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## Gen. John K. Singlaub New Society Chairman; Other Noted Veterans Named to Executive Posts

**G**en. John K. Singlaub has been selected to be the new chairman of The OSS Society to succeed the late John Waller. Alger (Ace) Ellis will be the vice chairman of the Society. General Bryan "Doug" Brown, commander of the United States Special Operations Command, has been named honorary chairman of the board of directors. In addition, five new nominees to the board of directors were announced. They are Paul Colby, Walter Mess, Chester L. Cooper, Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., and Amb. Hugh Montgomery.



*John K. Singlaub*

**General Singlaub** has had an important military career starting in World War II. His OSS duties included a parachute mission into occupied France to organize, train, and lead a French resistance unit which provided assistance to the Allied invasion forces. He then went to China to train Chinese guerrillas. Just before the Japanese

surrender, he led a parachute rescue mission into an enemy prisoner of war camp on Hainan Island, which resulted in the release of 400 Allied prisoners of war. General Singlaub was assigned as chief of the U.S. military liaison mission to Mukden, Manchuria for three years immediately following World War II. He served two tours during the Korean War; one with the CIA in Korea and the other as an infantry battalion commander with the Third Infantry Division.

General Singlaub was also Commander of the Joint Unconventional Warfare Task Force (MAC SOG) in Vietnam, and later, assistant division commander of the the Eighth Infantry Division in Germany. He was chief of staff, United Nations Command, United States Forces, Korea, and the Eighth U.S. Army in Seoul, Korea. Concomitantly, he served as the U.N. Command senior military member of the Military Armistice Committee at Panmunjon.

Interspersed with his wartime command positions were numerous training assignments both at home and abroad. General Singlaub was instrumental in the establishment of the Rangers training center at Fort Benning in Georgia. He helped establish the modern army select systems of tests, evaluation and review activity at Portland, Texas, and was responsible for training Army reserve and Army National Guard units. General Singlaub was appointed deputy assistant secretary of defense for drug and alcohol abuse.

The general's 35-year career reflected military action. He was awarded 33 military decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Born July 10, 1921 in Independence, Cal., General Singlaub is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles where he was an ROTC cadet colonel. He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and subsequently served as an instructor on its faculty. He is a graduate of the Air War College.

Following retirement from the U.S. Army, General Singlaub has traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad lecturing on national security issues. The General's career was chronicled in his autobiography *Hazardous Duty - An American Soldier in the Twentieth Century*.



*1st Lieut. John K. Singlaub  
at Milton Hall*



*Alger Ellis*

**Alger Ellis** will be The OSS Society's vice chairman. He has been on the board of directors since 2002.

During World War II he served as an Air Force combat intelligence officer. He entered on duty with the Office of Strategic Services in June 1944 serving with Detachment 101/OSS in Burma and Detachment 202/OSS in China as an intelligence and special operations officer.

At the end of World War II he participated in airborne POW rescue missions in Indochina.

After World War II he worked in California as a biochemist. In September 1946 he joined the War Department's Strategic Services Unit (SSU), the forerunner of CIA. During his CIA career he served 32 years in operational and intelligence assignments in Washington, the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Western Europe. He retired from CIA in 1978.

**Ambassador Hugh Montgomery,**

nominated to serve on the board of directors, was born in Massachusetts in 1923 and was educated at Harvard College and Harvard University. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as an undergraduate.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and served in the European theater of operations with the OSS until 1946. Previously with X-2, he received a direct commission in the field and retired from the military reserve in 1975 as colonel in the Intelligence Branch.

After completing his education and teaching modern languages at Harvard, he entered duty with the CIA in 1952, serving in a variety of Eastern and European posts until his retirement in 1981. He then joined the State Department as the director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, where he remained until 1985, when he joined the Senior Review Panel at CIA until his appointment later that year as the Alternate United States Representatives to the United Nations for Special Political Affairs with the rank of Ambassador.



*Ambassador Montgomery*

In February 1989, he returned to CIA as member of the Senior Review Panel. In December of 1991 the Director of Central Intelligence appointed him Special Assistant for Foreign Intelligence Relationships.



*General Brown*

**General Bryan "Doug" Brown** is the commander, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He is responsible for all special operations forces of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps; active duty and reserve.

He entered the Army in 1967 as a private in the Infantry and later served on a Special Forces A Team at Fort Bragg, North Carolina earning the rank of Sergeant.

As a general officer, he served as Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Riley, Kansas. He also served as Director of Plans, Policy and Strategic Assessments (J5/J7) at the U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida; Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and most recently, Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida.

He attended Airborne School, Special Forces Qualifications Course, Field Artillery Officer Advance Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Army War College. General Brown is a graduate of the Harvard Executive Education Program's National and International Security Managers Course. General Brown has a Bachelor's Degree in History from Cameron University and a Master's Degree in Business from Webster University.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with "V" Device, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He also wears the Special Forces Tab, Master Army Aviator Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.



## Ambassador James Lilley Guest Speaker at OSS Lunch

The American Legion Post in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, was the picturesque setting for an OSS Society lunch on March 19, 2005 when **Ambassador James W. Lilley**, China expert, gave an illuminating talk on American relations with China and the Far East.

Lilley served for 25 years in the CIA in Laos, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Taiwan before moving to the State Department in the early 1980s to begin a distinguished career as the top-ranking U.S. diplomat in Taiwan, Ambassador to South Korea, and finally Ambassador to China. From helping Laotian insurgent forces assist the American efforts in Vietnam to his posting in Beijing during the Tiananmen Square crackdown, he was in a remarkable number of crucial places during challenging times.

In his talk, Lilley took the audience through four periods — China as a supine giant under foreign domination; China in a period of chaos during the Japanese invasion and Civil War; U.S.-Chinese hostility for two decades; and finally rapprochement in 1971-1972. While there are still lessons to be learned, Ambassador Lilley—who was the only American to be chief of a mission on both sides of the Taiwan Strait—demonstrated how relations with



Ambassador Lilley

China will affect our future.

Lilley is also the author of *China Hands: Nine Decades of Adventure, Espionage and Diplomacy in Asia*, described in Publishers Weekly as a “must read for students of Asia and intelligence work.”

Ambassador Lilley, whose father-in-law Wally Booth served in OSS/London was made an honorary member of The OSS Society at the meeting.

