American people, Memorial Day is just as important a holiday as Araw ng Kagitingan is to Filipinos. It is celebrated in commemoration of all those who have died while in the military service. This year's observance of Memorial Day has had the most meaning and significance to me than any other for a number of reasons.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Fall of Bataan. Such a milestone has made me look back with even greater appreciation for what the defenders of Bataan and Corregidor had sacrificed for our freedom. But it has also made me look ahead to the challenge of keeping the spirit of Bataan and Corregidor alive for years and generations to come.

This year's Memorial Day ceremony also was made special by the presence of a contingent from the American World War II Orphans Network (AWON), an organization that the Lim family has represented over the past few years in presenting a wreath for the honored dead. To finally meet the members of AWON was bittersweet, though. I finally got the opportunity to tell them personally that it has been such an honor for our family to be representing an organization like theirs. In meeting them, however, I really felt the absence of my grandfather, who has grown too weak to attend ceremonies such as this. In previous years, he would act as the official representative from the Lim family, with me as his proud escort in laying the AWON wreath. I was looking forward to my grandfather meeting the people from AWON, but it was not to be. For my father

and I, it was yet another reminder that the responsibility that comes with being a Vicente Lim truly falls squarely on our shoulders now.

As with any visit I've made to the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, its condition for the Memorial Day affair was nothing short of resplendent. Keeping the memorial the way it is requires a certain amount of dedication and passion for the job, and there seems to be no shortage of that among the staff as lead by Supt. Larry Adkison and Asst. Supt. Hubert "Bert" Caloud. Bert has become a good personal friend and is some-

one I have learned so much from. As I've told Bert previously, the passion with which he does his work is evident, and is something I draw inspiration from, especially when it comes to doing my part in perpetuating the memory of Gen. Vicente Lim and the men of the 41st Division.

Needless to say, I was quite thrilled when Bert invited me to join the flag planting activity the day before the ceremonies. It made me feel that I was directly part of something significant and

meaningful, and I was happy to share the experience with two of my younger cousins, their mother and a loyal high school friend of mine. We were among veterans, soldiers and families who all came out to help plant more than 34,000 Filipino and American flags in front of each headstone in the cemetery. I felt proud knowing I helped prepare the memorial, and that we had all paid such a wonderful tribute to all the heroes buried there.

The ceremony itself was beautiful, as always. Colorful wreaths from various donors and organizations lined the area in front of the central chapel. Despite the heat, I saw more people in attendance than I remember



From left: Vicente Lim IV, Vicente Lim Jr., Vicente Lim III, and Bert Caloud on Memorial Day 2011.

seeing in previous Memorial Day affairs. While the U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines was unable to attend this year, the message of his representative, Leslie Bassett, Charge d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy, was no less inspiring and insightful. The same could be said about the other speeches. Rev. Fuller's voice, as always, stood above the rest as he gave another moving invocation and memorial prayer. The sounds of the 21-gun salute and the ever-poignant "Taps" echoed throughout the silent cemetery. And, as it has on every occasion I've witnessed it, I was moved when one Filipino and one American child presented a bouquet of flowers for the fallen, and together uttered the words, "We will never forget."

After the ceremonies, I had the opportunity to finally speak with the people I have "met" online because of, and through, the Brigadier General Vicente Lim web page. One of those acquaintances was Robert Hudson, the son of a "Battling Bastard of Bataan," whose father was a soldier in the 31st Infantry Regiment. He's a Bataan researcher, and decided to move to the Philippines after falling in love with a Filipina during a tour he took of some Philippine World War II battlefields. I also met Marcia Kwiecinski, the better half of the Steve and Marcia on the Rock tandem, who have been living on Corregidor Island for the ultimate historians' immersion. Of course, I wouldn't have forgiven myself if I didn't set aside enough time to meet and talk to Patty Temte and the rest of the AWON contingent. Her father, Sgt. Ernest G. Radcliff, took off on a plane that got lost between the Philippines and Peleliu. He is memorialized in the Tablets of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery, along with other AWON fathers.

