

TESTIMONY, Joy A Beebe, English War Bride

BEFORE the House Committee, Veterans' Services Emergency Preparedness

May 7, 2013

Good afternoon,

I am Joy Beebe. Born and raised in England, I married an American soldier in 1945 who was stationed in my country in World War II. As a war bride, I came to the Salem/Keizer area and I have been a resident of Keizer since 1948.

I grew up on the outskirts of London in the 1940's, experiencing the Battle of Britain and the Blitz, followed by Hitler's Vengeance Weapons--the V1 and the V2. Many sleepless nights were spent either in the cupboard under the stairs or under our Morrison Shelter (a large table issued to families by the government to protect them in their homes). Many Londoners stayed night after night in the underground railway stations for safety or because their homes were bombed.

Surprisingly, the people of London never lost spirit. We always believed we would survive; Winston Churchill convinced us. His speeches were so encouraging although we always knew we were alone . . . Churchill did too. After the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, America no longer wanted to wait and no longer thought they should keep the Isolationist policy. Young men rushed to sign up to keep the world free.

One summer evening, I was sent into south of England countryside by my Government employer to help the Land Army girls harvest potatoes. Early evening there was a lot of noise coming from the main road. So several of us

walked over to see what was happening; we were astounded! Hundreds and hundreds of American soldiers were marching down the road to Southampton in full uniform with their 'duffle bags' and rifles, singing and shouting. Officers were traveling in Jeeps and other soldiers in cars, tanks and large trucks with guns under tarps . . . a line that never seemed to end—it went on for hours. As it grew, light barrage balloons rose into the sky; hundreds of them covering the sky for miles. We watched for hours while this went on for solid two days. **It was the 5th and 6th June 1944 . . . D DAY!!** As far as I know, the potatoes may still be in the ground . . . we were watching history in the making; they were marching to the invasion of Normandy beaches,

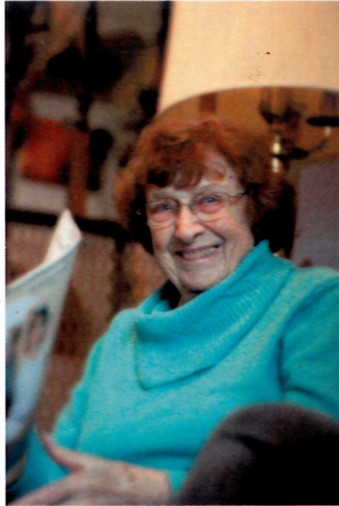
When the Americans came into the battle, the tides turned. America had power and their men were enthused about what they were about to see and do. However, they did not realize what was ahead, just as we had not known what would fall from the skies for us. WAR IS SHOCKING. When they moved to face the enemy, they watched their buddies fall yet carried on with valor and determination. Though the road was long and difficult, they finally won with memories too sad to share.

WWII veterans deserve all the recognition they get; they were happy to come home to their families and to rebuild their lives and country. We must give them the honor they deserve—THE THANKS they richly deserved 68 years ago. Bless them. I came to America as a war bride and know that I, too, need to give them the praise they earned with hardship and horror they endured so that you and I may live as free as we do.

*Snapshots of a
War Bride's Life*



Joy A. Beebe



Joy A. Beaver Beebe

Joy A. Beaver Beebe was born in Kent, England and lived on the outskirts of London during World War II.

She married Carl, an American serving in the U. S. Army Signal Corps in England at the end of the war and immigrated to Salem Oregon, U.S.A. in 1948.

She is retired, travels overseas to spend time with her family in England, and visits her American family often.

She has four children, four grandchildren and seven great-granddaughters.

Marking V-J Day, War Bride Displays Photos in Times Square



Here walk past the Wall of Honor banner, banner's unveiling. An English war bride



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WAR BRIDE



Joy Beebe was hesitant to show me her wedding dress, which she has kept in a closet for more than six decades. "It was not properly looked after," she explained. "Our dry cleaners was bombed. It never got cleaned until after I came to this country."

Actually, it wasn't until about 10 years ago that Joy had the dress professionally cleaned. The cream-colored gown, with long sleeves and 20 silk-covered buttons in front, has a few small stains but looks in remarkably good condition.



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The dress brings back so many memories and stirs so many emotions for Joy, a war bride from England.

During World War II she fell in love and married U.S. Army Cpl. Carl Beebe, who was stationed in her hometown. After the war she immigrated to America and they settled in Salem, where Carl was from.

"I don't think I really ever thought if I got married I was going to leave England," Joy said.

She gave up a lot to leave her homeland and her family, and this Memorial Day weekend is a time to remember the sacrifices of those who have served in the military, but the sacrifices of those who have supported them.

Many young women like Joy were swept off their feet by American GIs, who were lonely and far from home. Romances blossomed, and marriages were hastily arranged. Joy dated Carl for about six months before marrying him. When asked what it was about him that caught her fancy, she danced around the subject.

"It's kind of hard to talk about that," she said. "Sometimes it brings memories."

Joy has chronicled memories in "Snapshots of a War Bride's Life." The originally intended just for family, but fellow students in a writing Center 50+ did purchase paperback. she refers pocket book. She

Joy Beebe of Keizer holds up her old wedding dress Wednesday. She recently published her memoir, "Snapshots of a War Bride," which distributed to family.

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See this story at StatesmanJournal.com/Capi for a photo gallery.

MEMORIAL

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Softball: Ducks advance to the Women's College World Series, **Page 1B**



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In August 2010, Congress unanimously voted in favor of a national "Spirit of '45 Day" honoring the legacy of the men and women who were the "ordinary heroes" of the World War II generation.

