



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

Summer 2003



## O.S.S. Society Annual Meeting Held at Spy Museum in Washington



*Three Generations: Barbara (Zuska) Podaski wearing medals she earned in Italy (MO) including the Bronze Star; Scott Fossel, whose father served in London as SI chief, and his young son Pieter Fossel, who has not yet selected a career.*

The 2003 annual meeting of the OSS Society was held May 17 at the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C. It was a happy reunion for more than fifty OSS vets and their families. Sifting through the early morning crowds that lined up to visit the museum, genuine OSS "spies" made their way to a secluded room on the second floor where tables were set up for breakfast and their meeting.

This year there were more lineal descendants and their children in attendance. And the new OSS flag hung at the entrance, the white background edged in gold, with the black spearhead in the center.

OSS Society president **Charles Pinck** gave an optimistic review of the past year. He pointed out that the OSS Society online discussion group has attracted over 400 members. This has resulted in constant queries about relatives, OSS operations during World War II, and the need for information by authors writing books or film companies planning historic documentaries. Pinck also reported that there is a great deal of interest in the OSS heritage by the media, resulting in several films by CNN, Fox News, and British and Chinese companies. He pointed out that the OSS special operations of 60 years ago are being incorporated into today's Special Op-

erations Command in combating terrorism and waging war, such as was witnessed in Iraq.

On the business side, Pinck reported that The OSS Society recently applied with the Internal Revenue Service to be recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Pending IRS approval, all donations made to The OSS Society will be tax-deductible. He urged OSSers to make a contribution now and to consider a contribution as part of their estate planning. He also reported that the membership has been strengthened by nearly 100 members during the past year.

OSS society chairman **John H. Waller** welcomed the society members and commented on the success of last June's 60th anniversary celebrations. He looked forward to more reunions in the future. He introduced the new president of the New England Chapter of the OSS Society, **Dan Pinck**. Dan is the father of OSS Society president, Charles Pinck.

Another speaker, **Gen. John Singlaub**, presented the new OSS flag, which he had designed and made at the request of the Special Operations Command at Fort Benning, where an OSS stone marker has been placed at the Fort's Airborne Walk. Later, Gen. Singlaub appeared in a Fox News film, shown at the end of the meeting, which depicted three phases of OSS history. Singlaub described his missions with the Jedburghs behind the lines in

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France, and later in China. John Waller told of exploits in the Middle East where he represented X-2.

**Elizabeth McIntosh** gave the Morale Operations (MO) report on her work in China, and also MO action in England with such headliners as Marlene Dietrich.

Elected to the Board of Directors of the Society were two new members **David Cooper Blee**, son of **David Henry Blee**, CBI theater, former U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy and Congressional Chief of Staff, and **Fisher Howe**, a Washington, D.C. attorney who served in London and the CBI theater.



*General John Singlaub discusses the origin of the new OSS flag displayed at the annual meeting.*

Photos by Fred McIntosh and Scott Fossel



*At OSS Breakfast: John Michael Shaheen, Jr. of South Hampton, L.I., son of former OSSer John Shaheen in China Theater and Anne Mary Ingraham, of Alexandria, Va., who served with OSS in London.*



*Reliving Past Ops: Erasmus Kloman, SO Caserta, who lives on the Eastern Shore, chats with Al Materazzi, OG, Italy, about adventures in WWII.*



*Old China Hands: Walter L. Mess, Falls Church, Va., who supplied mules from China as pack animals for General Stillwell in Burma, discusses old times with Dan Pinck, also China theater, author of popular book: Journey to Peking.*



*Ladies Enjoy Reunion: Mrs. Chick Ikeda, Mrs. Paul Ursin, Mrs. Rudolph Gomez, and Bonnie Moran enjoy a get-together at the annual OSS meeting at the Spy Museum.*

## New OSS Flag Presented at Fort Benning Ceremony



It was a cold and windswept morning on April 10 when **Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub** presented the newly-designed OSS flag at memorial services at the 26th annual Airborne Awards Festival at Fort Benning, Georgia.

General William Donovan originally proposed the design of the OSS flag to the U.S. Army Heraldry Branch. This year, General Singlaub produced a flag in collaboration with the OSS society and the Heraldry Branch at Fort Belvoir supporting Donovan's original concept.

As General Singlaub explained the design: the gold-bordered white flag features a solid spearhead which, like intelligence, is the first to penetrate the enemy. The solid gold border stands for quality. The two bands around the spearhead represent Army and Navy services. The entwined rope on the border signifies strength. The black backdrop behind the spear suggests the dark of night, when most clandestine operations take place. The scroll at the bottom of the flag reads: Office of Strategic Services.

Two hundred airborne veterans of World War II, their families, and active-duty soldiers attended the memorial. At the ceremony, the colors of all airborne units, including OSS, were posted on memorial stones located at the Airborne Walk at Eubanks Field, Fort Benning. This walk was built in the shape of the famous airborne parachute badge, outlined by 26 bronze plaques set in granite markers.