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**Paul Colby**, one of the new OSS Society board member nominees, is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC. Formerly a White House attorney adviser for the Iran-Contra investigation in the Reagan Administration, Paul has published a number of books and articles in the legal field including, most recently, *Winning Jury Trials* (Lexis Law Publishers), a book on trial strategy co-authored with Robert Klonoff in 2002. Paul holds the Navy and Marine Corps commendation Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon for service as a Marine Corps Captain in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983. He is the son of the late William Colby, CIA director and OSS operator in Norway.

**Arthur Schlesinger Jr.** is one of the country's most noted historians and writers who began his government service in the OSS Research and Analysis Branch in Europe. He recently spoke at the reopening of the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study in Cambridge, Mass. Named for and founded by his mother and father, the library is a national resource on the history of women in America. Schlesinger received two Pulitzer prizes and a National Book Award. In his autobiography, *A Life in the 20th Century*, he writes about his wartime OSS experiences in Paris.

Another nominee to the board of directors, **Chester L. Cooper**, served with the OSS from 1942 to 1945 and with the CIA until 1962. He was on the National Security Council at the White House in 1962 and later with the Department of State for Vietnam negotiations. Currently he is on the staff of the Presidential Commission on Environmental Quality. Over the past 30 years he has testified before various congressional committees on international and national issues. His book, *The Lost Crusades: America in Vietnam*, was cited as the best nonfiction book of the year by the History Book Club. He is the author of three other books and has written articles extensively on national policy and foreign affairs.

**Walter L. Mess** is the fifth nominee. He was honored recently on his 90th birthday with a Congressional citation for his service to Virginia's Regional Park Authority. Mess was recruited during World War II by OSS and served in the CBI theater where he worked with resistance groups in Thailand and Burma against the Japanese occupation.



## Sites in Bangkok Today: OSS and Free Thai Memories

By Bob Bergin

Wartime buildings used by OSS and Free Thai in Bangkok still stand today, and probably look little different from the way they did in 1945. In February I visited the sites in the company of retired, officer Piya Chakkaphak, who remembers fondly his OSS wartime service.

Thammasat University, which has produced many Thai leaders is particularly significant in the Free Thai story. The founder, Pridi Phanomyong, was also Regent to the Thai King. In OSS he was code-named Ruth, the leader of the Free Thai movement. In March 1945, Piya and six other Free Thai were summoned to Pridi's office at Thammasat, where Pridi selected them for OSS training in Ceylon. Pridi's office at Thammasat is much as it was then, and has become a small museum honoring Pridi and Free Thai.

A short walk from Pridi's office was another building that once housed Allied POWs, including AVG Flying Tiger Pilot William "Black Mac" McGarry. The Thais were concerned about the safety of these POWs and worked out a deal. The Japanese would be in charge, but the POWs would be under control of Thai guards. The arrangement assured that POWs were safe, and that at least one of them, "Black Mac" was returned to Allied hands before war ended.

Just outside the University on Phra Athit Road is Pridi's residence where much Free Thai business was conducted. This house is an important symbol of the Free Thai Movement, and a replica of it was built to house Bangkok's new Free Thai Museum. A few doors beyond Pridi's residence is another house that the Free Thai used to conceal people awaiting exfiltration.

A pier near the back of the property on the river gave easy access to Thai Customs Department boats that regularly transported OSS and Free Thai officers and equipment up and down the river and through Bangkok system of canals. The use of these boats was one of the Free Thai's most effective operations. The Japanese apparently never suspected and no one was ever caught. The Thai Customs Department and its boats were under the command of Pao Chakkaphak, a Free Thai and the father of Piya.

Some distance north of Phra Athit Road, in a park-like setting near the Dusit Zoo, is the Wang Suan Kulab, the Rose Garden Palace. It's a sizable compound with two primary buildings, one with a very distinctive tower. This was OSS Bangkok headquarters, where the OSS officers



WWII OSS headquarters in Bangkok as it appears today.

lived and worked. The building with the tower was the office. The second building, an elegant two-story residence, was the living quarters for the OSS officers. The Japanese troops had the OSS surrounded, but didn't know it. The Palace was crown property, and the Japanese did not have access to it and apparently never suspected OSS was there.

Not too far away from the OSS compound, just off from the V Road and across from Watchirawut College was a Free Thai safehouse, a wonderful old Teak residence of Charn Bunnak. The house still stands, now a Royal Thai Army facility. It was in this house in February 1945, Piya and his older brother were formerly inducted into the Free Thai movement. The house has served as the residence of several Free Thai members who had been trained both by OSS and the British SOE and were infiltrated.

After visiting the sites with my friend Piya it seemed remarkable how well the Free Thai and OSS were organized in Japanese-occupied Bangkok. Piya believes a lot of this was due to Japanese feelings of superiority and their attitudes toward the Thai. The Japanese could never believe that the friendly Thai among whom they lived could be capable of such skillful subversion.

*The author is a former Foreign Service officer who served in Thailand and continues to visit there frequently on business. He works closely with Thailand's Foundation for the Preservation and Development of Thai Aircraft, and has published articles about the history of aviation in Southeast Asia and China. His specialty is the American Volunteer Group (AVG) "Flying Tigers." He has also written two novels set in Southeast Asia.*

## A Tribute to Samuel Halpern

**S**amuel Halpern, OSS and CIA officer, 83, died in Alexandria, Va., his wife and daughter by his side, on Monday, March 7, 2005. His remarkable years of consulting spanned almost 60 years from March 1943 to the present. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1942 from the City College of New York with a degree in history, and did graduate study at Columbia University and George Washington University.

In 1943 he was with the Research and Analysis Branch, Far East Division of the Office of Strategic Services, later serving with OSS Detachment 101 in India, Ceylon, and Burma. From 1945 to 1947 he was with the Strategic Services Unit, CIG, the forerunner to CIA. He moved into the newly created CIA as operations officer and later he spent seven years as executive assistant to several directors of the Clandestine Service. He was deputy chief for operations and executive officer, CIA's Tokyo station, and in the early 1960s served as executive officer for CIA's task force on Cuba.

In 1961 Halpern was called back from Asia in the wake of the Bay of Pigs to help organize Operation Mongoose, which was led by Gen. Edward Lansdale of the Defense Department and William K. Harvey at CIA. Working with Richard Bissell and Desmond Fitzgerald in these plots to overthrow Fidel Castro in Cuba—the famous “Operation Mongoose” was named by Halpern.

In 1966 he graduated from the National War College at Fort McNair and returned to CIA as executive assistant to Desmond Fitzgerald, the chief of the Far Eastern Division. He also worked as one of Fitzgerald's operations officers in Saigon during the early stages of the Vietnam War. He handled liaison work with major foreign intelligence services. In the early 1970s he was deputy chief, CIA's Division of Domestic Collection, in the DO. He retired in 1974, receiving the 1973 Intelligence Medal of Merit.