"Spirit of '45 Day" is now observed in hundreds of communities throughout America on the second Sunday in every August, aligning with the anniversary of August 14, 1945 - the day President Harry S. Truman announced that World War II was over - the Greatest Generation's Greatest Day.

On that day, as the world rejoiced at the news that the most destructive war in history had ended, the United States assumed the leadership for laying the foundations for a better future for its children and their children's children, for former friend and foe alike. Life magazine published an iconic photo of a joyous sailor kissing a nurse in New York's Times Square that has become the symbol of "Spirit of '45 Day," calling the year 1945 "the hinge of history" as a new world was born and with it a new America.

Every town and city has a story of August 14, 1945 to tell. The surviving members of the generation that endured the difficult times of the Great Depression, achieved victory in WWII, and then went on to rebuild the world, are now departing, but the memory of their extraordinary achievements lives on in the family histories of their descendants. "Spirit of '45 Day" provides us an opportunity to remind us of their courage, shared sacrifice, and commitment to service so that their example of national unity and community can inspire future generations of Americans, especially our nation's youth.

Each year, a select group of individuals, representing organizations that have a commitment to preserving the story of the Greatest Generation, are invited to come to San Diego during second week in February to share their experience and ideas for continuing to build public awareness and participation in "Spirit of '45 Day."

This year, 100 participants representing more than 200 organizations have come together from 33 states to discuss how to continue to build on the momentum of the past three years as we prepare to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII with a national celebration on the weekend of August 14 - 15 -16, 2015.

Highlights of this year's National Leaders Conference will be the presentation of our first Community Spirit Award, a Tribute to the Honor Flight Network and its Founder Earl Morse, and the dedication of the new 25 ft Seward Johnson sculpture depicting the "Times Square Kiss" that will stand in San Diego Harbor as a permanent symbol of "Spirit of '45 Day" for America and the world.



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A message from Jerry Coleman, Spirit of '45 Day Spokesman

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to San Diego for what promises to be a truly historic weekend.

We are honored to have so many distinguished organizations represented at this year's National Leaders Conference, and to have representatives from more than 30 states. Together, you bring a diversity of perspective and ideas that will enhance all of our individual efforts to keep the Spirit of '45 in our respective communities.

National Spirit of '45 Day has been steadily gaining traction, during the past two years as hundreds of communities, from the East Coast to Hawaii, have organized events and activities to observe this new annual day to honor the achievements and legacy of service of the men and women of the World War II generation. I've been personally very pleased that my colleagues in Major League Baseball are observing National Spirit of '45 Day in August each year.

2012 was an important anniversary for me personally: in June 1942, I signed with the New York Yankees. However, like baseball legends Bob Feller, Hank Greenburg and so many others, I put my big league dreams on hold to serve my country. I was fortunate to have come home safely and live my dream by having a more than 70-year career in professional baseball.

America is experiencing some difficult times right now, and people, especially our youth, need to have the confidence that we have the ability to come together again and work towards a better future for all. The example of the men and women of the World War II generation is the inspiration we need as we tackle the challenges of today.

I consider the five years I spent serving my country to have been the most important thing that I have done in my life. This is why I am proud to have been asked to be a spokesman for National Spirit of '45 Day, and why I am eager to meet all of you during your stay here in San Diego. You are the ones who are making it happen!

Thank you for helping to keep their spirit alive in America! Semper Fi!



Honorary Conference Chairman



Jerry Coleman is the only Major League Baseball player to have served in combat in both WWII and the Korean War. He flew 120 missions as a Marine pilot, earning two Distinguished Flying Crosses. Jerry was the MVP of the World Champion New York Yankees in 1950. He has been the "Voice of the San Diego Padres" since 1972.

A Message from Jerry Yellin, Spirit of '45 Day Spokesman

I am proud to have been asked to be a national spokesman for Spirit of '45 Day. During WWII I served in WWII as a P51 fighter pilot flying escort and strafing missions from the island of Iwo Jima over Japan. On August 14, 1945, as celebrations of joy and relief were breaking out all over America at the news learned the war had ended, I was flying the last combat mission over the Japanese island of Honshu.

In America, it was a day of great national unity and shared community, as our country turned from the terrible work of war to begin to rebuild a better future for the world. It was a time when everyone felt connected to each other and had a common duty to make the world a better place, for ourselves, our children and our children's children. Despite a national debt that was more than 125% of our gross national product at the time, America found the resources welcomed home the millions of us who served with the G.I. Bill and other programs to ease our transition to civilian life and to start our lives. These farsighted policies laid the foundations for the creation of the greatest economy in the history of the world. In an act unprecedented in history, America reached out to both our allies and our former enemies in Europe to help them get back on their feet with the Marshall Plan.

Spirit of '45 Day is an opportunity for all Americans to remember the sacrifices and sense of common duty to one another that is the legacy of the men and women who were the 'ordinary heroes' of the WWII generation, people who had endured the difficult times of the Great Depression, WWII and struggled to build a more peaceful world.

We did not succeed in all the things we set out to achieve, nor were we by any means perfect, but we did our best to leave the world a better place and to try to set an example for those who would follow us, to inspire them to build on what we achieved and to help America become an even greater country.

Spirit of '45 Day is also an opportunity to remind us that we have an obligation to all those who we ask to serve in the cause of defending freedom and democracy, and to assure that they, too, are welcomed home with the compassionate understanding and support that they deserve. More than 400,000 Americans did not return from the WWII. My friend, 2nd Lt. Phillip Schlamborg of Brooklyn, NY, who flew with me on the day WWII ended, was killed, making him the last casualty of the most destructive war in history.

For many of us who did return, the memories of the horrors of war continued to weigh heavy on our minds and hearts, as we suffered from what is now referred to as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. I personally witnessed the deaths of 16 men during WWII, memories that linger in my mind even today. You never forget the horrific waste of war.