After passing the OSS colors to the color guard to fly over the OSS marker on the Airborne Walk, General Singlaub delivered a short speech on the history of OSS and the significance of General Donovan's fight to create and command the OSS. General Singlaub is an OSS veteran who jumped into France before D-Day to lead a French resistance group and later went to China to train Chinese guerrillas. Later he served as Chief of Staff, UN command, Korea. The General, whose 35-year career reflects vanguard mili-



*Gen. John Singlaub (left) and Don Jutz (right) infantryman in World War II with 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne in Normandy, at the OSS memorial stone, with new OSS flag in background. Also in the background are two jump towers used for training.*

tary action, has been awarded more than 33 decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal.

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## JEDs Honored at Ceremony at Air Force Heritage Museum

**Jack Berlin and Mac Austin**, OSS Jedburghs, Team Ammonia, were honored at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum April 8 in Savannah, Georgia. A permanent plaque was placed in the museum's memorial gardens, a tribute to the JEDs for their service behind enemy lines in France. A luncheon and plaque unveiling were held at the museum where a crowd of approximately fifty people gathered.

Bertrand Devacez, a Frenchman whose family aided in the Resistance and sheltered Mac Austin during the war, spoke, and Jack Berlin gave the invocation and regaled the

crowd with his stories of working with Mac Austin and their French team-member, Ray LeCompte. The Austin's sons, John and Mike, and their families attended. Jack Berlin was accompanied by his wife, Anna, and daughter, Deborah.

The Austins had always thought that Sgt. Jack Berlin had parachuted into a tree that night in St. Nathalie 10 April 1944, and not their father. This event gave the former sergeant the opportunity to finally dispel those rumors, setting the record straight. It was Capt. Mac Austin who landed in that tree!

# OSS COMVETS Reunion at Myrtle Beach

by Arthur Reinhardt

The OSS Communications Branch held a reunion at the Sand Dunes Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from May 6 to 8, 2003. The thirty attendees were comprised of twelve vets, spouses, family members, and friends. **Joe Tully** organized the event. There was a great exchange of “traffic” and sharing remembrances and happy experiences, and recalling old friends.

At the farewell banquet, in the spirited tradition of XBLCD, we paid tribute (telephonically), to **Jim Ranney**, to whom we are deeply indebted for creating the OSS COMVET



Front Row, L-R: Frank Blake, J.D. Perkins, Joe Tully, Floyd Bowlby, Bob Scriven. Rear: Steve Huston (LD), Wally Streilein, Dave Kenny, Mack Roper, Art Reinhardt, Bill Roy, Allen Richter, Roy Lange, Bill Thompson.



Front Row, L-R: Isabelle Blake, Cathy Roy, Eleanor Bowlby, Mary Streilein, Ronnie Tully. Back Row: Betty Roper, Bonnie Thompson, Betty Lange

organization, the HAM net, and editing and publishing our beloved newsletter: XBLCD.

Stephen Cage, historian for the U.S. Army Special Ops Command, also attended. Steve had been activated for the Iraqi war and had just returned from Baghdad in time for the event. After listening to the many veterans’ experiences, he commented “I was impressed with the role OSS played in World War II and my knowledge of the work OSS did has been increased tenfold.”

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## Cherchez Les Femmes

Two requests for information on OSS ladies just in:

One is the late **Adele Kibre**, gifted linguist who spoke seven languages and reportedly worked for OSS out of Stockholm, later Nazi Germany. Her nephew, who is researching family history, would like anyone in the OSS Society who knew of her during the war, to let him know: Eric Andersson at Eandersson@aol.com

The second lady, **Edith Wilson Macefield**, now residing in Seattle WA, claims to have taken OSS training and later become a British agent serving behind enemy lines in France, later Germany. “Her tales are rather incredible, but she seems cogent and level for a little old white-haired lady,” writes Jon K. Hahn, who would like more info from OSSers or possibly British counterparts. His e-mail: jonhahn@seattle.pi.com.

## Dio Benedica L’America:

### Italian Partisan Support for Iraq War

The beginning of the Iraq war brought expressions of support from former Italian OSS colleagues. President **Charles Pinck** received the following letter from Treviso, Italy from Dr. Luigi Sartori, who, during World War II, headed the Inter-Service Liaison Division and worked closely with OSS and the partisans: “I share full solidarity with you this day, and hope this is the beginning of what will be freedom and democracy for Iraq. God bless the United States and their armed forces.”

**Al Materazzi**, former OG who fought alongside the partisans, adds that similar messages were received from Tiziano Palandry, Piero Boni, Enio Tassanari, and Mario Fiorantini, all Italian partisans during World War II who supported the American OGs against the Nazis in Italy.