I could not tell Patty enough how happy I was to finally meet them. I introduced them to the rest of the Lim family in attendance. I also thanked them for the kind gesture of including Lolo Vicente's name on the list of AWON fathers that they attached to their wreath. War makes orphans of us all in some way or form, so as I told Patty recently, it is comforting to know that there are

people out there who are as passionate as I am when it comes to honoring the memory of those who have given their lives for their country.

As Patty and I said our goodbyes to each other, she got a bit choked up as she told me, "When I see you out here doing all this to honor all of them, I feel so happy and proud. I'm not sure I'll ever be able to come out here again because we're all getting old, but to see you and your beautiful family here to represent all of us, it really is so good." I told her that it was such an honor to stand in for AWON year after year, and that we will gladly and proudly do so for many years to come.

There was still so much to say, so many stories to exchange, and so much work left to be done for all the honored dead, but the day had to end. This time, there would be no salutes between Rev. Fuller and my grandfather, nor any interesting chats between Lolo and Bert. As we walked through the Tablets of the Missing to visit the panel where Brig. Gen. Vicente Lim is memorialized, I reflected upon the times I walked proudly beside Vicente Jr. in those halls. While it is sad to think that my grandfather and I will probably never walk those halls together again, I find comfort in knowing that, when the torch passes on to me and my father, as it probably has already, we will be ready and proud to answer the call.

Editor's Note: Vicente Lim Jr., grandfather of the writer, passed away on June 26, 2012, at the age of 89. He was the son of Brig. Gen. Vicente Lim, the first Filipino graduate of West Point, commander of the 41st Philippine Division, and survivor of the Bataan Death March. In the hospital, pretending to be sick, he conducted secret guerilla activities. He was later captured and brutally killed by the Japanese while attempting to rejoin American forces in Australia.



Memorial

Every Memorial Day since 2003, AWON has participated in the Memorial Day Wreath Project, burying at 15 American military cemeteries overseas wreaths bearing the names of members' fathers. In most cases, the wreaths are presented to the local members. AWON members also presented wreaths to the cemeteries and monuments. Pictured here and on the next page are the presenters. The Memorial Day Wreath Project wouldn't be possible without the help of the AWON members, Webmaster Rik Peirson, and AWON's many overseas members. For more information on the wreaths and ceremonies at these cemeteries, visit <http://www.awon.org>



Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial, France

AWON Stateside Coordinator
– Dave Colinan • Presenters
– AWON Epinal Ambassador
Roland Prieur and grandson



Rhone American Cemetery and Memorial, France

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Vic Muller •
Presenter - AWONer Jeannie Paul



Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, Luxembourg

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Donna O'Brien • AWON
Overseas Coordinator – Denise Thill • Presenter – Denise
Thill, U.S. Veterans Friends,
Luxembourg



Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Belgium

AWON Stateside Coordinator - Gail
Eisenhauer • AWON Overseas Co-
ordinator – Ariane Villers • Present-
ers – Lise Villers, daughter of Ari-
ane Villers, and Karin Georges



Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial, Netherlands

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Gerry Moren-
ski • Presenter – AWONer Louis Kunz. Also
present were Louis' mother, Lillie; son, Lo-
ren; AWONer Angela Christian; and AWON
Dutch Friend, Joost Claassens.

Day 2012

participated in official ceremonies honoring those who are overseas. AWON presents floral wreaths and arrangements. This year, the wreaths were presented by AWON members at Memorial Day ceremonies at four national cemeteries. The next two pages were this year's wreaths and presentations, as possible without Chairperson Sharon Crowley Conner and her overseas friends. More details and color photos of the ceremonies are on the AWON website at <http://www.awon.org/new/memorials.html>



**Brittany American Cemetery
and Memorial, France**

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Brian Hope • Presenters – Jacky Emery and Stacey Payne, daughter of AWONer Nancy Kragh. Also present were AWONer John Elder and his family: wife, Ann, and children, Brian and Katherine (pictured).