Having had to deal with PTSD myself for decades, I am now involved in helping today's returning veterans with a program called Operation Warrior Wellness in the hope that they will be better able to cope with this potentially debilitating condition and lead productive and happy lives. For me, this my way of keeping the Spirit of '45 alive by caring for today's generation of veterans who are trying to find peace on their return home.

So please take time on the second Sunday in August to observe Spirit of '45 Day with your family and your community as together we reflect on what our country can achieve when it is truly united, and recommit ourselves to becoming the best that America can be. Thank you.



THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II
A VISION FOR AUGUST 14-15-16, 2015

Preliminary plans for a national commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II will be discussed during the 2013 Spirit of '45 Day National Leaders Conference.

Currently under discussion are the following (all titles tentative):

- Friday, August 14 - Opening celebration in Times Square (25 ft sculpture, jumbo screens, flash mobs, etc. and wave of federal, state and municipal proclamations)
- Saturday, August 15 - National Salute to the Greatest Generation Concert (nationally televised, similar to annual PBS Memorial Day Concert, venue TBD)
- Sunday, August 16 - Farewell Tribute nationwide cross country wreath laying ceremony, with world's largest performance of "Taps" (e.g. 1,945 buglers)
- Individual state and community events and activities
- 2013 - 2014 -2014 National Road Tour to gather first hand memories of America on August 14, 1945 (i.e. "Our Town" project)
- Aerial photo of Times Square Kiss in Midwest (Iowa?)
- Spirit of '45 Day documentary with world premiere on weekend of August 14 -16
- '40's USO celebratory events at classic Amtrak train stations (e.g. Kansas City's Union Station, Philadelphia's 30th Street Station, New York City's Grand Central Station, etc.
- Baseball in WWII Programs at all Major and Minor League stadiums
- WWII History Museums & Heritage Group signature events:
 - Air Power National Fly Over by WWII vintage aircraft
 - Naval Power Salute by Historic Navy Ships Association (with active duty ships)
 - Ground Forces National Rally (cross country caravan with motorcycle escort)



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Mr. Warren Hegg
Spirit of 45

Dear Warren,

As you know, I will not be able to attend the wonderful event in San Diego this year. Believe me, if there were anyway possible for me to be there, it would be there to celebrate with you.

What you and your organization are doing to engage young people in history is truly remarkable. Those of us who have toiled in the vineyards for years to keep the importance of our history front and center for Americans, think that what you have done and are doing to interest youth—by channeling their fascination with digital technology into learning about history—is truly remarkable. I also know from talking to many veterans that connecting the next generation with the "Greatest Generation" is an incredibly important experience for them as well.

Please know that while I am not able to be there in person, I am with you in spirit this weekend.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Sutton, Ph.D.
Chief Historian, National Park Service



Dr. Sutton meets Spirit of 45 Day founder
Pearl Harbor Survivor Layton Warn, Dec. 7, 2007



Layton Warn, 91
Aug. 4, 1921- Jan. 30, 2013

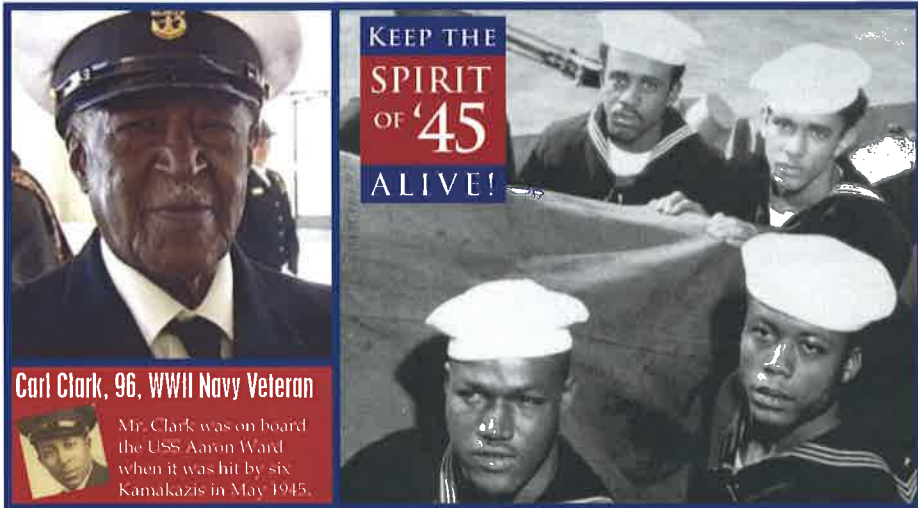


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Carl Clark, 96, WWII Navy Veteran

Mr. Clark was on board the USS Aaron Ward when it was hit by six Kamakazis in May 1945.