# Remembering 109 – Recollections of OSSers

by E. Howard Hunt



It was about 1924 when I first became aware of a man named William Donovan. My father, a Buffalo attorney, said he hoped the occasion would arise when I could meet him. Col. Bill Donovan, he said, was a national hero in the Great War and had received the Medal of Honor. He told me that he and Bill were working to establish

a new men's club dedicated to athletics and fitness. They had to raise funds from subscribers and for a time I heard nothing more of the Buffalo Athletic Club.

The next time Dad mentioned Donovan to me he said that Donovan, an Irish-Catholic Republican in heavily Democratic Buffalo, was to be appointed U.S. Attorney. Prohibition was a force to be reckoned with, given the city's closeness to Canada, and Donovan had said in public that he would enforce the law.

Donovan was a member of two prominent town clubs: the Buffalo Club and the Saturn. Members customarily kept a bottle or two of smuggled whiskey in their private lockers. This practice was a wide-open secret and Donovan warned members that it was illegal. As time passed Donovan saw no diminishing of alcohol consumption so he took U.S. marshals with him, and late one night, they forced open the members' lockers and their contents.

The booze could be replaced but not the esteem of the membership. Donovan resigned his membership before he was forced out. My father said that this unfortunate incident destroyed Donovan's hope for a political future. The Democratic candidate for governor was none other than Franklin D. Roosevelt, Donovan's classmate at Columbia Law School, who won handily.

Years later, Donovan turned his attention to foreign affairs. His law firm represented foreign governments and manufacturers. After one trip abroad Donovan drew up a detailed memo of his findings and submitted it to FDR who met him at the White House. Donovan told the president that the U.S. urgently needed an intelligence service, and FDR's response was to offer Donovan the job as Coordinator of Information, which Donovan reluctantly accepted.

By 1944 I had two Air Force tours abroad and was assigned to the Air Force Tactical Center in Orlando, Florida. There, life was easy – too easy – with ten-cent drinks and fifty-cent steak dinners, not to mention plenty of service-connected young ladies. The war was moving on – without me – and my conscience ached. Presently, a friend told me that a team from Washington was looking for

volunteers to work against the enemy by unconventional means, adding that a General Donovan headed this super-secret organization.

I then telephoned my father who contacted General Donovan. Next day, a priority cable instructed me to present myself at a Washington address ASAP. My superior officer reacted sourly letting me know that I'd burned a bridge behind me.

Next morning, a driver met me and took me to a group of buildings near an old brewery. I was escorted to the most presentable of the buildings and waited inside for an audience. Presently a naval officer guided me to the door numbered "109." Once inside I saw Donovan seated behind a large desk, in a khaki shirt with no tie and a single decoration – the Medal of Honor. After preliminary chitchat the general said, "So you want to get back in the fight. Is that it?"

"Yes sir. Any way I can"

"Good. Tell you what – in Europe things are cooling down and we're bringing people home. But we need people in Asia. How would you feel about working in China?"

"I'd welcome it."

Nodding, he got up. "I want you to understand that you'll be going through a screening process. If you make it – fine. If not, you'll be returned to your unit without prejudice. Okay?"

"Yes, sir – and thanks for the chance."

"Tell your dad to call me for lunch next time he's in town."

Outside, my escort said, "You'll take the next available flight to Florida. Expect reassignment in a couple of days."

"The sooner the better. By the way, what's the name of the organization?"

He smiled: "the OSS – the Office of Strategic Services. But don't talk about it!"

So I rejoined the war behind the lines with OSS OGS in China, rescuing Allied prisoners, ambushing Japanese scouts, finally returning home to eventually join the CIA. Its very existence is a lasting memorial to 109.

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## Secret Plan for Post-OSS Agency Surfaces at National Archives

In a recent article about William J. Donovan by Douglas Tsuruoka, the author claims Donovan began drawing up plans for a postwar spy agency early as 1944, but Roosevelt's death, together with Truman's recalcitrance, put an end to these plans.

Our trusty colleague at the National Archives, John Taylor, has unearthed such a plan for a postwar intelligence service in the mountains of OSS papers now on file at the archives. The memo was sent September 15, 1944 to Donovan's aide, Charles Cheston, from Richard Danielson and R.C. Foster. (Both of these men were with S.I.) The suggested name of the plan: *Phoenix*.

The memorandum stresses the need to set up a completely new agency because OSS has become too well known as an undercover operation. It stresses the need to recruit those OSS officers still available in covert action fields, since they are already trained. "Secrecy is of the greatest importance. The structure of Phoenix should be based on SI, remembering that peacetime operations are vastly different from the war. Close collaboration should be maintained with State, but all field organizations should contain only three operatives: a Foreign Service officer under cover, a field administrator, and a chief agent. All business should be siphoned through State to him.

