



# THE O.S.S. SOCIETY, INC.

July, 2001



## OSS Summer Social; Get Together Time

**O**n Saturday, July 28, 2001, OSS Society members will step back in history when they meet for a gala summer social at historic Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, Virginia.

It was here on the tavern steps that George Washington reviewed his troops, held business meetings (sometimes with spies), and celebrated birthday balls, as birthdays were known in those days. Built in 1770, the tavern was later a meeting place for Presidents Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe.

Members will also review World War II history when speakers discuss the OSS/CIA heritage and the role of the FBI in that war. The speakers, members of the non-government Center for Counterintelligence Studies, are Professor Hayden Peake, formerly with the CIA Directorate of Operations and author of such studies as *Soviet Espionage and the OSS*; and Professor Ken Crosby, who participated in FBI wartime activities in South America, a forbidden zone to OSS. Ken was named an honorary OSS member by the late CIA Director William Casey and is the brother-in-law of Aline, Countess of Romonones, spy book author and OSS agent in Spain.

The Social will be held in the upstairs ballroom from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Gadsby's is located at 138 North Royal St.



*George Washington and the Spy after picture of Geo. W. by F. H. Matteson (National Archives)*

There is a parking garage across the street. In addition to lunch, wine and beer will be available. Come casual!!

Anne Mary Ingraham, OSS/London and William DeSalvo, OSS lineal, whose father fought in Italy with OSS, are in charge of this first Society social. For further information call Anne Mary at her Alexandria home: 703-548-9441. Invitations were in the mail the first week of July.

## OSS Vets Join in Slovak Observances at Arlington Cemetery

**I**t was a bright, warm Tuesday, June 12, 2001 when members of the Slovak Embassy and World War Two veterans of OSS/ETO met at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington National Cemetery, Ft. Myer, Virginia in recognition of historic links between Slovakia and the United States.

Several OSS members and family attended the wreath-laying ceremony and remembered visits they had made within the past ten years to Slovakia to mark anniversaries of the Slovak national uprising against the Nazis in WWII in Banska Bystrica. That partisan redoubt did not survive German reprisals, including the OSS Dawes



*Shown at Arlington Cemetery, L to R, Jan Baranski and Kathy Lund, brother and daughter of OSS Capt. Edward Baranski, killed by the Nazis; Barbara Podoski, OSS/Italy; and Ambassador Julian Niemczk*

## OSS-Arlington Cemetery Committee Formed

At a recent meeting of the OSS Society Executive Committee, it was announced that General Victor Hugo has agreed to help in the creation of a committee to honor OSS veterans' funerals at Arlington and to help in any arrangements that may be necessary. The General will liaison with the Department of Defense, Arlington Cemetery and the OSS Society.

### Slovak Observances *(continued)*

Mission, members of which were captured, tortured and executed. Only two OSS men escaped with the help of a brave Slovak partisan, Maria Gulavitch

Among the OSS visitors who had attended earlier ceremonies in Slovakia to observe the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the uprising were Julian M. Niemczk, SI/101 Burma, later Ambassador to Czechoslovakia before the division; Barbara Podoski, MO/ETO, originally from Prague; and Elizabeth McIntosh, MO/CBI, who was asked to represent former OSS Chief Geoffrey Jones, head of the OSS delegation to Slovakia.

Also witnessing the ceremony at Arlington were Kathy Baranski Lund and Jan Baranski, daughter and brother of OSS Captain Edward Victor Baranski, who was executed with the Dawes Mission

James Downs, writer from Oceanside, California, also attended. He is completing a book on the Dawes Mission, due out this autumn, which includes the story of Maria Gulavitch.

Slovak Ambassador and Mrs. Martin Butora were hosts later that day at a dinner celebrating the opening of the new Slovak Embassy in Washington. The Ambassador noted that the affair paid tribute to the brave men and women on both sides of the Atlantic, U.S. veterans of Slovak descent, and American OSS participants in the 1944 uprising.

An interesting policy seminar was held that afternoon, stressing public and political support for NATO membership in Central Eastern Europe, which includes Slovakia. Ambassador Niemczyk participated.

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## Jedburgh Plaque Dedicated

*By Michael F. Heneley*

Fifty-seven years after American Jedburghs parachuted into France, a plaque was placed at the War Memorial atop Mt. Soledad in San Diego, California on May 28, 2001. The plaque lists the names of the ninety Americans. A message in English and French on the plaque states:

"The Jedburghs, who parachuted into enemy occupied territory in 1944, in France and in the Netherlands, armed more than one hundred thousand young resistance members whom they later led to combat during the Liberation fights.