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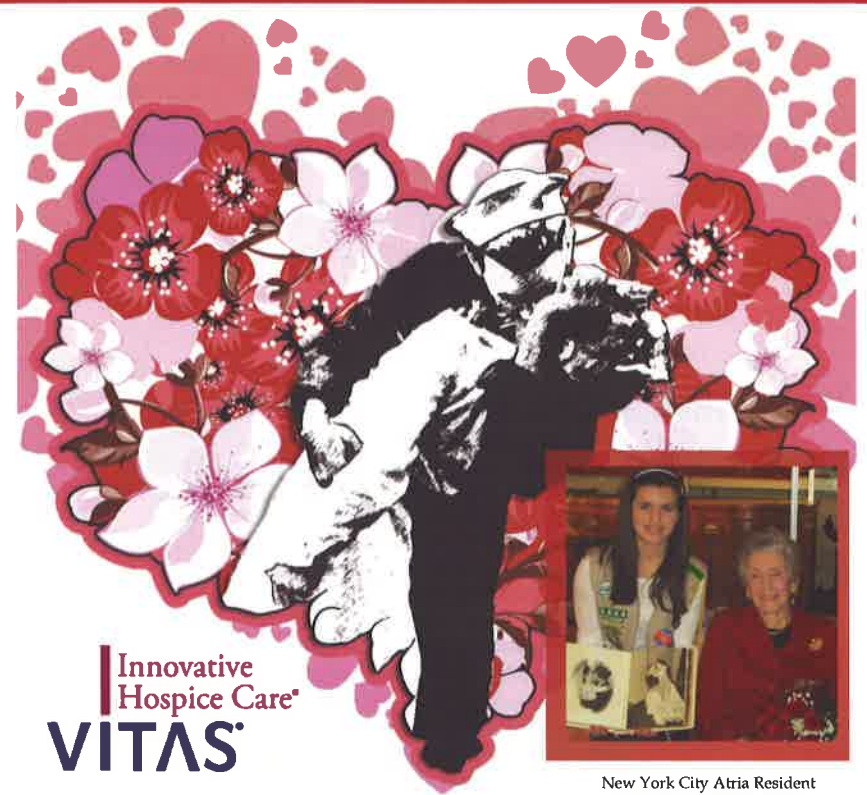


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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, February 14, 2013

**VITAS Valentine Day Mixer
Honoring the Couples of World War II
Starlight Room, Bristol Hotel
5:30 – 7:30 PM**

*Linda Laurie - National Events Coordinator
Kathy Tinsley - San Diego Spirit of '45 Community Coordinator
Barbara Jensen - Oregon Spirit of '45 Day Representative
Joy Beebe - WWII War Bride (U.K.)
Thad Jaracz - VITAS Innovative Hospice
Special Guest: Mayor of San Diego Bob Filner*

Friday, February 15, 2014

**Group Working Sessions
San Diego Hall of Champions
San Diego Balboa Park
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

Welcome and Opening Overview – 9:00 – 10:00 AM

*The Honorable Bob Filner - Mayor of San Diego
Admiral Mac McLaughlin - President and CEO, USS Midway Museum
Jerry Coleman - Spirit of '45 Day National Spokesman
Jerry Yellin - Spirit of '45 Day National Spokesman
Nell Calloway - Executive Director, Chennault Aviation & Military Museum*

Spirit of '45 Day 2012

Linda Laurie - National Events Coordinator

"Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!"

Robert Corpus - National Youth Programs Coordinator

Spirit of '45 Day 2015

Warren Hegg - National Projects Coordinator

Introductions and Expectations – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Youth Engagement – 11:00 AM - noon

Discussion Leaders
*Jaime Sawatsky - Rocky Run Middle School, Fairfax, VA
Valerie Pfundstein - New York, NY
Teri Simas - San Diego Girl Scouts
Vanita Rae Smith - Hawaii Spirit of '45 Day Representative
Susan Howe - Honor Flight Arizona
Robert Corpus - National Youth Program Coordinator
Kelly Estes - Associate National Youth Program Leader
Rohini Venkatraman - Stories of Service
Karl Zingheim - USS Midway Museum*

Lunch

Noon – 1:00 PM

Community Engagement - 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Discussion Leaders
*Dave Williams - Fold3.com
Kathy Phoenix, Carole Quakenbush, Myra Williams, John Forrett & Lindsay Hale
VITAS Innovative Hospice
Karen Carter - Dignity Memorial
Cara Slider & Donna Herbst - Atria Senior Living
Rob Griffith, Andrea Kentopian, Radhika Hathi & Sandra Wood - CareMore
Jon Yuspa - Honor Flight Reno*

WWII Museums & Heritage Groups - 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Discussion Leaders
*Jerry Yellin, National Spokesman
Nell Calloway, Executive Director - Chennault Aviation & Military Museum
James Whitehead, Jr. Maj. Gen USAF (ret) & Larry Jobe - Flying Tigers Historical Organization
Larry Turner & Debbie McKinion - Commemorative Air Force Museum
Harry "T" Geier - Planes of Fame
Lori Crown - Honor Flight Kern County/Reno Air Races
Jonathan Williams & Craig Post - USS Iowa Museum
Paul Dyson, Jaclyn Hawse & Jackie McCormick - USS Missouri
Paul Haley & Charles "Hop" Hopkins - US Navy Memorial
Ruth Jackson, Tuskegee Airmen Archives, University of California - Riverside
Jesse Thompson, Stu Hedley & Al Bordenlos - Pearl Harbor Survivors
Murray Lee - San Diego Chinese Historical Museum
Pete Stanek - Global Alliance for Preserving the History of WWII in Asia*

Keeping the Spirit of '45 Alive - Today! - 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Discussion Leaders
*Chris Busch & Julie Busch - David Lynch Foundation
*Maxine Giannini, Keith Lee & Kelly Estes - Family Historians,
Ron Spratt - TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors)
Amy Roby & Marilee Swirczek - Always Lost
Laura Spencer - post 9/11 Gold Star Moms
Paula Stoeke, President - The Sculpture Foundation
Denise Goolsby - The Desert Sun*

Honor Flight Regional Network - 4:00 – 4:30 PM

Discussion Leaders
*Mark Grams, Jim Kliese, Paula Nelson & Renee Riddle - Stars & Stripes Honor Flight (WI)
Tracy Huff & Christina Jaynes - Alamo Honor Flight (San Antonio, TX)
Grant & Tammy Thompson - Indy Honor Flight (Indianapolis, IN)
Dave Smith, Monte Montemarano - San Diego Honor Flight
Andrew Schiaveito - Philadelphia Honor Flight
Susan Howe & Nancy Page - Arizona Honor Flight*

**Honor Flight - The Movie Reading Theatre
Gaslight District**

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Special Guest: Earl Morse, Founder - Honor Flight Network

*Mike VanCampen - Honor Flight Kansas
Julie Brightwell - Honor Flight Ohio*



Saturday February 16, 2013

**Spirit of '45 Day Statue Dedication Ceremony
"Greatest Generation Walk" San Diego Harbor**

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Admiral "Mac" McLaughlin, President & CEO - USS Midway Museum

Distinguished Guest: The Honorable Zhao Shangseng, Consul General People's Republic of China
Ms Miranda Hope

Group Working Sessions (cont.)