"The chief agent is the most important asset: he must have impeccable cover and a *raison d'être*. He should be a top businessman or a banker or lawyer, well known in the area. Use should be made of large American corporations such as Eastman Kodak, International Harvester, Ford, etc. The ultimate objective is to have this secret organization working in all major Foreign Service installations, as soon as possible."

## Helms Book-Signing Reception Held: Attended by OSS/CIA Personnel

by John Waller

A well-attended book signing and reception was held April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Garfield Street, Washington, D.C. home of Cynthia Helms, widow of the late Richard Helms, veteran of OSS, former director of the CIA, and later ambassador to Iran.

Just before Helms' death he completed his biography: *A Look Over My Shoulder: A Life in the CIA*.

There was an extremely good turnout by members of the OSS society, including OSS veteran William Hood, who helped Dick in writing his book. Also present were many foreign service, military intelligence, and CIA officers, including CIA's present director, George Tenet.

Dick's long-awaited book, published by Random House, spans World War II and the beginnings of the era of serious international terrorism. Dick's narrative is fascinating and informative without compromising his reputation, described by his biographer Tom Powers, as the "man who kept the secrets."

A forward to the book was provided by Henry Kissinger who wrote: "Helms's account is fascinating, acute and subtle ... There is no public servant I respect more. It was an honor to be Richard Helm's colleague; it enhanced my life to be his friend."

Dick's book tells his story of postwar World War II foreign challenges, national security, and the American rise to the world's greatest and most powerful nation. Yet, while portraying his role in history, he has succeeded in keeping his reputation as "the man who kept the secrets."



**Boys from 101:** Among the friendly group exchanging war stories at the 101 lunch April 18 at Fort Myer were Art Reinhardt, OSS, Commo; David Boak, OSS China; John Turner, OSS Burma.

## Detachment 101 National Reunion Set for Kansas in September

The annual national reunion of Detachment 101 will be held in Kansas City, Mo., from Sept. 4 through 7, at the Kansas City Marriott, the former Mulenbach Hotel, an American institution with an illustrious past.

OSS Society members are cordially invited to share a memorable weekend with the OSS Burma group, Detachment 101.

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Oliver E. Trechter, Dallas, Texas, at 972-239-1499,

or at [www.OSS-101.com](http://www.OSS-101.com)

# Books for Summer Reading

***Belly of the Beast*** by Judith L. Pearson. This is the story of an American prisoner of war, Estel Myers, a Navy hospital corpsman who lived through starvation and disease in Manila's notorious Bilibid prison, but also survived a cruel voyage to Japan aboard a Japanese death ship. Sen. John McCain said, "The book was a searing tribute to these brave men." Judith is currently working on a book about OSS' Virginia Hall and would like to hear from any OSSers who worked with Hall, or have any anecdotes to tell about this OSS wartime heroine. Pearson can be reached at [www.JudithPearson.com](http://www.JudithPearson.com) (New American Library)



***Lost Crusader: The Secret Wars of CIA Director William Colby*** by John Prados. From Italy to Vietnam, and the controversial Phoenix program, to the military coup in Indonesia, to Watergate, Colby was there. Prados believes that Colby probably saved the CIA from self-destructing three decades ago by submitting a 693-page compendium of CIA abuses that totally alienated him from his colleagues. But Colby's early exploits with OSS were also highly praised: parachuting into Nazi Norway as head of the 100-man sabotage unit to blow up rail lines. Colby died in 1996 on the Maryland shore, drowned while canoeing alone one April evening, adding more than a touch of mystery to the end of a clandestine life. (Oxford University)



***Partners at the Creation*** by James H. Critchfield will be published this fall by the Naval Institute Press. The book deals with the key CIA role in the controversial post-war alliance with former German officials to spy on the Soviet Union. Critchfield, a decorated World War II Army officer and later chief of the CIA's Near East and South Asia division, died April 22, 2003 in Williamsburg at age 86.



***OSS Special Operations in China*** by Col. Frances B. Mills with Dr. John W. Brunner, is an important addition to coverage of OSS action in China. This story relates activities of Special Operations (SO) conducted in the form of guerrilla warfare and sabotage against the Japanese army forces, and their transportation system in China. Col. Mills was in charge of SO in the large area of China north of the Yangtze to Peiping. The stories he tells portray the adventure, heroism, and great achievements by a small group of OSS officers fighting a formidable Japanese army of about one million men. Mill's accounts of these operations have

remained classified for nearly 50 years; with the declassification of much of this material, the history can now be told. Mills well-illustrated book reflects intense research as well as exciting stories of first-hand action. (Phillips Publications)



***Of Spies and Lies: Asia Lie Detector Remembers Vietnam*** by John F. Sullivan. This book will be of interest to OSS readers. It tells the story of the polygraph as used by CIA and, most important to CIA operations in Vietnam, to blunt the communist drive for world supremacy. (University of Kansas Press)



***The Death in Washington*** by Terry Kern tells the story of Walter A. Krivitsky, the first high-ranking KGB agent to defect to the West, warning of Stalin's reign of terror in the early '30s. This decision cost him his life. He was shot in the head in the Bellevue Hotel, Washington, D.C. Kern's book draws on once-classified U.S. and British material.