## Library of Congress Vets History Project

**A**lexa D. Potter, historian for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, is producing a one-hour radio program on the Nuremberg Trial coinciding with the 60th anniversary of the opening of those trials. Potter is looking for OSS members who were involved in the trials, to include lesser-known historic perspectives of OSS participation at Nuremberg.

Contact Potter, Veterans History Project, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue, Washington D.C. 20540; Phone 202-707-0954. Email: [APOT@loc.gov](mailto:APOT@loc.gov).

## OSSer Visits Waukesha Air Museum

**O**SSer **Anne Mary Ingraham** was written up in the newsletter of the Wisconsin chapter of the Commemorative Air Force during her recent visit to that chapter's airplane museum in Waukesha, Wis. She described her World War II experiences in England.



*Anne Mary Ingraham*

“During that war she was pressed into service as a British subject just as the men were,” Colonel Chuck Gilpatrick wrote. “Her first job was as an ambulance driver. She was tasked with the job of picking up body parts lying around after bombing raids.

“It was during this time she was ordered to report to the Office of Strategic Services and told to sign a secrecy document. One of her memorable assignments was to drive General William Donovan from London OSS headquarters to Claridge's Hotel where he was staying. She had to cover up the stars on the placard in the front so you could not tell who was in the car.”

## Why Wild Bill?

**A**n inquiring lineal, **Kathlin Smith Van Leer**, writes the newsletter: “I have heard our OSS leader, General William Donovan, so often referred to as ‘Wild Bill.’ My father, the late William Arthur Smith, told me he thought it was derived from a World War I incident. The General was about to lead an especially dangerous attack on German lines, and his superior officer cautioned him, ‘Don't be so wild, Bill.’

“Perhaps some of the more senior Society members can come up with other explanations. The sobriquet ‘Wild Bill’ has become so much a part of the great man's mystique. How did it happen?”

*The writer is the daughter of a famous artist who once designed MO material against Japanese throughout China. Send your answers to the newsletter.*

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## Remembering 109 – Recollections of OSSers

by Elizabeth McIntosh

At the end of World War II, OSS veterans were returning to their former jobs, going on to the State Department or armed services, and I decided to continue my journalism career and write a book of my experiences behind the lines in China. The title: *Undercover Girl*. At that time there were no secrecy laws, such as there are now, but I felt obligated to check with someone in authority. I would be describing secret operations, methods, names of agents. So I wrote a letter to my former boss. He wrote back: “I think it would be wise if you are engaged in writing on this subject to let me have a talk with you.” It was signed simply *Donovan*.

This was the beginning of a very real friendship. I had met General William “Wild Bill” Donovan at several overseas posts during the war, but he was always in the company of flashing brass. Our meetings were generally a hurried handshake as he inspected our covert printing plant in the outskirts of a Calcutta market—or met with a muddy team of writers and artists in a leaky tent in Kunming. Even then you always felt he was interested in you personally. It was the same when I started *Undercover Girl*. General Donovan decided to be *the* self-appointed censor and every few weeks I’d show up at his office at Number Two Wall Street. No matter how busy he was, he always made me feel as if he had nothing better to do than read my manuscript. We sometimes changed the names of the players—the late remarkable Virginia Hall was one—she planned to continue her covert activities, so I used her wartime codename in describing what she did behind the French lines.

Sometimes my interpretations of facts were inadequate. The general would either set me straight or have one of his many OSS contacts check them out. He’d pick up the phone: “Get me John Ford out in Hollywood—he knows what Field Photo did in China.” “Phone Junius Morgan at the bank. He was in the old clothes business for

agent supplies in London.” An author never had it so good. Sometimes the general would chuckle. I had to sit there while he read my copy. Sometimes he’d frown and I’d panic. Was I a little too liberal for this terribly staid—or so he seemed—Wall Street lawyer? But he never questioned my personal beliefs. For example, my outspoken opposition to the way Chiang Kai-Shek waged his war in China. The general’s wonderful mind helped me out on the bigger picture of the war as a whole—the reasons behind the policies. When the book was published, General Donovan himself wrote the introduction.

“The great majority of women who worked for America’s first organized and integrated intelligence agency spent their war years behind desks and filing cases in Washington, invisible aprons strings of an organization which touched every theater of war.”

He then explained that there were some women—usually business executives, college professors, lawyers—who were integrated with men working in top-level jobs. There were also others with regional and linguistic knowledge of great value in research, whose special skills were used in exact and painstaking work such as mapmaking, research and cryptography.

As you can understand, only a small percentage of women in OSS went overseas. These reasons were mainly logistical, a still smaller percentage was assigned to actual operations behind enemy lines. He graciously wrote “The author of this book was one of those who went overseas. She carried out an important and effective assignment for which she was qualified by natural talent, knowledge of the people, and intensive training. She epitomized the devotion to duty of the group of women in the Office of Strategic Services.”

And this inspirational leader, General William Donovan, was the reason OSS and its mission engendered so much devotion from all of us veterans who served with him.

## Age Didn’t Stop Ann Gallagher from Spreading Her Wings

What does a septuagenarian lady do when her life of excitement has spread out behind her: OSS/X2 at Que Building during WW II, Berlin after the war, New Delhi, India and later back home to Alexandria Va.? Answer: She starts to jump out of airplanes.

Ann Boyle Gallagher said that it all started when a jovial group of friends dared her to jump out of an airplane to cure her boredom. On Oct. 21, 2001, at

age 78, she drove to Orange, Va. where she was fitted out for a tandem skydive. At 4000 feet she kept asking herself: “What am I doing up here?”

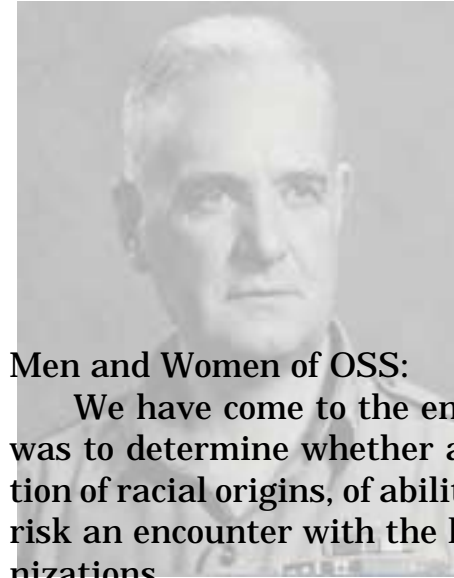
When she opened her eyes it was “so beautiful, so peaceful. I began to enjoy every minute.” Gallagher is the oldest woman on record to dive with the Orange company. Since then, she has completed seven more and looks forward to July 5th when she hopes to jump alone.