"Risking their lives, they indeed played a major role in defeating the Nazis, forming a force equivalent, according to General Eisenhower, to ten infantry divisions.

"These 300 heroes were American, British, Belgian, Canadian, French and Dutch volunteers. Here are the names of the 90 Americans.

"France and the Netherlands are deeply thankful to them and will remember them eternally"

Present for the ceremony were four Jedburghs: Cecil F. Mynett, Aaron Bank, Norman "Dick" Franklin and Mike Henely. Also present were Charlotte Dussaq, widow of Rene, Barbara Goddard and Virginia Goodpasture, sisters of killed-in-action veteran Louis Goddard and Zita St. Cyr, sister of kia veteran Roger E. Cote.

Responsible for the plaque were two La Jolla residents, Emile Gueguen, who was a teenager working in the French underground when the Jedburgh team landed in his village, and Max Gurney. Josseline de Clausade, Consul General of France, presented the plaque and certificates to the Jedburghs at the ceremony.



*Attending the Jedburgh ceremony were (l to r): Cecil Mynatt, Mike Henely, Catherine and Aaron Bank, and Norm Franklin*

# Book Notes

*Comrades, Avenge Us*, an OSS book just out by **Stephen U. Esrati**, tells of a failed OSS mission to Yugoslavia Christmas, 1944. Col. Norman Newhouse of OSS assisted the author in compiling the account. The book is \$5.95 plus shipping at Amazon.com. For further information, write the author at P.O.Box 20130, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.



*Inside Espionage: an OSS Memoir of True Men and Traitors* by OSSer **David Doyle**, was published this spring by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 605 Third Ave. N.Y. 10158. The book details Doyle's missions in Europe. Doyle later joined CIA. On retirement he was presented with CIA's Commendation Medal by the late William Colby, then agency director.



*Body of Secrets* by **James Bamford** (Doubleday) tracks the history of America's most secret spy organization, the National Security Agency. A sequel to Bamford's *The Puzzle Palace*, critics say that his new book examines NSA from its founding to the present, "a galvanizing narrative brimming with heretofore undisclosed details."



*Mission to Yenan: American Liaison with the Chinese Communists: 1944-1947* by **Carolle J. Carter**, a history of the U.S. attempt to establish the first liaison and intelligence gathering mission with Chinese communists in Yenan. Also known as the **Dixie Mission**, this U.S. effort reflects the extent of the participation in intelligence gathering from those who participated in the mission. University Press of Kentucky, Order Dept., 663 S. Limestone St., Lexington, KY 40508.

*The Fighting Agents*, **W.E.B. Griffin's** latest man-at-war novel is out in paperback, dedicated to two OSS heroes: Lt. Aaron Bank and Lt. William E. Colby, Jedburgh team leaders operating in German-occupied France and Norway. The book reveals how OSS agents supplied the rag-tag resistance group in the Phillippines, led by Col. Wendell Fertig; and how other OSS agents rescued a German scientist-defector in Hungary (G.P. Putnam Sons/Jove Edition)



*Martial Musings: A Portrayal of Martial Arts in the 20th Century* by **Robert W. Smith**, is a must-read for anyone interested in people and cultural and martial forces that shaped our modern world. Listed in the table of contents is a chapter on OSS legendary **Major Don Fairbairn**. (Unique Publications, 201 Vanowen Place, Burbank, Calif. 91505)



*Spies, Supplies and Moonlit Skies: OSS and USAAF Support of European Resistance, 1943-45*, by **Thomas L. Ensminger**, is out now. It is the first of a four-volume in-depth survey of OSS air ops in the ETO, documenting the formation and activities of the Carpet Baggers. There are detailed descriptions of drops in France, Belgium, and Norway. Address orders to Thomas Ensminger, 543 Hill Ridge Drive, Fairborn, Ohio 45324.



A fascinating story of **Fritz Kolbe**, German Foreign Ministry Attache who was Allen Dulles' 'mole' in Bern, is told by Mark Fritz in a recent issue of the *Boston Globe*. The information that Kolbe imparted to Dulles' OSS Bern headquarters totaled nearly 1,600 documents. This article is available online at <http://www.boston.com/globe>.