## Book Signings

**John Waller**, Chairman of the OSS Society, will be discussing his book "*The Devil's Doctor: Felix Kersten and the Secret Plot to turn Himmler against Hitler*" at the Garbo meeting Room, Spy Museum, June 19th at 12 noon. For further information call: 202-654-0946. The book tells the story of how physical therapist Kirsten, personal physical to Himmler, passed secret information to OSS operatives.

**Terry Kern** will hold a book-signing and debriefing at the Washington, D.C. spy museum on Thursday, July 17 from noon to 1:30 p.m. discussing *The Death in Washington*.

Earlier in May, OSSer **Dan Pinck** autographed his book: *Journey to Peking: A Secret Agent in Wartime China*, at a Spy Museum gathering.

## OSSer Recalls Rescue of Nazi Fritz Weidemann



The origin of Army Special Forces was traced in the June Fort Bragg Special Forces magazine, to the OSS operational groups conceived and developed under direction of Gen. William J. Donovan. The article written by Ian Sutherland, an historian and retired army colonel, traces the beginnings

of OG operations in France under **Serge Obolensky** and **Albert Cox**.

OG training placed special emphasis on physical training, demolitions, special weapons, and guerrilla tactics, similar to today's Special Forces tactics. A detailed map locates action of OG teams throughout southern France and describes major operations in occupied France by OSS-OGs and the French Maquis they trained. There are indications in the article of major differences between the Americans and French Resistance groups, especially the French Communists. The article is nicely illustrated: photo of Gen. Donovan pinning the Bronze Star on Sergeant Cesar Civetella; OSS-OGs and Maquis aboard a dilapidated storage truck; and Major Al Cox, who later ended up with the OGs in the CBI theater.

OSSer **Grant (Barney) Fielden** of Tampa, Florida sends an interesting account of the rescue of Fritz Weidemann, German consul in Tientsin, China, adding to Guy Martin's account in the spring newsletter.

Weidemann's concern was that he would fall into Soviet hands since the Soviets were moving into Manchuria and confiscating everything in sight. Weidemann therefore arranged to contact OSS headquarters in Kunming, and Fielden, in the company of two other X-2 officers, flew to Tientsin to pick him up. The FBI expressed strong interest in debriefing Weidemann.

"Landing at Tientsin can best be described as a controlled crash," he writes. "Armed Japanese with swords drawn surrounded our plane, but allowed us to land. As we disembarked, a Japanese private came running towards us and yelled, 'Jesus Christ, am I glad to see you guys.' He was an American Nisei studying at Tokyo University when war was declared, and he had been impressed in the Japanese army. Unfortunately we couldn't take him back with us."

The team rendezvoused with Weidemann and flew him back to Kunming. "You had to like the guy," he writes. "Remember, he was Nazi official for years, but he was ever the diplomat: suave, black homburg, very sophisticated."

Weidemann returned to Germany after the FBI finished with him and later became involved in German politics.

## Help Wanted – by Ossers and Others

### Stella Polaris Info Sought

Matthew Aid is writing an article on OSS operations in Finland and Sweden during World War II, focusing on the OSS role in operation Stella Polaris. He wants info on the operations and on the OSS chief in Stockholm, Wilho Tikander. Contact Aid at mmaid@starpower.net.

### Seeks Basic Training Data

Stratford Sherman writes: "If any OSS members recall the basic training they received as new recruits circa 1940, I would be eager to talk with them. I am researching a novel inspired in part by experiences of my late father, **Herbert Sherman**, who received his OSS training in the D.C. and Virginia areas." E-mail: strat@nitya.com.

### French Resistance Query

Capt. Pierrick Roulett writes that he is searching for information on a French resistance unit operating with OSS near Lyons, led by Jacques Alzairy deRoquefort. The captain's mother, Marie Francois Roulett nee Cady, was a member. He says she was awarded the Croix deGuerre for her work with the Reseau. His e-mail: pierrick.roulett@ifrance.com

### Searching for CBI Colleagues

**Robert John Kraft**, who served with Field Photo outside Kunming, China in 1944-45 is looking for any information on this unit, including **Ralph Hogan, Fritz Jancor, and Aaron Squires**. Please contact Kraft at bklk@myvine.com. Another Field Photo query comes from Troy Sacquety, looking for the son of **Ted Varalay**, who served with Field Photo, Detachment 101. He is interested in photos taken in Burma by Varalay during the war. E-mail: sacquety@starpower.net