Ann Boyle Gallagher

## ***Lest We Forget***

*Remarks of Major General William J. Donovan  
at Final Headquarters Gathering of  
OSS Employees: 24/09/45*



### **Men and Women of OSS:**

We have come to the end of an unusual experiment. This experiment was to determine whether a group of Americans constituting a cross-section of racial origins, of abilities, temperaments and talents could meet and risk an encounter with the long-established and well-trained enemy organizations.

How well that experiment has succeeded is measured by your accomplishments and by the recognition of your achievements. You should feel deeply gratified by President Truman's expression of the purpose of basing a coordinated intelligence service upon the techniques and resources that you have initiated and developed.

This could not have been done if you have not been willing to fuse yourselves into a team — a team that was made up not only of scholars and research experts and of the active units in operations and intelligence who engaged the enemy in direct encounter, but also of the great numbers of our organization who drove our motor vehicles, carried our mail, kept our records and documents and performed those other innumerable duties of administrative services without which no organization can succeed and which, because well done with us, made our activities that much more effective.

*...only by decisions of national policy based upon accurate information can we have the chance of a peace that will endure.*

When I speak of your achievements that does not mean we did not make mistakes. We were not afraid to make mistakes because we were not afraid to try things that had not been tried before. All of us would like to think that we could have done a better job, but all of you must know that, whatever the errors or failures, you have done an honest and self-respecting job. But more than that, because there existed in this organization a sense of solidarity, you must also have the conviction that this agency, in which each of you played a part, was an effective force.

Within a few days each one of us will be going to new tasks whether in civilian life or in governmental work. You can go with the assurance that you have made a beginning in showing the people of America that only by decisions of national policy based upon accurate information can we have the chance of a peace that will endure.

*Contributed by OSSer Julius Shanker, Beverly Hills, Cal.*

# Book Notes



***Thailand's Secret War*** by E. Bruce Reynolds. Bruce Reynolds, a professor of history at San Jose University, has written a fascinating history of the clandestine relations between Thailand and China, Britain and the

United States during World War II.

*Thailand's Secret War* will be of interest to OSSers who served in the CBI theater, particularly those who worked with the Free Thai. OSS rivalry with Britain's Special Operations Executive (SOE) is thoroughly explored through recently declassified intelligence records.

Dr. Reynolds describes in detail the infiltration of Free Thai from China into Thailand, with help of OSSers such as Nicol Smith, Francis Devlin and Carl Eifler. Later he tells of OSSers working within Thailand—Howard Palmer, Richard Greenlee, and John Wister—and of the political problems OSSers like Col. Richard Heppner, then commander of OSS Detachment 202 in Ceylon, had with the British in Ceylon; and postwar activities of James Thompson, the Silk King, and Alexander McDonald, editor, Bangkok Post, who stayed on in Thailand as undercover intelligence agents and later settled down in Bangkok to found legitimate businesses.

The book is part of a new series by the Cambridge University Press to publish outstanding research on warfare, taking a broad approach to military history, examining war in all its military, strategic, political, and economic aspects.



***Spies, Supplies and Moonlit Skies, Vol. II, The French Connection, April—June 1944.*** By Thomas L. Ensminger.

Before he passed on, John H. Waller, OSS Society chairman, commented, "It would be difficult to find a better title for Thomas L. Ensminger's book about the OSS in Europe during World War II... it would also be difficult to find a better account of OSS and USAAF special operations supporting resistance movements behind the lines." One is struck by the unstated purposes of Vol. II as well as Vol. I. Written to reach three audiences:

First—The participants. Each mission flown by the "Carpetbaggers" OSS Air Arm is described and includes pictures and maps. Outlined are the activities of OSS/SOE "Joes and Josephines" who were dropped.

Second—The students and researchers who seek detailed history of these operations. Documentation is extensive.

Third—The historians of World War II. It provides a

good read about a little-known phase of that war. The author is an Army/Air Force vet. His father, Leo Ensminger, was a carpetbagger. (xlibris.com)



***A Spy at the Heart of the Third Reich*** by Lucas Delatre is a truly extraordinary story of one of America's most important WWII spies, Fritz Kolbe in Berlin, and his OSS contact Allen

Dulles in Berne. The author, Lucas DeLatre, is a reporter for the French newspaper *Le Monde* who had the only access to Kolbe's private archives; he also used recently declassified CIA material for this gripping story.

To his German colleagues in the Foreign Ministry Kolbe was a typical, correct Nazi official. But Kolbe loathed the Hitler regime and was prepared to do everything in his power to bring about its downfall. This he did by contacting Allen Dulles, OSS representative in Berne. He smuggled hundreds of top-secret files from 1943 to the end of the war. His work is described by officials as the most important information ever supplied by an agent working for the Allies in WWII. (Atlantic Monthly Press.)



***The Legacy of Bletchley Park and Will Paris Burn*** are two very exciting books of WWII intrigue, set in London and Paris and written for young people. Author Annie

Laura Smith captures the excitement of code-breaking activities of Bletchley Park, so jealously guarded by the British. The underlying story describes the work of 12-year-old girl with German heritage, who translates messages. Her efforts are woven into the overall intrigue of Bletchley in a way that teenagers can relate.

The second book, *Will Paris Burn*, is set in France three weeks before the liberation of Paris and young Pierre Dumay together with senior resistance members works with OSS to help free his country. Highly recommended for OSS young folks with an interest in the work their grandparents did during World War II. (On Stage Books & Publishing)



***OSS: Stories That Can Now Be Told*** by Dorothy Ringlesbach is an amusing collection of wild stories, clever spy incidents, little-known incidents in the undercover life of OSSers in World War II. The author, who lives

in Williamsburg Va., says her book will allow the reader to understand why people of OSS are still reluctant to talk about those war years. (The Book Store)



## OSSers Featured in Recent Legion of Honor Newsletter

Two OSSers, the late **Julia Child** and **Ambassador Charles Hostler**, were featured in the recent issue of the American Society of the French Legion of Honor newsletter.

Julia Child's death was reported including a resume of her career in OSS and later as the famous French Chef. She received the French Legion of Honor in 2000 and later the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom.