**Normandy American Cemetery
and Memorial, France**

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Sharon Crowley Connor • AWON Overseas Coordinator – AWON Normandy Ambassador Jean-Marc Lesueur • Presenters – Jean-Marc Lesueur, Mr. Chan, AWONer Charlene Czajowski, Nadine Lesueur, Andree Chan and Charlene's son, Pete. The Chans are with the 35th Infantry Division Association in La Meauffe, France, assisting Charlene and her son on their visit.



**Manila American Cemetery
and Memorial, Philippines**

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Patty Temte • AWON Overseas Coordinator – Asst. Cemetery Superintendent Bert Caloud • Presenters - AWONers Jerry Pinkerton, Penny Walker, Howard Walker, Patty Temte, Mary Ginn, Ruthie Joyce, Steve Bahnsbach, Patty Mostue, Lee Terry and Edwin Dyer



**Florence American Cemetery
and Memorial, Italy**

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Bill Chiodo • Presenters – Members of VFW 8862, Vicenza, Italy, with CW3 Dianna L. Bentley, USA, U.S. Defense Attache Office, American Embassy, Rome, standing

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Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, Belgium

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Rik Peirson • AWON Overseas Coordinators – AWON Belgian Ambassadors and projects founders Regine and Bernard Achten • Presenters – AWONer Diane Pollard and daughter, Lindsey, above. At left are the Achten's and their daughter, Marie, with the Pollards.



North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial, Tunisia

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Diane Marnette Sagen • Overseas Coordinator – Staff • Presenter – CDR James Vecchia, US Embassy, Tunisia



Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial, France

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Paul Bremer • Presenter – Laurie Mosher, great-niece of Pvt. Lloyd Buterbaugh

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial, Italy

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Bob Meek • Presenter – Patrick Antio, USN, grandson of AWONer Eileen Antio, great-grandson of M/Sgt James A. Lanwermyer

Memorial Day - Stateside



Suresnes American Cemetery and Memorial, France

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Sharon Crowley Connor • Overseas Coordinator - ABMC • Suresnes is a WWI cemetery with 24 WWII unknowns. Their children also are unknown so AWON honors their fathers for them.



Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, England

AWON Stateside Coordinator – Jean Rhinehart • Overseas Coordinator – Jane Thompson • Presenters – Karen and Barry Wesley, friends of AWONer Doris Galloway Hutson

Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, VA

AWON Coordinator – Phyllis Epstein Louis • Presenters – AWONers Phyllis Louis, Ed Peters, Caroline Jackson, Beth Miller, Clatie Cunningham and Connie Caldwell



Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery San Diego, CA

AWON Coordinator – Barbara Torrey Smith • Presenters – AWONers Linda Hallack Porter, Barbara Torrey Smith, Sharon Crowley Connor, Rita Niro Blair and Valery Naeseth King (not pictured)

Soldiers and Sailors Monument New York City, NY

AWON Coordinator – Maggie Malone • Presenters – AWONers Betsy Harris, Renee Cooley, Maggie Malone, August Palegi, Gail Eisenhauer, Sue Perko, Gloria Layne and Penny Bernstein



National Cemetery of the Pacific Honolulu, HI

AWON Coordinator – Susan Chadd • Presenters – AWONers Vanita Rae Smith and Alix Prejean

... Pinkerton, from page 3

Japanese executed a speedy withdrawal to avoid being encircled by American forces.

After crossing the river and securing the canyon - which the 108th dubbed "Purple Heart Canyon" due to heavy casualties taken there - the Americans proceeded to follow the retreating Japanese south toward Malaybalay. A few kilometers north of Malaybalay the 108th met the oncoming American forces coming north on the Sayre Highway - the entire length of the Sayre Highway was in American control. Losing access to land supply routes after the Americans took control of the seas and air, the Japanese retreated into the mountains east of Malaybalay as their last option.