### Info on Special Ops Wanted

Bruce McCaw writes: My father, **Lt. Col. John Elroy McCaw**, worked on OSS Special Projects known as operations Aphrodite, Simmons, and Javaman. He worked with OSSers **John Shaheen and Jim Rand** and is particularly interested in Javaman, which called for blowing up the tunnel connecting Kyushu and Honshu prior to the invasion of Japan. His e-mail: cindyp@pistolcreek.com

### Daughter Seeks Data on Father

"I am seeking information about my father, who served with Wild Bill Donovan in 1944. His name was **Marcus Alfred Schillace**. He was an interpreter and spoke French, Italian, and Spanish. He served behind enemy lines in Morocco and Italy. He passed away in 1966. Perhaps some of his colleagues can tell me about him." Ellen Schillace: Phone: 651-274-8739; or ellenschillace@att.net

### Seeks Info on OSS Casualty

William A. Hill is researching material on **Col. Peter Dewey**, the first OSS/US casualty in the Vietnam War. Dewey was shot by Vietnamese troops, supposedly mistaking him for a Frenchman. Hill writes that he would appreciate any OSSer's memories of Dewey or the tragic incident. He would also like to communicate with Capt. Dewey's daughter, who attended an OSS/Vietnam reunion in 1997. His address: PMB 370-1117 North Carbon Street, Marion, IL 62959. Phone/fax 618-997-8722

### Information Request

OSSers who served in the ETO area, specifically France, may remember a colleague, **Elizabeth Morgan Miller**, who died in December, 2002 in Los Angeles. If so, Sabra Waldfogel, who was working on the ancestry of Miller's family, would appreciate hearing from any OSSers who served with her. Waldfogel's address: 4444 Garfield Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, 55409. Her e-mail is sawaldfogel@qwest.net

### Researcher Needs Help

Lisa Pellegrino of Yardley, Pennsylvania, is a researcher for a book now being produced for St. Martin's Press on members of Germany's Abwehr who shared information or were in contact with members of OSS to try and defeat Hitler, including the July, 1944 attempt to assassinate him. The author of the book is Agostino von Hassle, a former U.S. Marine and grandson of Ulrich von Hassle, who was hanged for his role in the attempted assassination of Hitler. Pellegrino would like to contact OSSers who have any memories or personal papers that might shed light on this period in history. Her address: 294 Cinnabar Lane, Yardley, PA 19067; e-mail: lmpell@juno.com.

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## In Memoriam

**Earl B. Baker**, 90, of Richmond, Ky., died April 16, 2003 at his home. During WWII he joined the U.S. Army and was transferred to OSS as an intelligence officer. He worked on the west coast tracking down enemy aliens. After the war he took pride in developing area subdivisions, established the Richmond tourism committee, and served as mayor of the town.

**Jack Alan Barron**, died April 5, 2003 at age 89. He was born in Detroit. During WWII he served with OSS in France, Yugoslavia and the Baltics. His remains will be interred at the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium.

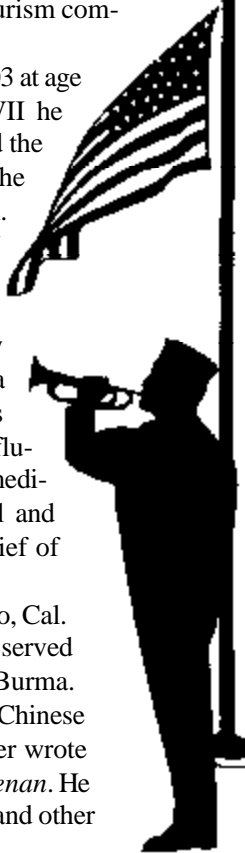
**John Henry "Jack" Bouma**, son of Dutch immigrants who settled in Minnesota, died Feb. 17, 2002 in Kensington, Maryland at age 84. During WWII he was a Navy hospital corpsman serving in western China in a unit connected with OSS. His cover was that of a Dutch tea merchant, since he was fluent in the language. He helped establish a medical supply route and mobile field hospital and earned a Bronze Star. Later he became chief of psychiatry at CIA.

**John Colling**, 83, died in Sacramento, Cal. Apr. 7, 2003. Born in Tianjin, China, he served with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Burma. He also took part in the Dixie mission at Chinese Communist headquarters in Yen-an. He later wrote a book about this mission: *The Spirit of Yen-an*. He was a friend of Zhiu Enlai, Mao Tse Tung, and other Chinese officials.

**Joseph Faraguna**, 86, died March 1, 2003. Funeral services were held in Brooklyn, N.Y.. He was the son of immigrants who migrated from the northern Adriatic and settled in Brooklyn. He served in China, Burma, India, Thailand, and Vietnam with OSS Dets. 101 and 404 from 1941 to 1945. After the war he joined the B.F. Goodrich Co. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and three sons.