## Reunions:

### 101 Reunion in Atlanta

A special reunion for the OSS/101 Association will be held September 27-29 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, Ga. Contact President **Sam Specter**, 2400 Garden Lakes Blvd., Rome, GA 30165 or VP **Oliver Trechter**, 14809 LeGrande Drive, Addison, TX 75001.

As Trechter writes: "It will be a very special reunion of a very special group. Those that are left are in their 70's and 80's, but will remember the time between 1942-45. Most volunteered (for what, they did not know at the time), were assessed and sent to a far-off place at the end

of the military supply line—Burma. 101 was the first of its kind, made up of people from many nations, but they all believed in freedom and getting the Japanese enemy out of Burma."

### Special Ops Reunion in Florida

**Col. David Scott**, Commander, 16<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing (SOF) extends an invitation to OSSers, specifically **Al Materazzi's** Italian Operations Group, to a Reunion Weekend, October 4-5, 2001 at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Last year the reunion "brought together current SOF airmen and the OSS veterans who built our heritage," the Colonel writes. His address: 131 Bartley St., Suite 315, Hurlburt Field, FL 12544.

# Her Light Still Shines

By Dorothy Ringlesbach



*Violette's daughter,  
Tanya Davidson*

A museum was opened this past summer in Hereford, England honoring Violette Szabo, a World War II SOE agent highly revered by the British and the first woman to receive the George Cross, presented posthumously to her daughter by King George VI.

My husband, Jack, was a radio operator on a B-24. He was a Carpetbagger trained with the SOE/RAF whose mission was to drop Allied agents behind enemy lines. Since the crew never knew the names or backgrounds of the agents they dropped, Jack was always curious about just what happened to them, especially one woman agent he remembers. Eventually, we did find out about the career of Violette Szabo, who parachuted on June 7, 1944, behind enemy lines.

Violette was born in France in 1921 to Charles Bushnell and his French wife. When she was three years old, the family moved to Brixton, England, where Violette grew up. On Bastille Day, July 14, 1940, she and a friend went to London to a parade honoring recently escaped Charles DeGaulle. After the event a tall, handsome Frenchman in a Foreign Legion uniform stopped and asked them the time. He was Eitenne Szabo.

After a friendly chat, Violette invited him home for a holiday dinner. They were immediately attracted to each other and were married August 21, 1940. After a brief honeymoon, Eitenne was posted to North Africa and died

of wounds after El Alamein in 1942. He never saw his daughter, Tanya, born June 8, 1941.

After Eitenne's death, Violette joined the French Section, SOE. Her training involved tough para-military and clandestine operations. She was an excellent marksman and fluent in French. On short leaves she would go home to Hereford to see her daughter and family.

On the night of June 7, 1944, my husband and crew left their base at Harrington to pick up four agents, or "Joes," including one woman at nearby Tempsford. The agents were dropped near Limoges, in France.

All my husband can remember about the female "Joe" was that she was of medium height; because of her well padded jump suit it was impossible to give a better description, but they all remembered how she insisted on kissing every member of the crew including the pilot. Jack told me "...she was a great kisser" and perhaps had a premonition of her forthcoming death.

Shortly after she joined the French Resistance, Szabo went on a mission with two agents. Enroute they were ambushed by the Germans, and while trying to escape she injured her ankle fleeing through a corn field. She was the only one with a gun and she held off the Germans for nearly 20 minutes until she ran out of ammunition. She was captured and taken to Ravensbruck, interrogated, tortured, and finally executed in January, 1945. She was just 23 years of age.

My husband was troubled by this report of her death and felt for long time that he had contributed to her demise. Later he decided that both he, his crew and Szabo were doing the job they had been trained to do. But he still remembers that brave woman who gave her life for so many others.

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## Jeff Jones Retires From DMF

After having served as our OSS President for some 35 years, Jeff Jones has now retired as President of the Donovan Memorial Foundation (DMF), which he helped found in 1982. He is spending a much-earned vacation in Tahiti for the next three months.

Jeff has been unable to find a proper new, younger leader of recognizable stature to take over the Foundation in Washington, D.C. It is now hoped that a rejuvenated OSS Executive Committee, including Francis Kellogg and Bernadette Casey Smith, will be able to do so shortly as the DC OSS Society organizes its membership.

The DMF committee is currently chaired by John R. Drexel IV. He can be reached at 40 East 94th Street, New York, NY 10128, for suggestions, help, or ideas to assist in this transition.

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## Anyone Remember J.T. Mallory?