In 1997, a group of men who served with the 108th on Mindanao placed a plaque honoring members of the unit who died in the liberation of Northern Mindanao. Edwin and I visited that marker in Rotary Park in Malaybalay. My father's name is listed on the plaque. The marker has not been well maintained so I paid the Barangay Captain (the executive head of the smallest unit of government in the Philippines) whose office is across the street from the park the requested amount to have it cleaned up. While in Malaybalay we were welcomed by the vice-mayor who left a council meeting to greet us.

After a few days' rest, elements of the 108th were sent into the mountains to the east of Malaybalay with the mission to seek out and neutralize the remaining Japanese forces in the area. On June 14, 1945, my father was killed near Cabanglasan and Bubonawan

River during that mission. We were driven to the village of Cabanglasan. On the way there we crossed the Bobonawan River, which is the area in which my father was killed.

The following is the Bronze Star Citation accompanying his award of the medal:

On 14 June 1945, the mission of "I" Company was to contact and reconnoiter enemy strongpoints along a jungle trail near Cabanglasan, Mindanao, P.I.

Contact was made with the enemy approximately 50 to 75 yards to the front and flanks. The squad's mission was to protect the flank on the right of the company and the withdrawal of forward elements. In exchanging rounds with an entrenched enemy machine gun, Private First Class Pinkerton was wounded and later killed. Although wounded, Private First Class Pinkerton continued to stay by his machine gun and it was estimated that his gun killed two Japanese and greatly assisted in silencing the enemy position. Private First Class Pinkerton's perseverance and utter disregard for his personal safety contributed greatly to the success and completion of the mission.

Clarence E. De Freest, 1st Lt. Infantry



Above, Edwin Dyer saluting the grave of PFC Pinkerton. Below, Jerry Pinkerton addressing the Municipal Council of Cabanglasan with Edwin standing in back.



While in Cabanglasan we were welcomed by the vice-mayor and municipal council. We explained we were retracing the steps of Edwin Dyer and Ralph Pinkerton who were two of the American soldiers who liberated the area from the Japanese in 1945. None of the council members had previously met an American Liberator. We were honored to meet them and respond to their questions.



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Over seven years ago The STAR published my request for information about World War II veterans buried or honored on the Wall of the Missing in one of our overseas military cemeteries. Your response was immediate and outstanding. As a result of your input and over six years of research and writing, I was able to self-publish my book, *If These Stones Could Talk*, in the late summer of 2010. AWON then permitted me to attend your national conference in Annapolis and make a presentation. Afterward I sold 39 copies of the book to your membership. An additional six copies were sold through the AWON Bookstore for a total of 45. Individual AWON members purchased several hundred copies with one member alone buying 39 copies.

I recently passed the point of sales where I have managed to cover all of the direct costs of publication...which was my original goal. The book has been selling through the AWON Bookstore for \$27, \$5 of which is donated to AWON. In addition, I have been donating \$1 from each book sold to AWON and \$1 to the Paralyzed American Veterans. Donations to the two organizations thus far total well over \$1,300.

As a special thank you for your support, Maj. Walt Linne and I have agreed to offer the book through the AWON Bookstore for only \$20 per copy, of which I will still donate \$5 to AWON. The book also will be available at the national conference in Indianapolis for the same \$20 price. I deeply appreciate all of the support provided by AWON members and the AWON Board!

Calvin G. (Jerry) Lyons
Colonel, USA (Retired)
AWON Associate Member

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Don't let another day go by. AWON is honored to help you honor your Father or loved one! . . . a Tribute page is yours for the asking.



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**Deadline for the
December Issue
is November 1**

AWON Board Business 18 March 2012

Financial Report and Budget: Treasurer **Norm Burkey** reported that the AWON operating account balance is \$48,424. The 2012 proposed budget was approved as submitted by the treasurer.

Reading Air Show: The board authorized the annual purchase of up to four passes for AWON volunteers to promote AWON at the Reading WWII Show.