**Geoffrey M.T. Jones**, former head of Veterans of OSS and a Legion Chevalier, wrote an article on Ambassador Hostler. "At the age of 23, Hostler was part of the OSS X-2 unit, an allied counter-espionage deception operation that landed on Utah Beach June 6, 1944," Jones wrote. "Their dangerous top-secret mission was to take control of French civilians conspiring with Germans in Normandy. Hostler's group forced over 40 of these agents to become turncoats and send their German spymasters false reports."



## Annual OSS Membership Meeting at Congressional Country Club on May 22

The annual meeting of The OSS Society will be held at 10 AM, Sunday, May 22nd at the Congressional Country Club, 8500 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland. A brunch at a cost of \$18.50 per person with members of the country club will follow the annual meeting.

**Erasmus H. Kloman** will be the speaker. As OSS acting chief of operations in the Mediterranean Theatre, he organized Special Operations (SO) teams that infiltrated Italy and occupied France on sabotage missions. His book, *Assignment Algiers: With the OSS in the Mediterranean Theater* (Naval Institute Press) will be published this summer.

Regular members of the society are entitled to vote at the annual meeting. The meeting coincides with the dedication of The OSS Society flag on the Congressional Country Club flagpole. All members of The OSS Society are encouraged to take part.



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—**Patrick K. O'Donnell**, author of *Operatives, Spies, and Saboteurs: The Unknown Story of the Men and Women of World War II's OSS*

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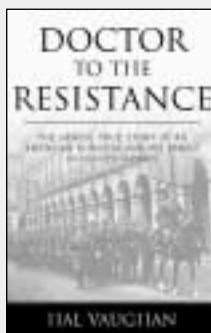
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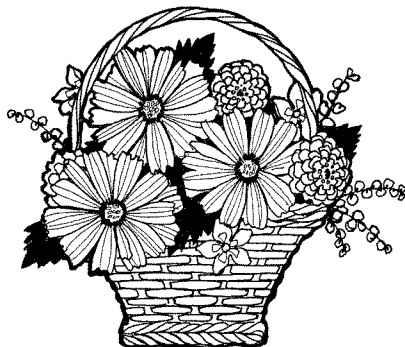
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## New Society Members

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

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Myrtle Quinn Vacirca,  
OSS veteran (Silver Spring, MD)



## SPY IN THE HOUSE

*This memorandum was found on top of a trash can on K Street in Washington, D. C. It was in an envelope addressed to The American Society for the Preservation of Lighthouses, noticed by an itinerant intelligence agent whose job is to investigate trash cans on K Street. Its authenticity cannot be proven. After a cursory fingerprint analysis, no fingerprints were found.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 14, 2005

TO: President George W. Bush  
FROM: X-6, Armageddon, Principal Assistant  
SUBJECT: TOP SECRET. EYES ONLY. BURN AFTER READING.  
AMBASSADOR JOHN DIMITRI NEGROPONTE:  
CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

In response to our advertisement for DNI, we received 109 applications, some of them highly qualified. This time, we accomplished a superior due diligence, weeding out undesirables and misfits. Negroponte's personal record is beyond reproach, with no mob relationships, convictions for fraud, money laundering, or IRS irregularities. His record will not blindside us in the Congressional nomination process.

He believes in faith-based intelligence, as he replied to our request for a statement of why he wanted the job. This, of course, is a prerequisite for our DNI. Importantly, unlike many other candidates, he meets one of our prime needs: he is willing to relocate to Washington.

He has five children and has never left a single one behind, in any of his foreign and domestic postings. Although he doesn't have a Ph D, he attended Exeter and Yale, retaining sound American values. He has a combination of experiences in private industry (McGraw Hill), politics (lifelong Republican), organizational development, foreign affairs, and government (ours). He also knows more government and intelligence acronyms than any other candidate. Although he may have only a surface knowledge of the intelligence business, his mother-in-law was an Allied spy in Belgium during the Second World War. He has read her book, *Granny was a Spy*. It is good; if you like it, and I urge you to read it, we ought to distribute it to Congressional leaders and the intelligence community.

He has a spoken and written knowledge of many foreign languages, including Latin, Assyrian, Spanish, Greek, Turkic dialects, Luxembourgish, and rudimentary Arabic. He's good at government jargon and can dissemble like Casey Stengel. An asset: he supports your positions, no matter what they are. Every day in Iraq, he said that thing's were getting better. He has thirty years experience in setting, managing, and giving away multi-billion-dollar budgets and programs.

His salary requirements are within our range. He appreciates that medical and dental benefits will be vested after one month. He's willing to work 75 hours weekly.

We noted in our advertisement that we were an equal opportunity employer and that we invited Democrats and lawyers to apply. None did. Two Middle Easterners applied. I've given their names to Alberto Gonzalez and Donald Rumsfeld to see if we can imprison them.

The only controversial statement that Negroponte has said is, "Openness is a two-way street."

He is a superior candidate. With your help, he can be a great DNI.

*Submitted by unknown contributor who is not Dan Pinck.*

## OSS Vets Return to Serbia; Recall Air Rescues in World War II

World War II veterans, including many OSSers, visited sites in Serbia in August of 2004 where 500 rescued Allied airmen had been evacuated in 1944. Arrangements for the visits were made by Miodrag Pesic, President of the Association of Rescuers of American Airmen in World War II, and by the Serbian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

One of the oldest of the group, OSSer **George Vujnovich**, had organized teams to evacuate airmen who had been rescued and protected by Chetniks under command of Gen. Mihailovic.

Guests attended a ceremony at Galovic Field airport near Pranjani Village where a commemorative plaque was unveiled. On this airport behind German lines fourteen C-47 U.S. planes landed and flew back to Italy with 350 evacuated airmen aboard.

Veterans recalled their wartime experiences in Serbia. **Robert Wilson** remembered jumping off his plane in flames and landing on the ground. He was approached by peasants who asked if he was American or British. "When I told them I was American one of them came to me and kissed me on the cheek," he said.

Association president Pesic said the American vets



*General Dragoljub Mihailovic together with the American Mission. From left to right OSS Col. Robert Mc Dowell, OSS Capt. George Musulin and Capt. Nick Lalic, General Mihailovic and Lieutenant Michael Rajacich.*

expressed their gratitude to Serbian people for care they received in hiding, and for their rescue 60 years ago.