San Diego Veterans Museum & Memorial, Balboa Park

1:00 - 3:30 PM

Planning Your 2013 Spirit of '45 Day Event - 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Discussion Leaders

Robert Corpus, Sarah Connor-Brown, Cindy Shoen & Joe Gonsales - History San Jose

Ron Bykowski & Ronnie Reber - McHenry, IL

Dan DeMarco, Teri Simas & Kathy Tinsley - San Diego

Bob McNabb & Bill and Janet Goodreau - Visalia, CA

Daniel & Monique LaCroix - InnerPeace Design

Kathy Helgason & Nathan Schwebach - ThomasArts Marketing

Planning the National 70th Anniversary Commemoration - 2:00 - 3:00

Discussion Leaders

Warren Hegg - National Projects Coordinator

Mark Grams, Jim Kliese, Paula Nelson & Renee Riddle - Stars & Stripes Honor Flight (WI)

Presentation by GMR Marketing

"Spiritfest!" '40's Style Dinner Dance

Berkeley Maritime Museum (upper deck)

6:00 - 9:30 PM

Hosts Harlan Boll, Kate Linder & The Swinging Blue Stars

And Tribute to the Late Patty Andrews of the Andrew Sisters

Sunday, February 17, 2013

Closing Session

Veterans Museum & Memorial, Balboa Park

9:00 - 11:30 AM

Brunch with Pearl Harbor Survivors - 9:00 - 10:00 AM

National Wreath Laying Ceremony/Memorial Day - 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Discussion Leaders

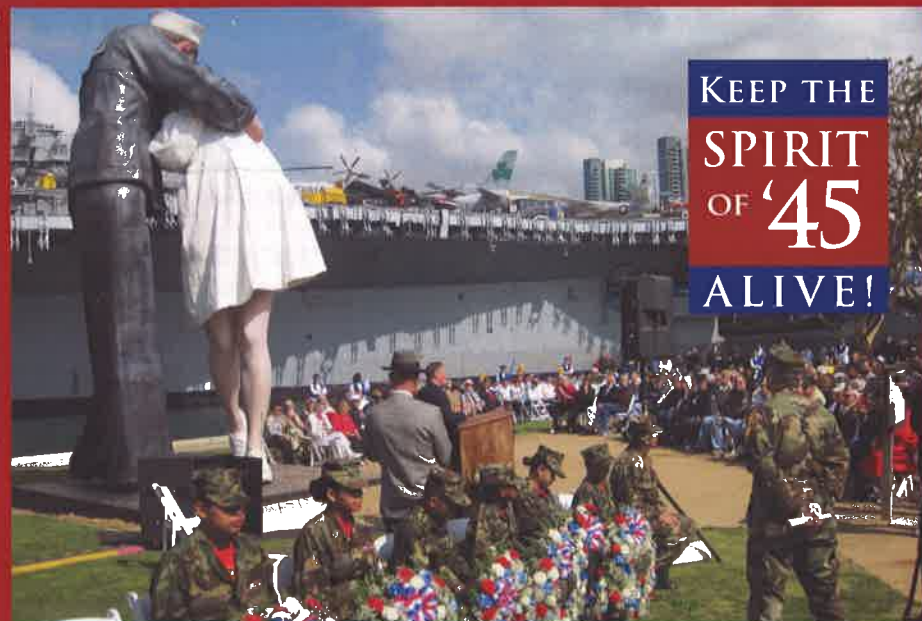
Ron Bykowski, Gene Ramsay & Auston O'Neill, Jr. - Bugles Across America

Farewell & Taps - 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Jack Harkins-San Diego United Veterans Council

Vanita Rae Smith, Jerry Yellin, Kelly Estes, Paul Haley, Stu Hedley, Chris McIntyre, Robert Corpus

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Keeping the Spirit of '45 Alive Calendar

Annual Quarterly Events

Each year, we facilitate high profile events to help engage youth and their communities in helping to raise public awareness and participation in the observance of "Spirit of '45 Day" in August.

- **Spirit of '45 National Leaders Conference – February, San Diego**

Organizations that are playing key roles in supporting the observance of "Spirit of '45 Day" meet for intensive working sessions to review progress to date and finalize plans for the coming year. This highly interactive invitation only gathering provides an opportunity to recognize groups and individuals for their outstanding contributions to the national collaborative effort. The Conference concludes with an annual "Spiritfest!" – a celebratory evening of '40's style music and ambiance, and a wreath laying ceremony to honor the members of the Greatest Generation who have passed away during the previous 12 months.

- **Spirit of '45 Memorial Day of Service – May, Washington, DC**

Youth volunteers honor the more than 400,000 Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice during WWII by carrying poster sized photos of 400 men and women who lost their lives during the war in the National Memorial Day Parade. They gather for a briefing at the Navy Memorial, and then proceed with their photos to the steps of the National Archives for a group photo and a performance by members of Bugles Across America, before forming a "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!" entry in the nation's largest Memorial Day Parade and march 10 blocks up Constitution Avenue to the National World War II Memorial where they place red, white and blue carnations in a wreath in front of the Wall of Gold Stars.