**Donald W. Fiske**, 86, died April 6, 2003 of a heart attack at his home in Hyde Park, N.Y. A noted scholar in the field of psychology, Fiske was particularly well known for his focus on personality evaluation. In 1942 he helped devise a way to predict who would be best suited for naval pilot training. After setting up a program he was transferred to the OSS to help create similar tests to choose the best candidates to become spies. In addition to his wife, Barbara, he is survived by two children.

**Abram Gilmore Flues**, 99, a Washington lawyer who was assistant Secretary of the Treasury Department, died March 1, 2003 at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Born in Saginaw, Mich., he was graduated from Princeton and



Harvard Law School. During WWII he served with OSS, where he headed a small group of paratroopers aiding Yugoslav partisans. He later was transferred to central Europe where he directed OSS operations. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Louise, of Chevy Chase, Md., and two granddaughters.

**James Burnside Graham**, former metropolitan editor of the Norfolk Ledger-Star, died April 18, 2003 at his Norfolk, Va. home. During WWII he served with the Army and transferred to OSS. He saw duty in Washington, England, France, Luxembourg, and Germany. After the war he returned to work at the Washington Post. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Payne.

**Dean Georges May**, a leading scholar in French literature and former Yale University provost, died in March, 2003 at his home in New Haven, Conn. Born in Paris in 1920, he attended the University of Paris where he received his masters degree in 1937. He enlisted in the French army in 1939 and, after the fall of France, migrated to the United States. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the OSS from 1943 to 1945. After the war he joined the Yale faculty.

**Ruth Alice Nyden**, 89, of Charleston, W.Va., died April 14, 2003 after a long illness. She married her husband, Paul Vincent Nyden, in Quincy, Mass. They were teaching music in East Greenwich, R.I. During WWII they both worked for the OSS in Washington. He translated documents from Swedish and other languages. She worked as a cryptographer, decoding messages.

**Glenwood S. Matthews**, 83, retired Foreign Service officer, died at his home in Orlando, Florida, Nov. 5, 2002. During WWII he served with OSS, operating clandestine radio stations in Nazi-occupied Europe from 1944 to 1945. He joined the State Department in 1945 and served worldwide. He met and married Foreign Service officer Ruth Matthews in Portugal. Mrs. Matthews and a son survive.

**Elizabeth Phillips Mason Orlandini**, 92, a cartographer who drafted hand maps for military action during WWII, died in Falls Church, Va., May 1, 2003. Mrs. Orlandini, who studied art in Boston, worked for the OSS making maps for OSS agents. After the war she designed maps and graphics for the Dept. of the Army.

**Geraldine Fleming Pruner**, 82 of Sun City, died March 23, 2003. She was born in Montclair, N.J., and was a graduate of Fordham University. During WWII she served in India with the American Red Cross where she was loaned to the U.S. Army to sing professionally for a Special Forces group. Shortly after the war she served with the OSS in Shanghai. She was buried in Montclair, N.J.

## In Memoriam

**Prof. Franz Rosenthal**, 86, an eminent interpreter of Arabic literature and Islamic religion and a scholar of Aramaic, died on April 8, 2003 at a hospice in Branford, Conn. He had lived in Hamden, Conn., and was Sterling Professor Emeritus of Arabic at Yale.

Prof. Rosenthal, a native of Berlin, received a doctorate in 1935 from the University of Berlin where he studied classics and Oriental languages and civilizations. He left Nazi Germany that year, soon after Kristallnacht. He went to Sweden and Britain and, in 1940, moved to the United States. During WWII he was a translator for the OSS in Washington. His brother, Gunther and most of his family died in Nazi camps.

**Irving G. Rudd**, 95, Venice, Fla. died May 12, 2003. Born April 29, 1908, in St. Petersburg, Russia, he moved to Venice in 1979 from Washington, D.C. after retiring as president of D.C. National Bank, now part of Bank of America. He was an adjunct professor in the graduate school of business at American University in Washington and worked for the OSS during WWII. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University in 1929 and a master's degree and doctorate from Columbia University.

**James "Jim" San Jule** died March 3, 2003 at the California Medical Center in San Francisco of pneumonia. He was 89. San Jule, who arrived in San Francisco from Oklahoma as a teenage hobo during the Great Depression became a leading housing advocate who helped dismantle barriers that prevented minorities from buying homes. During WWII he worked with OSS Detachment 404. He was transported by submarine to the China coast to report on enemy shipping and Japanese Air Force action.

**George Mathias Schneider** died in Aromas, Cal., Oct. 24, 2002 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He was born in Germany and entered the United States as an infant at Ellis Island. During the war he served 30 missions with the Army Air Corps and later joined OSS. He spoke most German dialects. He was later awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Bronze Star. His wife of 62 years, Nannely, a daughter, and two granddaughters survive him.