*(Pesic, who wrote a book translated from Serbian titled Operation Airbridge, mentioned an official visit in March 1944 by OSS Captain Walter Mansfield, who reported to General Donovan on the popularity of Mihailovic. The British at the time were backing Tito.)*

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## OG Hero Mourned by Comrades

*By Albert Materazzi*

*I regret to inform you my dearest husband, Gerald V. Sabatino (Jerry) passed away at 6 AM on March 29, 2005 in New York City.*

With that terse announcement his wife, Mary, notified close friends that **Jerry Sabitino**, 84, was no longer with us. An infantry officer, he reported to Area F in early May 1943 to be trained as an OG. He was part of the first contingent arriving in Algiers September 8. He served several tours on the island of Capri, six miles north of German-occupied Elba and on Gorgona, twenty miles from the port of Leghorn.

In October, 1944 he was one of five officers on temporary duty with the OSS Fifth Army Detachment. There he served with the partisans of the 11th Zone headquartered in Barga on the Gothic line in the middle of the Allied and German forces. Tiziano Palandri, an OSS member, was deputy commander. He asked me to express the sorrow and condolences of all their veterans on the loss of a comrade who fought valiantly alongside them, assisting in the liberation of Italy.

On April 2, 1945, Jerry parachuted into the Parma area commanding a section of the Choctaw mission to re-inforce the Cayuga mission already there. Late in April,

together with the partisans they liberated Salsomaggiore. They were sitting in an outdoor cafe when the advance units of the 88th Division arrived. Surprised to see them, Jerry in a kidding manner asked the commander "Hi fellows, who are you, PBS? (Peninsular Base Section in Naples, 800 miles south.) This is but one example of his wit that made him the most loved officer of our company and also of the partisan children for whom he always had a pocketful of candy. May he rest in peace.

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## Catalina Island Museum Exhibit

The Catalina Island Museum is planning an extensive exhibition on World War II history for the coming summer. Catalina Island, located 25 miles off the coast of Southern California, was utilized during World War II by several military branches including the OSS. They had a training facility at Toyon Bay.

The museum is interested in hearing from anyone with information or memories of Catalina Island, artifacts and memorabilia. Contact Jeannine Pedersen, Curator, Catalina Island Museum, P.O. Box 366 Avalon, CA 90704 Phone: 310-510-2414 or email: catalinaismuseum@catalinaisp.com

## In Memoriam

**Louise Dilworth Bodine** died in April in Philadelphia. She was 83. Her exciting life began working with Gen. William "Wild Bill" Donovan in the Office Strategic Services during World War II. It was while in Paris with OSS that she met her future husband, Lt. Col. William Warden Bodine Jr., who was serving on Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's staff. She served as an aide to Donovan in London, Paris and, after the war, at the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals. Her son, Lawrence, said one of the sad memories of her OSS service was attending farewell parties for agents who were going on duty, knowing that spies at that time had an 80 percent casualty rate. "That meant that a lot of the people they were saying goodbye to would never come back," her son said.

**Richard W. Breck Jr., 83**, died in Duxbury, Mass., March 9, 2005. He was a retired production manager at Raytheon Corp. and former minor league baseball player. During World War II he was a demolitions expert with OSS. He served in North Africa, training Germans to be used as spies for the U.S. He also operated in Greece, Italy, and Yugoslavia.

**Richard L. Brecker** of Vero Beach, Fla. and Nantucket, Mass., died unexpectedly of respiratory failure on March 29, 2005. He was 83 years old. Prior to his retirement in 1991, he was chairman of Brecker and Merryman, Inc., an international consulting firm headquartered in New York. During World War II he served for two years in the Marine Corps attached to OSS.

**William Arthur "Punch" Brenner**, 84, of Punta Gorda, Fla. died of Alzheimer's disease on March 12, 2005 at Cypress Garden Assisted Living in Sarasota, Fla. During WW II, he served in the Army in a division of the Office of Strategic Services.

**James Sidney Burwell**, 83, a retired CIA employee, died Feb. 5, 2005 in Fairfax, Va. During WWII he enlisted in the Army and served with OSS, coordinating guerrilla groups working behind Japanese lines in northern China.

**William Dodsworth DeCamp**, 87, died January 23, 2005 at his home in Short Hills, N.J. He served with OSS, where he trained agents in survival and hand-to-hand combat. He led the war's first airdrop of Chinese Nationalist troops into Canton. As a sergeant, DeCamp trained a clandestine operations unit behind Japanese lines in southern China. He was awarded the

Bronze Star and Purple Heart. After the war, DeCamp helped organize drives to preserve the natural resources of Bernegat Bay, and was active in efforts to save New Jersey wildlands.

**Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo**, 84, a professor of Latin American studies at Georgetown University, died December 25. He lived in Bethesda, Md. Dr. Esquenazi was born in Havana and attended the University of Havana. He moved to New York in 1941 and enlisted in the Army where he served with OSS. He parachuted into France just before D-Day and broke his leg landing, passed out and was rescued by Spanish Republicans with the French resistance. They got him out of the country to a military hospital in Africa. After the war he received his doctoral degree at Columbia University. He later worked as editor of *Americas* in the cultural affairs departments of the Organization of American States and taught at Georgetown University in the Latin American Studies department. He held military honors from France, Venezuela and Spain as well as the Purple Heart.

**Elly Despina Gerachis**, 76, died Feb. 10, 2005 at her Aldie, Va. home after a long illness. She graduated from George Washington University and during WWII she served with OSS on the Greek desk. She was an accomplished pianist, trained opera singer and published novelist. Survivors include a daughter, and three sons.

**Samuel H. Hudson Jr.**, 90, died October 26, 2004 at his home in Garner, N.C. During WWII he joined the Army and volunteered for service with Detachment 101 in the CBI theater. He is survived by his wife and two children.

**Col. Joseph James Jackson**, 80, died July 17, 2001 in Hampton, N.Y. His service to his country lasted 34 years: worldwide during WWII, the Korean and Vietnam wars. He spent three years in the CBI theater with OSS. After the war he served one year in Korea and then became military attaché in Bucharest, Romania from 1962 to 1964. He was later commander of the Green Berets in Vietnam. On his retirement he was military chairman of the United Way and chairman of the Red Cross, Hampton Roads chapter. He was buried at Arlington with full military honors. He is survived by his wife and two children.

**Arvo Juvonen**, 88, died Nov. 28, 2004 of heart failure in Portland, Ore. Recruited during World War II by OSS, he served in Finland and became a



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highly decorated soldier in the Finnish Army, operating against Germans in the forests and mountains with equipment supplied by OSS. He later worked for CIA.

**Robert W. Kearns**, 77, died in Baltimore on Feb. 9, 2005. He invented the adjustable windshield wiper for automobiles. During World War II he served with OSS.