Here's an appeal to anyone who served in the CBI theater who might have known J.T. Mallory. His daughter, Anita Garrett Roe, writes that she would like to find out what her father did during the war years he served in OSS in Burma. He was six-feet tall, a ham radio operator, and may have been involved in a foray in Burma involving Japanese troops. "He mentioned once about some Americans escaping from a Japanese patrol by swimming across a large body of water. Those who couldn't swim either drowned or were shot by the Japanese," she writes.

"He also had a photograph of some of the natives with a white tiger, various medals and a letter of commendation. He died in Wetherford, Texas, without telling us much about his OSS career."

Anyone who might be able to fill the gaps is asked to write to Anita at 1400 Ocean Drive, Apt 802B, Corpus Christi, TX 78404; email: anitasd@cs.com.

## Remembering 109

by Edwin J. Putzell, Jr  
Wartime Aide to Gen. Donovan

In the midst of the war in April, 1944, 109 left Washington by train via Chicago and Camp Pendleton for the war in the Pacific. I was his sole escort. He was to confer first with CINCPAC at Pearl Harbor, and go on to Hollandia for the landings there as General MacArthur's guest.

As we boarded the train for the trip, a messenger handed 109 an envelope which he opened after we had settled on the train. It was a letter signed by five of the general's top department heads, including Larry Lowman and Whitney Sheperdson, criticizing his so-called "ineffectual administration of day-by-day affairs of OSS" and recommending that others of that group take over the responsibility.

109 exploded upon reading the letter; I had never seen him so angry. He wanted to take drastic steps at the train's first stop to discipline the colleagues. I pleaded with him to wait until we reached Chicago, feeling that a cooler appraisal of the problem might prevail. He finally agreed to my reasoning. When he called from Chicago he calmly rebuffed the staff members responsible. We then went on to New Guinea, where 109 was warmly greeted on board MacArthur's ship off Hollandia.

The two old WWI comrades had frank discussions about using OSS personnel in the Pacific Theater. MacArthur expressed willingness to have OSS men on his staff, especially the OSS frogmen (MU) but he again refused to allow OSS the same autonomy it enjoyed in other war zones. This was unacceptable to 109.

On our return to headquarters, 109 acted as if nothing had occurred, much, I imagine, to the relief of those individuals concerned, and continued his leadership of an organization that operated in every theater of the war except MacArthur's Pacific Ocean area.

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## William Casey Papers at Stanford

The personal papers of the late **William J. Casey**, OSS, wartime leader in London, later DCI, CIA, are now at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, Stanford, California. Casey's multiple career as a New York attorney, an author, corporate counsel and intelligence officer spans the years from 1930-1980.

## Museum Trips In Boston

No socials are being planned for the New England OSS Assembly this summer but Prez Dan Pinck is escorting any OSS visitors to the Boston area for trips to the Ken Kendall WWII museum which houses more than 3,300 displays including OSS paraphernalia.

## OSSer's Respond To Bob Kerry's Soul Search...

**Senator Robert Kerry's** tragic soul searching over what happened to him in Vietnam - the inadvertent murdering of women and children in a Vietnam ambush, brought out comments from two OSSers:



René Défourneaux

**Rene Defourneaux**, who had seen action with the French resistance, later in Vietnam writes from Indianapolis: "Did Bob Kerry know that in July, 1945, an OSS team was dropped into a Ho Chi Minh children's indoctrination center for the purpose of training young Vietnamese children in guerrilla warfare? Actually, they did not need training because some were more experienced than some members of our team."



Dan Pinck

And **Dan Pinck** of Boston, who at the age of 20, served as the only OSS representative off the coast of Hong Kong, wrote this letter to the *Washington Post* "Chinese agents advised me that the Japanese had stored 500 drums of gasoline in a nearby village school. I encoded the information to send to the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force. But before I sent it, my Chinese deputy told me that if I sent that information, a number of children and civilians would be killed. He asked me if I really wanted to send it. I considered his words. I didn't send the message. For the next 25 years I felt guilty about withholding that information but my feelings of guilt ended emphatically with Vietnam. Bob Kenny has no more reason to feel guilty for what he did than I do for what I decided not to do."

(Ed. Note - Dan received the following letter from Sen. Kerry: "Your letter of support touched me deeply. Thank you for taking the time to write. And thank you for your willingness to be compassionate and understanding. We are not our memories; we are what we make of them. May we all find the strength to make the most of ours.")