**Jane Ellen Smith-Hutton**, 91, died Sept. 22, 2002, in Southern Pines, NC. She was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on April 4, 2003, beside her husband, Capt. Henri H. Smith-Hutton, USN. After Pearl Harbor in 1942 she was interned with her husband and daughter in Tokyo in the American Embassy where her husband was Naval Attache. After repatriation aboard the Gripsholm early in the war, she served at OSS headquarters as Washington manager for Far East MO (Morale Operations), and liaison to Project Marigold, producing and disseminating slanted covert propaganda and rumors in Japan and China. After the war the Smith-Huttons were posted to Paris where

they remained for 22 years before retiring to Palo Alto, Cal. She is survived by daughters Cynthia Bowers, New York; Marsha Smith-Hutton, Boston; and two grandchildren, New York.

**Henrietta Priscilla Talbot**, 87, a federal office worker who retired from the Department of Commerce in 1981, died of congestive heart failure and cancer March 15, 2003 at her home in Washington, D.C. Ms. Talbot was a lifelong Washingtonian. She graduated from Georgetown Visitation Convent School, and was a novitiate with the Order of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, from which she withdrew before taking her final vows. During WWII, she served in the Army as a liaison officer with the OSS in North Africa and France. After the war she was an assistant in various federal offices, mostly the Department of Commerce, until retiring.

**William L. Van Alan**, an architect, tennis champion, and philanthropist, whose firm designed major public buildings including portions of the Philadelphia International Airport, died of heart failure April 24, 2003 at his home in North Palm Beach, Fla. He started his career as a draftsman, earning his master's degree at Cambridge, England. He served in the Navy during WWII and was transferred to the OSS in Italy.

**Albert Earl Weisling**, 85, died April 12, 2003 at Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, Ind. He was a WWII Air Force veteran and served as a special investigator with the OSS. Entombment was at the Locust Hill Mausoleum, Evansville.

**Louis Arnold Wiesner**, 86, a retired Foreign Service officer, died in Meredith, N.H. Sept. 20, 2002. A graduate of Harvard, he served with OSS in 1943 as a research analyst. He leaves a wife, Elizabeth and four children.

**Robin W. Winks**, 72, Yale University professor, died April 7, 2003 at the Yale-New Haven hospital. He is best remembered for his famous book: *Cloak and Gown: Scholars in the Secret War, 1939-41*. In that book he said that the OSS, and later CIA, plucked Yale because it was rife with the "idiosyncratic individual, the person of odd curiosity and distinctive knowledge, the free-wheeling thinker who went past tested systems and conventional wisdom to the untried."

**Joseph "Stan" Zbieg**, 81, of Dracut, Mass. died April 23, 2003. During WWII he served as a radio operator and specialist with the OSS in the Italian theater, where he was part of a team that destroyed rail and supply lines in Northern Italy. He also gathered information on enemy movements. He was awarded the U.S. Bronze Star and received a certificate of war from the Italian government.





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## Services in UK Honor American World War II Heroes

Memorial Day services were held May 26 at the Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridgeshire, Eng. Clive and Mary Bassett, honorary life members of The OSS Society, laid a wreath at the grave markers of seven OSS men who are buried there. The Bassetts have been attending the services since 1996. Mary makes the wreathes herself. Honoring British and American soldiers, 119 other memorial wreaths were laid at the cemetery.

The British-American service was well attended. Gen. Arthur Licht, commander of US forces in Europe, gave the address. Written on the Wall of the Missing at the cemetery: "The Americans whose names appear, were part of the price free men pay to defend human liberty... We owe a debt to be paid with grateful remembrance of their sacrifice."



## New OSS Society Members

We welcome these OSS vets and lineals who have joined the Society.

**Ashley T. Clark**, Arlington, TX (**Jasper Thomas Mallory**)

**Steven V. Detiberiis**, Port Jefferson Station, NY (**Victor Detiberiis**)

**Phyllis DeWeese**, Boulder City, NV (**Robert C. DeWeese, Jr.**)

**William P. Frazee**, Bradenton, FL (**Floyd R. Frazee**)

**James Briscoe Hanks**, Little Rock, AR (**Robert James Brown**)

**Felicity Sue Hill**, Gainesville, FL (**Dorothy Gordon Huston**)

**Austin D. Hunt**, Miami, FL (**E. Howard Hunt**)

**Peter Kwong**, Parlin, NJ

**Dick Kwong**, Secaucus, NJ (**Peter Kwong**)

**Judy Ann Pasquale**, Beaver Falls, PA (**Raymond J. Brewer**)

**Vincent LePore**, Medford, OR

**Joan SerVaas**, Indianapolis, IN (**Beurt SerVaas**)

**Lee Ziegler**, Colorado Springs, CO (**J.W. Bradbury**)

**Robert G. Zeigler**, Indianapolis, IN (**George B. Zeigler and Elizabeth Robertson Zeigler**)

*At left: Mary and Clive Bassett, with memorial wreath they placed upon the gravesite of OSS men at the Cambridge American Cemetery, England.*