- **National Spirit of '45 Day Events – August, Washington, DC and New York City**

On the second Sunday in August, a 120 ft "Wall of Honor" is unveiled in Washington, D.C. front of the National World War II Memorial comprised of 1,945 photos of WWII veterans who have passed away during the previous 12 months. At the end of the Day, buglers perform "Taps" at a wreath laying ceremony in front of the Lone Sailor statue at the US Navy Memorial, in honor of Ernie Borgnine and all those who served in the seaborne services during WWII;

On August 14 – the anniversary of the "kiss seen around the world" – the photos of couples who were married during the '40's are displayed in Times Square to honor the men and women who built the families that made America strong in the postwar era and whose children and their children's children will forever be indebted for what they did for their country and the world.

The photos are archived by Ancestry.com/Fold3.com, as a public service.

- **Veterans Day Parades – November: NYC, San Diego, etc.**

Hundreds of youth form "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!" entries in their local Veterans Day Parade from New York City to San Diego carrying photos of their family's WWII veterans or those from their community. This project is one of the ways to introduce a new generation of young people to "Spirit of '45 Day" and to inspire them to "honor the Greatest Generation through service throughout the coming school year.

Ongoing Community Engagement Programs

Thanks to the growing number of partners who are helping to keep the Spirit of '45 alive, several ongoing programs have been developed to help engage more people in this national project to restore a sense of shared community and preserve our history.

- **WWII Wall of Honor** – the public is being invited to submit the portrait photos of men and women who served in uniform during WWII so that they can be permanently archived by Fold3.com and made available for use in banners, posters, and other uses.

- **Couples of WWII** – families of men and women who got married during the '40s are invited to send in photos of them so they can be archived in a special album by Fold3.com and become part of a mosaic of the "Times Square Kiss" that is displayed in Times Square each year on August 14.

- **Our Town – August 14, 1945 (2013)** – The public is being invited to share stories and photos that document what happened in their community on the day World War II ended so that they can be preserved as a permanent memory of this defining event in world history.

- **Growing Up During WWII (2014)** – To involve more young people in helping to keep the Spirit of '45 alive, a national program is being developed to encourage them to find out who in their family tree participated in the events of WWII so that they can honor them each year on Spirit of '45 Day and Veterans Day. A video contest inviting young people to learn what their peer group did during WWII and what Spirit of '45 means to them as they prepare to deal with the challenges of their generation.

"Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!" Social Media

The Spirit of '45 Day web site and Facebook pages provide a "virtual village" for groups and individuals to share information and ideas on how to keep building public awareness and participation in this new annual day of remembrance and national renewal. Descriptions of Quarterly Events and Community Engagement Programs are posted, as well as helpful resources like the Spirit of '45 Event Planning Toolkit, information about signage, marketing materials, and even a template for the Official Spirit of '45 Day cake!



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FEBRUARY 14-17, 2013 | San Diego, CA

SAVE THE DATE!

THIS MEMORIAL DAY...

KEEP THE
SPIRIT
OF '45
ALIVE!



HONOR AMERICA'S GREATEST GENERATION

Monday, May 27, 2013

Youth (ages 12-20) are invited to take part in a Day of Service honoring the memory of the men and women of the World War II generations!



11AM
Briefing line up at the Navy Memorial (701 Pennsylvania Ave Northwest Washington, DC 20004)

PRE-MARCH CEREMONY
1PM National Archives Steps

Join Honorary Grand Marshals *General Chuck Yeager*, *Gary Sinese* and other VIPs for the Opening Ceremonies for the National Memorial Day Parade starting at 1 PM on the steps of the National Archives.

MARCH IN THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!
2PM - 3PM Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th Street (Approx)

400 youth will carry enlarged portrait photos of these American heroes as they march in America's largest Memorial Day Parade alongside the Spirit of '45 float carrying veterans of World War II.

We are inviting the public to sit on the Archives steps during the Parade, holding photos of the faces of the young men and women who lost their lives in service during the post 9/11 wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice in other wars, as a way of honoring Gold Stars families of all eras and remind America of the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Contact National Park Service:

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The Memorial Day of Service is part of the "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!" initiative to establish an annual national day honoring the legacy of the men and women of the World War II Generation,

Youth Participating are eligible for 6 hours of community service

SIGN UP TODAY!



THIS VETERANS DAY...

Join us in honoring our nation's World War II veterans at local Veterans Day activities across America!



11-11-13



WWII veteran Vince Schoenstein & Kelly Estes, grand-niece of KIA Doolittle Raider Don Fitzmaurice, lead the 2012 Veterans Day Parade in San Jose.



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1st Annual Spirit of '45 Cross Country Tour

34 Days. 30 States. 10,000 Miles.



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STORIES OF SERVICE



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Memorial Day Parade
Wash. D.C.