*Upcoming - Sam Halpern, OSS/  
CBI veteran, remembers 109*

## In Memoriam

**Moses Abromovitz**, 88, Stanford University History professor, died December 1, 2000, in Stanford, California. During WWII he served in OSS, where he became head of the European Industry and Trade unit. He was an authority on causes and history of business cycles and origins of national economic growth.

**James H. Andros**, 75 died December 16, 1997, in Ventura, Calif. He participated in OSS operations in North Africa, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, France and Germany. He was recognized by Greece for his contribution to the liberation of that country where he participated in numerous operations including destruction of the Corinth Canal bridge and railroad. He was the recipient of several U.S. medals including the Silver Star.

**Arlo J. Brady**, 83, a supervisor of the Central Intelligence Agency's printing office when he retired in 1974 after a 27-year career there, died of cancer in Arlington, Virginia. Brady served in the OSS in the Southwest Pacific.

**David C. Brodie**, 82, died in Lafayette, Calif., February 8, 2001. He served in SI Branch, European Theater. He headed Earl D. Brodie Associates, management consultants. He is survived by a daughter, Andrea Raub, of Walnut Creek, California.

**Alexander Nicholas Dukas**, 77, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, died April 4, 2001 in Alexandria, Virginia. He served in China with the OSS. He led a guerilla team against Japanese forces, infiltrated enemy territory and established resistance groups. He later served with occupation forces in Germany and Japan.

**Elizabeth C. Dunlevy** died April 6, 2001 at her home in Chevy Chase, Maryland. An OSS office manager, she served on Richard Helms' staff during the war and later with CIA.

**Ets Galassi**, 85, died April 15, 2001 in Springfield, Illinois. He was a sergeant paratrooper in the 5th Army OSS detachment serving behind the German lines with the partisan units. He received three Silver Stars, a European Theater ribbon with four Battle Stars, three Overseas Service Stars, and a Good Conduct Ribbon. His daughter, Jan Foster, writes: "He was always a loyal member of the OSS, faithful, and so very proud."

**Norman Earl Greenawalt**, 91, who retired from the CIA in 1970 as chief of the cartography division, died from a heart ailment in his home in Falls Church, Va. His Washington career began in 1942 in the Office of

Coordination of Information later to become the OSS. Having joined the Army, he served OSS during the war.

**Irving E. Hirschberg**, 77, of Milton, Illinois, died August 7, 2000. An OSS member, he landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day and later worked with the Dutch resistance in Holland during the German occupation. He and 15 other OSSers received the Dutch Cross of the Resistance, personally awarded by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. His wife, Peggy, writes that "...only in later years did he open up and tell us of his wartime experiences. He was most proud to have been an OSS man."

**Mary Hirtz**, 81, nee Johnston, died of complications due to asthma in Baltimore, Maryland, November 27, 2000. She joined the OSS Cryptography Section and served in Calcutta, India and Kandy, Sri Lanka. She was awarded a Certificate of Commendation and Emblem For Civilian Service by the Army. During her overseas tour she met and married Army Captain Rafael D. Hirtz, also with OSS/OG.

**Edward Cameron Hitchcock**, 88, died of a heart attack in his home in Rockville, Maryland, May 26, 2001. He began his OSS career in 1942, serving in North Africa and England with the Research and Analysis Branch.

**John Kobler**, 90, died in New York City, December 11, 2000. Kobler was a well-known criminal reporter, author of such books as *The Life and World of Al Capone*. He served with OSS during the war.

**Nick A. Lalich**, 85, died May 11, 2001 in Baltimore, Maryland. Lalich, working through the nationalist forces of Gen. Mihai Iovitch, was an OSS ops officer out of Bari, Italy. He set up the famous Halyard Mission in Yugoslavia and

the final evacuation of 513 American airmen downed over Nazi territory in Rumania and Yugoslavia.

**Barbara Ward Lazarsky**, wife of OSS veteran Joseph Lazarsky, died May 11, 2001, in Middleburg, Virginia. She earned her pilot's license during college, and joined the Womens Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) in World War II.

**Conrad E. (Connie) Legueux**, 79, highly decorated OSS/CIA veteran, died June 26, 2001 of acute leukemia in Arlington, Va. LeGeux, a Captain in the Army, parachuted behind the lines with the OSS OG's in France, and trained commandos in China during WW II. He was in CIA from 1949-1977 at headquarters and with the



# In Memoriam

Far East Division overseas. Burial will be held at the Arlington Cemetery Columbarium with full military honors on July 31 at 12:45 pm. His widow, Norma writes: "Connie was always very proud of his family, his country and especially being a member of the OSS and the CIA." Contributions in his memory may be made to the Leukemia Society or the Hospice of Northern Virginia.