Conference Report: Conference Co-Chair **Walt Linne** reported that breakfast is included in the room rate at the hotel along with free drinks at happy hour. He has booked the meeting rooms as well as bookstore and hospitality rooms. Walt discussed the tentative program including speakers. **Judy Hathaway** will attempt to contact an author who wrote a book about the homefront. The chairs also want to have a presentation about the AWON Archives project.

AARP Ad: **Barry Barr-Finch** suggested that AWON buy ad space in AARP magazine. **Ed Peters** will contact Barry to see if he will price the ad and report back.

Veterans Administration: Judy Hathaway reported on a suggestion she received that AWON send a letter of introduction and brochures to the Chiefs of Social Services at each VA hospital in the country, to each state's Division of Veteran's Affairs, and to local VA county representatives. The board discussed the idea and felt that AWON might be better

served by delivering brochures to senior centers. The decision was tabled until AWON's new brochures are ready.

Complimentary Newsletter List: **Gerry Morenski**, Ed and **Kathy Le Comte** will develop a letter to send to organizations asking if they wish to continue receiving *The Star*.

Wreaths Across America: Gerry will contact AWON Memorial Day Wreath Project Chairperson **Sharon Crowley Connor** to discuss a proposal for a donation to *Wreaths Across America* from the AWON wreath fund, which currently has a surplus.

AWON Archives Advocacy: **Norma Nicol Hamilton** discussed this year's Society of American Archivists meeting in San Diego. The registration fee is \$319 and can be paid from the line item in the budget for the archives project.

AWON Election: **Bonnie Oates** will chair the nominating committee and will solicit nominees on the AWON Listserv and *The Star*. No one has volunteered to run for the board other than current directors.

Next Board Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the AWON Board of Directors is May 20, 2012.

Judith Hoffman, Secretary

This is a condensed version of the minutes. For the complete minutes, visit awon.org.

AWON Board Business

20 May 2012

Financial Report: The AWON operating account balance is approximately \$47,400. The Certificate of Deposit amount is approximately \$36,800.

Donation: AWON received a donation from **Dorrie Lauzon** in honor of **Gerry Morenski's** birthday.

Parade and WWII Show: **Norm Burkey** advised that the Burkey family marched in the Armed Forces Day parade on behalf of AWON, and that **Rusty Lerch** will manage the Reading WWII Show in June. Norm will get materials to Rusty. **Lynne Lecrone** will be there as well to help represent AWON.

Conference Report: **Ed Peters** reported he had received and will sign the invitations that will be sent to AWON's First Founders for the 2012 AWON National Conference in Indianapolis. AWON will pay airfare and per diem for AWON Founder **Ann Mix** to attend the conference. **Judy Hathaway** sought guidance for travel funding for keynote speaker Dr. William Tuttle. There was discussion about covering travel expenses for conference speaker and AWONer spouse Dr. Vamik Volkan.

AWON Memorial Day Wreath Project: Gerry Morenski reported that she and Memorial Day Wreath Project Chairperson **Sharon Crowley Connor** have worked together to provide names to the AWON wreath coordinators at overseas cemeteries for the AWON wreath laying later this month.

Complimentary Newsletter List: Ed Peters and Gerry Morenski are composing a letter to be sent to every person or organization on the complimentary newsletter list. Following a review of the extensive list by several members of the board, Gerry suggested that a letter be sent to the complimentary list, asking if they would like to continue to receive *The Star*. After discussion, the board decided to include a pre-stamped reply

postcard in each letter. Many addresses are no longer valid, and the cost to AWON is \$5 to \$6 an issue if returned.

AWON Election: The nominating committee presented four names for approval: Ed Peters, Norman Burkey, Gerry Morenski, and **Norma Nicol Hamilton**. Nominating Committee Chairperson **Bonnie Oates** received an inquiry from one other member, but health issues prevented the person from advancing his candidacy. Bonnie will secure a ballot committee, and **Kathy Le Comte** will develop an election time-line for the board.