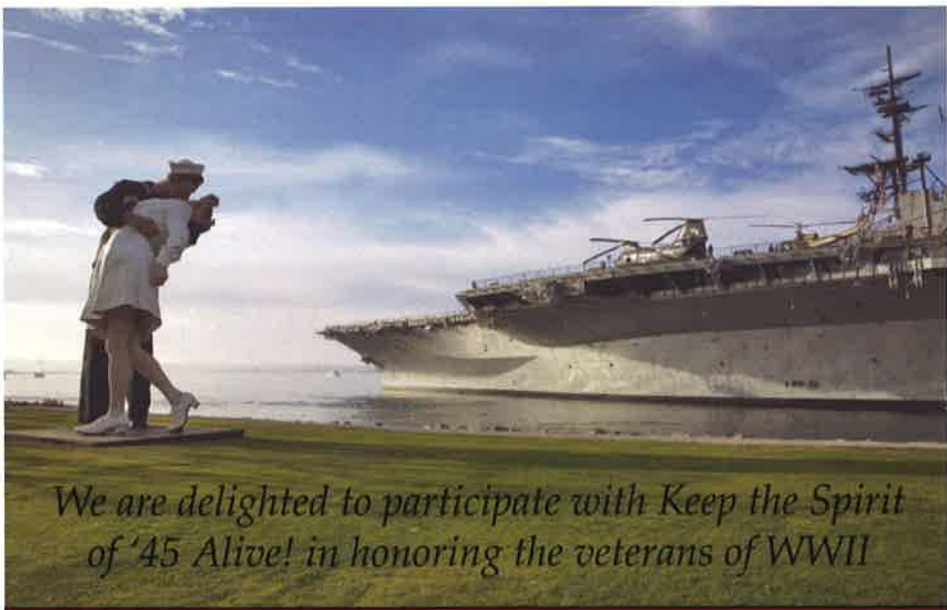
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We are delighted to participate with Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! in honoring the veterans of WWII



"With this work, I wanted to evoke a time of unity, a time without the divisiveness of today. The moment captured in this work encapsulates the spirit of having fought a successful campaign defending our values." - Seward Johnson (shown center above)

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Unconditional Surrender by Seward Johnson © 2004, 2005 The Sculpture Foundation



Remember the Homefront!



KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE!
salutes those who powered the
Arsenal of Democracy!



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Rosie the Riveter
Association



ARRA Founder Dr. Fran Carter poses with her husband John and Ron Shaw, our Spirit of '45 Traveling Evangelist and the 25 ft Spirit of '45 Day statue when they stopped in Bucksville, AL, en route to San Diego, CA on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

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THANK YOU MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
FOR KEEPING THE SPIRIT OF '45
ALIVE IN AMERICA!



The San Jose Giants are the first Minor League team to begin observing Spirit of '45 Day to remind their fans of professional baseball's WWII heritage!



Anchors Aweigh!

Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive is proud to be working with the United States Navy Memorial to honor the legacy of those who served in Navy Blue!



70TH ANNIVERSARY OF USS IOWA - 1943-2013





STORIES *of* SERVICE

Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! was born out of Stories of Service, a program dedicated to mobilizing young people to preserve the legacy of those who have served.

Youth producers work directly with veterans and others who have served our nation to produce Digital Stories (short personal videos) about their experiences. These videos are shared with the public on the Internet, at public events, and at schools, libraries, museums and memorials.

One of our goals is for Stories of Service to be introduced to every veterans home in America, to preserve the personal stories of those who served in World War II and other eras, before they are lost forever.

www.stories-of-service.org

Stories of Service is a program of the Digital Clubhouse Network, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.



THANK YOU

Walgreens



Walgreens was in Times Square on the day of the historic kiss and is helping to keep the Spirit of the Greatest Generation by honoring them on the anniversary of their greatest day. Walgreens national network of more than 6,000 stores are now being invited to help celebrate Spirit of '45 Day in their community.



Times Square jumbo screen – Walgreens hosted the Spirit of '45 Couples Event in Times Square on August 14, 2012



Walgreens donated 100 poster of local WWII vets that Girl Scouts carried in the San Diego Veterans Day Parade.

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Stories of Service and Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive encourage you to support National History Day's efforts to mobilize America's youth to preserve our History and Heritage!

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Indy Honor Flight with photo posters donated by their Walgreen's during visit to WWII Memorial in September 2012.





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Harold "Skip" Adams

Spirit of '45 Day National Spokesman

November 7, 1926 - November 12, 2012

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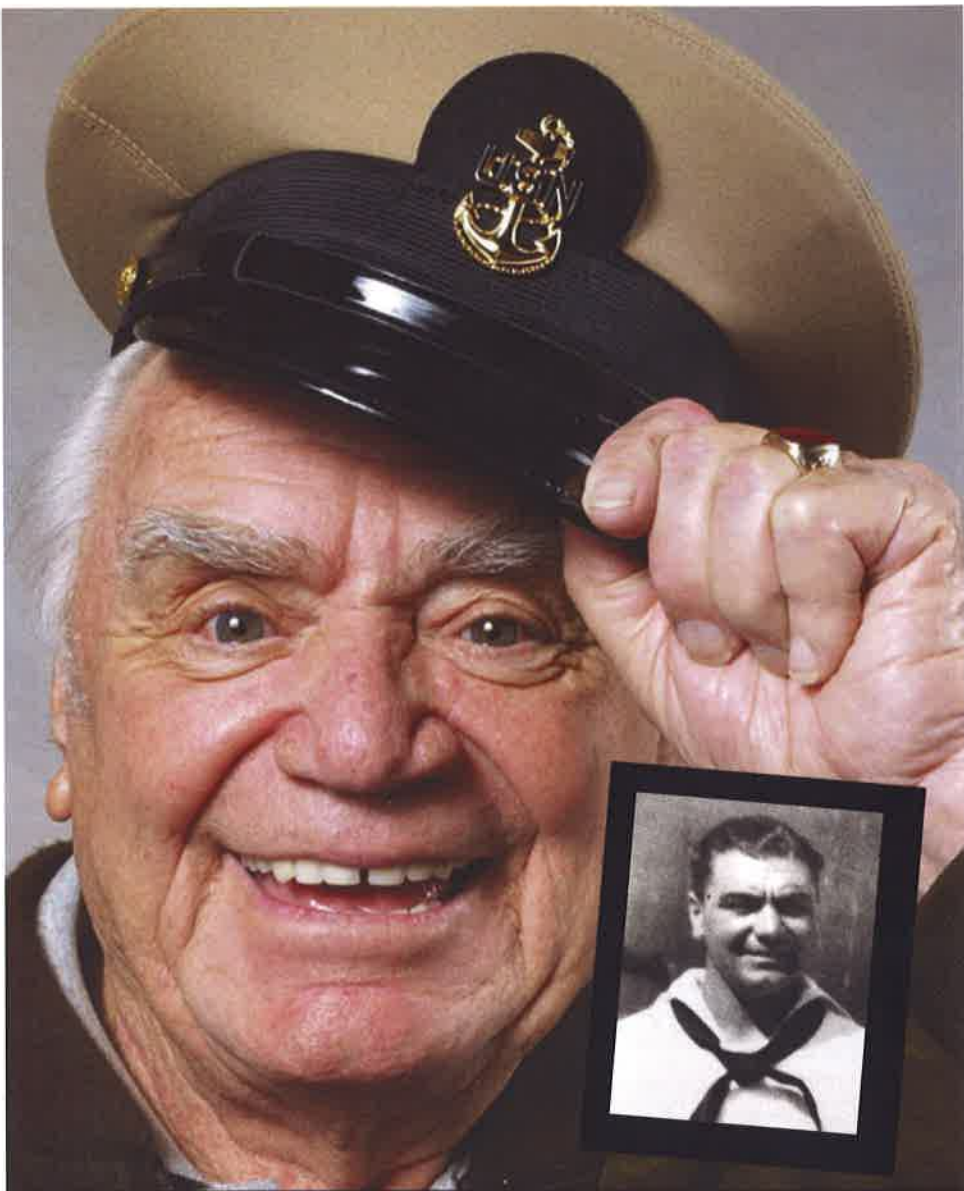
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Senator Dan Inouye