**Antonio Luccarelli**, 79, who had owned the LeBistro and Luccarelli Restaurants in Washington, D.C, died June 9, 2001 of congestive heart failure at his home in Reston Va. A native of Italy, he came to this country in 1935, graduated from Princeton, and served in the OSS in WW II.

**John B. Oakes**, 87, legendary editorial page editor of the New York Times, died April 5, 2001 in New York after a stroke. During the war he served with the OSS in Europe, attaining the wartime rank of Major and earning the Bronze Star. He is survived by his wife, a son and three daughters.

**Elsie Ekengren O'Dunne**, 91, died May 27, 2001 of cardiopulmonary arrest in Washington, DC. She was born in Washington while her father was envoy to Sweden. She attended Holton Arms and Foxcroft Schools. She served in the Washington OSS staff during the war years.

**Roy Kirby Rickerson**, 82, died in Alexandria, Louisiana on February 11, 2001 of congestive heart failure. He retired as a Colonel in the Army, having served with the OSS in Europe. He is survived by his wife, Alice Cruse Rickerson.

**Nicholas Aristides Vanikiotis**, 76, died April 28, 2001 in Portland, Oregon. During World War II he volunteered for the OSS and served in 1944 behind enemy lines in Yugoslavia and Greece as a member of Unit B, Second Contingent, United States Operational Groups (USOGs). Nick was honored by the Greek-American Community last year with the AHEPA Medal for Military Service.

## OSS Society Chairman John Waller Addresses Seminar On Iran

OSS Society Chairman John Waller was guest speaker at the Dacor Bacon House Foundation graduate student seminar in Washington, DC in April. Waller, former CIA chief of Middle East, North African and South Asian Affairs, spoke to students on the events in Iran immediately following WWII and Iran's confrontation with the Soviet Union over the puppet governments the USSR set up in the Iranian provinces of Azerbaijan and Kurdistan.



John Waller

This crisis, he pointed out, was resolved in Iran's favor by the nascent U.N. Security Council, supported by U.S. foreign service officers, military attaches, and intelligence officers belonging to the OSS post-war transition organizations, SSU and CIG. Mr. Waller participated in this joint operation. He was also attacked in Teheran at that time by a Soviet-inspired street mob (Tudeh Party) yelling "Death to the Americans," pushing his car into a ditch and attacking him with clubs.

"Such was the kind of violence that characterized Soviet political action as it fought to control Iran during the first decade following WWII," Waller explained to the students.

## French Certificate of Service Available To U.S. Veterans

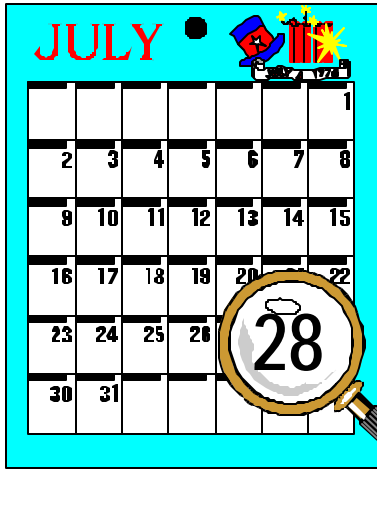
The French government is offering Thank You America certificates to all U.S. veterans who served in France after the Normandy invasion during World War Two. The certificates are intended to thank those U.S. veterans who participated in the Normandy landing and the liberation of France, on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace between 6 June 44 and 8 May 45. Application forms may be obtained from various service organizations, such as the Veteran's Administration. Since application forms will not be returned, you will need a copy of a military record showing time of service in France between 6 June 44 and 8 May 45.

## Staff Ride Canceled

Major Mark Seidler, Third Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, has announced that the *Staff Ride* scheduled for this autumn has been canceled. The Ride focused on unconventional warfare operations with the French Maquis during WWII and would have included OSS vets who participated in special operations in occupied France, or who helped organize and support these operations.

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**Message From  
 El Presidente**

Summer draws upon us. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Society, I wish all of you a pleasurable vacation season. For those of you in the Washington, D.C. area, or who happen to be in town on Saturday, July 28, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., please join us at the summer program to be held in the historic Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, Virginia described in this issue.

*Mark F. Pretzat, President*

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