AWON Database: Database Manager Gerry Morenski reported AWON has approximately 550 active members. Many have taken advantage of the option of multiple-year memberships. She also reported that **Barry Barr-Finch**, coordinator of AWON's Regional Coordinators, now has online access to the database for membership information by ZIP code. Ed Peters reported AWON has contracted with a professional web server company, www.triple8.net, to host AWON's database. This move enables authorized AWON members to access the database without disruption in service. The cost is about \$100 per year.

Archives Advocacy: Norma Nicol Hamilton discussed the recent completion of the revised AWON brochure. The brochures are printed and in the mail. They should arrive at overseas American cemeteries by Memorial Day or soon after. Norma plans to take brochures to the August 2012 Society of American Archivists conference to get the word out about AWON.

Next Board Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the AWON Board of Directors is July 15, 2012.

Judy Hathaway and Norma Nicol Hamilton, Acting Secretaries

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JPAC ID's 9 WWII MIAs in 2012 To Date

So far this year, the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) has located, identified and returned to their families the remains of nine World War II missing servicemen.

2nd Lt. Emil T. Wasilewski, 22, of Chicago, was flying on a B-17 with eight other crew members when it crashed near Neustaedt-on-the-Werra, Germany. Only one crew member successfully parachuted out of the aircraft. The remaining eight were buried by German forces.

After the war, U.S. Army Graves Registration personnel attempted to recover the remains of the eight men, but were only able to move the remains of one to a U.S. military cemetery in Holland. By 1953, with access to eastern Germany restricted by the Soviet Union, the remains of the seven remaining unaccounted-for crewmen were declared non-recoverable.

In 1991, a German national digging a grave in the Neustaedt cemetery discovered a metal U.S. military identification tag and notified officials. German burial law restricted further site investigation until 2007, when the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) surveyed the area. In 2008, the site was excavated and the team recovered human remains

and military equipment.

Scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used Y chromosome DNA matching Wasilewski's nephew, and other forensic tools, in the identification of his remains.

2nd Lt. Charles R. Moritz, 21, of Effingham, IL, was piloting a P-51C Mustang in June 1944 when it collided with another plane while on a training flight over Lincolnshire, England. Witnesses reported seeing the aircraft crash however officials were not able to recover Moritz's remains.

In 2011, vintage aircraft enthusiasts found the plane and pilot's remains 18 feet under ground. Investigators found human remains, military identification tags bearing Moritz's name, a bracelet with the pilot's name and a wallet containing several cards bearing Moritz's name.

In September 1944, Pfc. Gerald W. Kight, 23, of White Salmon, WA, was dropped in the vicinity of Nijmegen, Netherlands, as part of Operation Market Garden. Kight was manning a machine gun position near the town of Groesbeek when he was overrun by German forces.

In September 2011, the

Royal Netherlands Army's Recovery and Identification Unit recovered human remains from a wartime fox-hole in a cornfield northeast of Groesbeek. Along with remains were military uniform fragments and three military identification tags which bore the name and home address of Kight and his mother.

The other World War II MIAs recovered so far in 2012 are: 1st Lt. Laverne A. Lallathin, 2nd Lt. Dwight D. Ekstam, 2nd Lt. Walter B. Vincent Jr., Tech. Sgt. James A. Sisney, Cpl. Wayne R. Erickson, Cpl. John D. Yeager, and Pfc. John A. Donovan, all U.S. Marine Corps, who were lost when their PBJ-1 crashed over the island of Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides (now Vanuatu); Navy Radioman 1st Class Harry C. Scribner of Seattle who also crashed on Espiritu Santo; and Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Warren G. Moxley of Charleston, MO, who crashed near Asbach, Germany.

For more information about these recoveries and DPMO's continuing efforts, and to provide a DNA sample, visit their website: <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/>

More than 73,000 Americans are still unaccounted for from World War II.

American WWII Orphans Network

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 Would you like to receive *The Star* electronically? Y N
 Where did you hear about AWON? _____

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Check Your Membership Category:

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