Medal of Honor

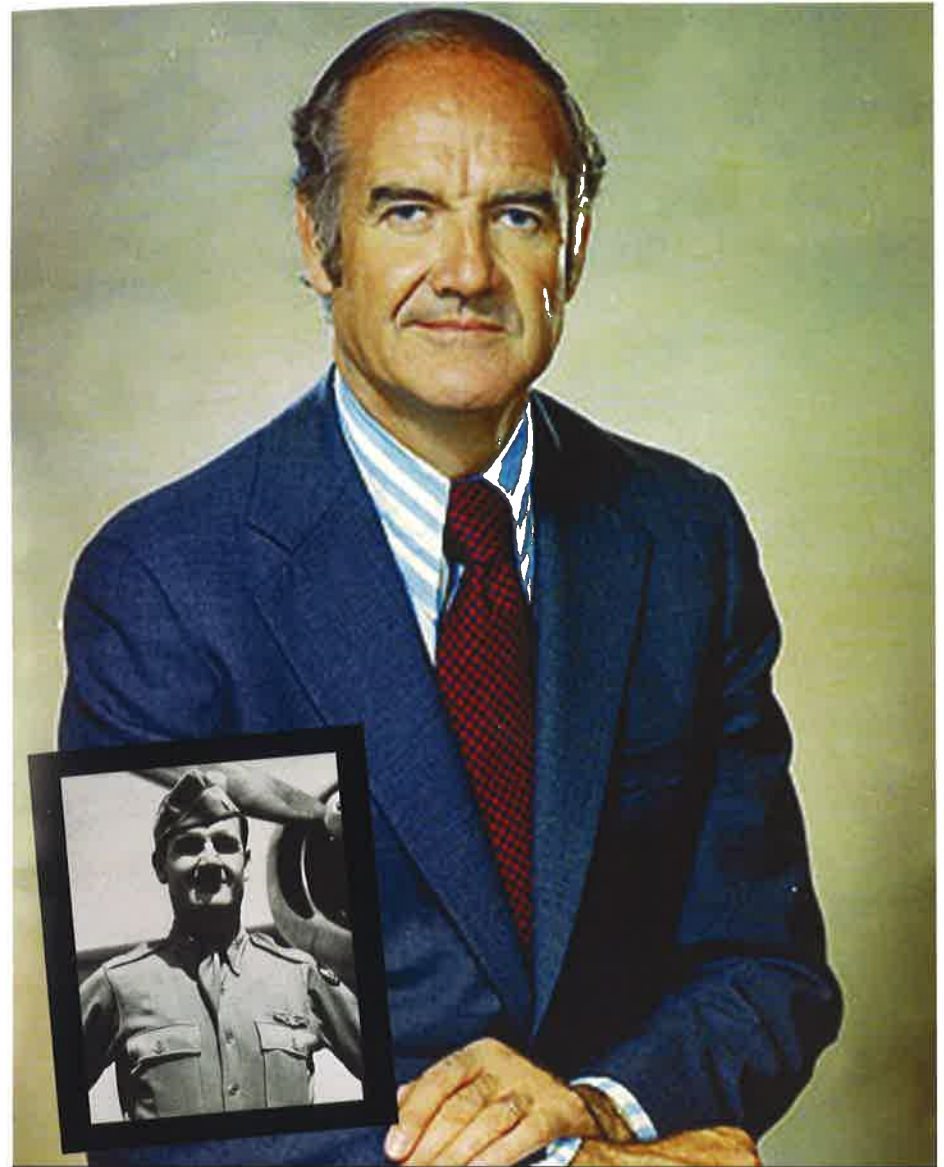
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Ernie Borgnine
Navy 1935-1945
January 24, 1917 - July 8, 2012



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Senator George McGovern
Army Air Force
July 19, 1922 - October 21, 2012