**George Kennan**, key architect of Soviet containment, died in Princeton, N.J. in March 2005 at the age of 101. The veteran diplomat and Pulitzer Prize winner assisted in the creation of OSS. A diplomat who served in embassies across Europe before World War II, Kennan helped launch the postwar Marshall Plan for Europe's postwar reconstruction.

**Shoichi Kurahashi**, 86, died Nov. 5, 2004 in Hawaii. He served in Detachment 101 and was assigned to Taro, Burma where he was indoctrinated into jungle warfare and learned the Burmese language. He made his first parachute jump behind the enemy lines in Mogok, and was assigned a personal bodyguard that stood by him constantly because he possessed the face of the enemy and could easily be mistaken for one. His mission was to gather intelligence, interrogate prisoners and engage in guerrilla warfare. He later was assigned to China where he won his parachute wings and participated in Operation Seagull to investigate a report of atrocities committed against Allied POWs in Hankow by the Japanese. After the war he retired to Hawaii.

**Spurgeon L. Lennon Sr.**, 82, died March 23, 2005 in Tampa, Fla. During World War II he was a radioman with the Army Air Corps and later joined the Office of Strategic Services.

**Stuart Miller Levine**, 82, died Jan. 15, 2005 at the Wellspring Health Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Levine graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School of Finance. During WWII he served in the Army with OSS in Europe and left the service with rank of captain. After the war he entered his family's clothing business as executive for the Louis Levine & Sons Company, founded in the mid-19th century by his grandfather.

**Ernest H. Lusk Jr.** of Peoria, Arizona died June 24, 2004. He served with 101 in the CBI theater and was awarded the Soldier's Medal and Air Medal. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

**Gaetana Badella Manno**, 78, an employee of the Veterans Administration in Rome, died February 7th, 2005 in Reston, Va. Born and raised in Rome, she was 17 when the Allies liberated that city in WWII. Fluent in English, she was hired by the OSS and traveled in

central and northern Italy interviewing prisoners of war to collect intelligence. After the war she worked in the American Embassy in Rome before moving to the United States in 1978. Her husband of 23 years, Dr. Eduardo Manno, died in 1973.

**Frederick W. Mote**, 82, scholar of Chinese civilization, died Feb. 11, 2005 in Aurora, Col. He spent three decades as a Princeton professor of Chinese studies. He served in OSS during WWII in the CBI theater and returned to China after the war to complete his studies. He was the first Westerner to enroll at Nanjing College as an undergraduate.

**Gene Roper**, a reporter, singer, actor, OSS agent, broadcaster, and labor negotiator, died Feb. 15, 2005 in Memphis, Tenn. He joined the Army Air Corps the day after Pearl Harbor and worked in OSS doing ground and air reconnaissance in the CBI theater.

**Bruce E. Saunders**, 87, died August 24, 2004 in Orlando Fla. During WWII he served with Detachment 101 as a radio operator. After the war he was posted in China and Japan, where he later joined CIA.

**Charles H. Sawyer**, 98, an art historian died February 25, 2005 at Chelsea Community College, Michigan. He was recruited by OSS to document stolen art property and see that much of the Nazi confiscated artwork in Europe was returned to its rightful owners.

**Gordon Shepard**, 90, died last fall in St. Paul, Minn. During the war he served in the CBI theater with Detachment 101. He recruited Burmese tribesmen in the fight against Japanese stationed in Burma. Detachment 101 and tribal partners helped rout the Japanese from 10,000 square miles in Burma. Shepard received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in action.

**Andrew Smith**, 84, died March 29, 2005 in Hamburg, N.Y. He served with the OSS in North Africa, the Normandy landings, and the Battle of the Bulge, where he was taken prisoner. He later took part in the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz.

**Philip W. Taylor** of Woodstown, N.J. died June 14, 2004. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Army with Detachment 101 in Burma.

**C.E. "Bus" Wadsworth**, 86, of Ellenton, Florida died September 4, 2004. He served with the OSS Detachment 101 in Burma during WWII. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, a son, and three daughters.

**Maria Catherine Walsh**, 87, CIA officer, died May 17, 2004 in Arlington, Va. She retired from CIA after a 31-year career that started with OSS. She was one of the first women to be named a CIA station chief.

## Help Wanted – by OSSers and Others

- OSS veterans and friends: I would like your help with the book I am writing about the U.S. Army liberation and subsequent postwar occupation of Czechoslovakia, April to December of 1945, in which the OSS played a major role. I would like to know more about the OSS team of **Gene Fodor** and **Kurt Taub** that General Patton sent to Prague during the Czech uprising to liberate the city ahead of the Russians. I am also interested in OSS operations in post VE-day Czechoslovakia.

*Capt. Matt Kime email: [lt2mk@rocketmail.com](mailto:lt2mk@rocketmail.com)*

- I am a research scholar working on early JE-Land operations targeting Soviet zones in 1944 and 1945. I am especially interested in missions originating at Brindisi and Turkey to support nationalist guerrillas in southeastern Europe.

*Jeffrey Burds, email: [jburds@aya.yale.edu](mailto:jburds@aya.yale.edu)*

- My brother **Col. Joseph Jackson** served in the OSS from 1941 to war's end. I was a B-24 bomb/nav and flew a combat tour with the 15th Air Force. I am seeking info relating to action behind Japanese lines in China. He was mentioned in a *Saturday Evening Post* story about blowing a bridge. He also was involved in Alaska when the two islands were occupied. Please contact me.

*Howard Jackson email: [jac8932@optonline.net](mailto:jac8932@optonline.net)*

- I am a Danish author working on a book about my former fellow countryman, the late OSS **Major Hans V. Tofte**. I would very much like to get in contact with former OSS officers who were close to Tofte in World War II in Bari, London, Dijon, or elsewhere.

*Henrick Kruger email: [hense65.msn.com](mailto:hense65.msn.com)*

*Arresoegaards Alle 12, 3200 Helsingør, Denmark*

- An OSS veteran who served in MO on Catalina, **William Kaufmann**, wrote to ask if anyone knows the name of the leading Nisei artist who was smuggled out of Japan and brought to Catalina to help OSS. He remembers the names of the other two: Jack Yamasaki and Taro Yashima. Write:

*William Kaufmann, 289 Oak Haven Drive,  
Melbourne FL 32940, Phone: 321-242-0597*

- I am researching a program for BBC about the OSS report **Dr. Walter Langer** compiled on Adolf Hitler. I understand from your newsletter that someone is researching Dr. Langer. Any info would be brilliant!

*Monika Kupper,*

*email: [monika.kupper@bbc.co.uk](mailto:monika.kupper@bbc.co.uk)*

- A recent issue of *After the Battle* included my article on the battle of Veghel, Holland. Events leading up to that story produced a group photo that proves to be one of OSS Group II that operated behind the lines in Greece during the war.

The magazine's editor is encouraging me to do an article on Group II. I need WWII vintage photos (as many as I can get) of the men of this group and/or the areas of their action in Greece. I am trying to locate vintage photos and also names and addresses of surviving members of Group II. I am in contact with **John Giannaris, Nick Pappas, and Stella Tiniakos** (daughter of George).

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*Email: [rperdu6720@comcast.net](mailto:rperdu6720@comcast.net)*

- I am looking for information regarding the OSS operation in support of Operation Varsity, October 24, 1945. I have only been able to obtain the field report of **Capt. Stephen Vinciguerra** regarding support of airborne operations across the Rhine near Weisel, Germany. An OSS liaison officer with the First Allied Airborne Army, he mentions four teams infiltrated to obtain tactical information. Two of the OSS teams wore German uniforms, the others wore civilian clothes. I believe at least one of the teams may have been part of Aaron Bank's Iron Cross unit. I would like to obtain related documents or, if possible, speak with OSS veterans.

*James Avalon, 1511 Keyford Drive,  
Austin, Texas 78757*

- I am a student from the UK and am currently undertaking research on OSS-SOE operations in Yugoslavia. I would like to interview or correspond with any OSSers who had the experience of operations in Yugoslavia, particularly in cooperation with SOE.

*Liam Tyler, email: [liamtyler\\_7@hotmail.com](mailto:liamtyler_7@hotmail.com)*

- My father, **William Leopold Shea** was a member of OSS. He died in 1990 but did not leave any info on his activities in World War II. I believe he was assigned missions in Madrid, Spain and South America. Thanks,

*Bill Shea Jr. Phone: 404-376-8005*

*email: [bshea@mwhop.com](mailto:bshea@mwhop.com)*

- I am seeking information about **Major Felix Pasqualino** who served in the OSS detachment in Rome in 1944-45. He was involved in an operation code-named Brutus concerned with obtaining documents from a senior officer in Italian intelligence and sought refuge in the Vatican.

*David Alvarez [dalvarez@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:dalvarez@stmarys-ca.edu)*

- I am trying to locate any living OSS vets who served with **Myrtle Vacirca-Quinn** in North Africa and Italy. Myrtle was a military (WAC) member of OSS. Her father, Vincenzo Vacirca, was an OSS civilian agent

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recruited by Max Corvo who was assigned to Sicily. I am writing a biography of Myrtle, who is now 88 and divides her time between New York City and Silver Spring, Maryland. By the way, she still lives in the same apartment in New York City where she was with her father when Max Corvo came and recruited him.

*Michael Sternfeld, email:*

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- The German historian Winfried Meyer is researching a book on Luftmeldekopf Südost (1941-1945) and its head, Richard Kauder ("Klatt"). In connection with this research, Meyer would like to contact the following former OSS personnel in Austria and Germany or their relatives. **Capt. E.P. Barry, Capt. Jules Konig, William Kurylchek, Lt. Marion Volpe.**

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- I am researching a few individuals who flew one or more missions with the Carpetbaggers. In most cases these are OSS HQ London personnel, and I have identified all but one. The problem is the mission reports only list persons on a mission by surname, so all I have to go on is a single entry (Sep 1944) of "**Laurent.**" If anyone can provide me with a full name and/or Army Serial Number for this person I would be most grateful.

*Thomas Ensminger*

*email: [webmaster@carpetbaggerops.org](mailto:webmaster@carpetbaggerops.org)*



## Women's History Month Observed in D.C. Area

Celebration of Women's History Month was observed throughout the country in March. In the Washington, D.C. area, **General John Singlaub** and **Betty McIntosh** were guest speakers at the Observation Gallery, Baltimore-Washington National Airport on March 24 sponsored by Metropolitan Washington USO and Maryland Aviation Administration. General Singlaub outlined the organization of OSS and told about his missions in occupied France and China. Ms. McIntosh described the activities of women in OSS, chronicled in her book, *Sisterhood of Spies*. Later that month she also spoke at CIA headquarters, sponsored by the Diversity Plans and Programs Department, D.C.I.

## Teenager Wins History Prize



*Diana Roycroft and her Jed display.*

In November 2004, a Pensacola, Florida teenage student, Diana Roycroft, sent an appeal to OSS requesting material on Jedburghs for use in her project for Florida's National History Day. Her interest in World War II history began when she went to France that June for the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

Diana received valuable information from OSSer John Singlaub of Virginia and an historian from Yonkers, N.Y., John H. Beach. She put together a six-foot tall wooden display on Jed operations with several photos, maps, Jed artifacts, and quotes. Her display won first place in county competition and will compete for state competition in May in the 2005 Florida History Fair.

## CIA History Recorded in New Hollywood Film

An epic film about CIA, "The Good Shepherd" is now scheduled for release this fall. The movie spans the forty-year career of the **James Wilson**, a Yale student recruited as one of the CIA founders. Oscar-winning Matt Damon will star. The film is also loosely based on the life **James Jesus Angleton**, a controversial figure in both OSS and CIA.

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## OSS Widow Receives Husband's WWII Combat Medals

Rose Coulson of Waukegan, Ill., widow of Waukegan mayor and state senator **Robert Coulson**, was presented with her husband's World War II combat medals at a ceremony in the Lake Forest American Legion Post in October 2004. U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk of Highland Park, Ill.



*At award ceremony: Congressman Mark Kirk of Ill. presents five medals to widow of OSS hero, Robert E. Coulson. Her son, William, (right) is a lineal member of The OSS Society.*

helped to retrieve the medals. Mrs. Coulson sought Kirk's help after discovering a copy of her husband's Army discharge papers in her basement.

Coulson served in the Office of Strategic Services during World War II. He was assigned to the China Burma

India theatre and operated missions out of Tiensin, China, Kirk said. He was awarded a War Department commendation for helping rescue six captured Marine aviators from communists. They had been in prison for 38 days.

Robert Coulson was a schoolteacher, banker, lawyer and Lake County prosecutor. He was mayor of Waukegan for two terms from 1949 to 1957 and served in the Illinois House and Senate for many years. He died in 1992. His daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Coulson of Glenview Ill., is a state legislator.



*Rescued Marines: This picture was taken immediately after Robert Coulson and an OSS team rescued them from the communist prison in Tiensin, December 1945. The Marines are unidentified.*



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