



In This Issue of Saving Military History One Soldier at a Time

Happy New Year. It's a new decade but our mission is still the same. Saving Military History One Soldier at a Time! Thank you for all your continued support. This is our 65th edition dating to 2014 and we look forward to bringing you the next 65 issues.

So let's get caught up with some news from the last few months and what's ahead for 2020.

Work by our volunteers has continued to provide us with a lot more data for the websites. By the end of the year we added over 70,000 pages to the websites. There is much more data that needs to be transcribed so we could use all the help we can get. But a special Thank You to those volunteers that made this addition possible.

This brings our total of unique web pages to over 450,000.

Last year we received many donations, some came with hundreds if not thousands of photos. There were also documents, maps and books along with uniforms and other memorabilia. We look forward to scanning a lot of this material and bringing it to you in the months to come.

This issue we have decided to try another format for the newsletter. Please give us your feedback.

Historically there are a few more 75th anniversary milestones this year including Iwo Jima and V-J Day We will highlight these dates in our events and programs.

Please connect with us on Social Media

You can help us get the word out about our organizations. Please tell all your friends and like and follow our Facebook pages.

[Army Air Corps on Facebook](#)

[Sons of Liberty on Facebook](#)

Remember those that made the #ultimatesacrifice #sonsofliberty. Please like and share all of our daily posts on social media. Thank you !

Join us on this journey.

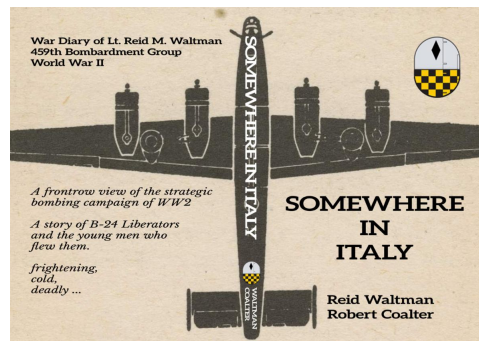
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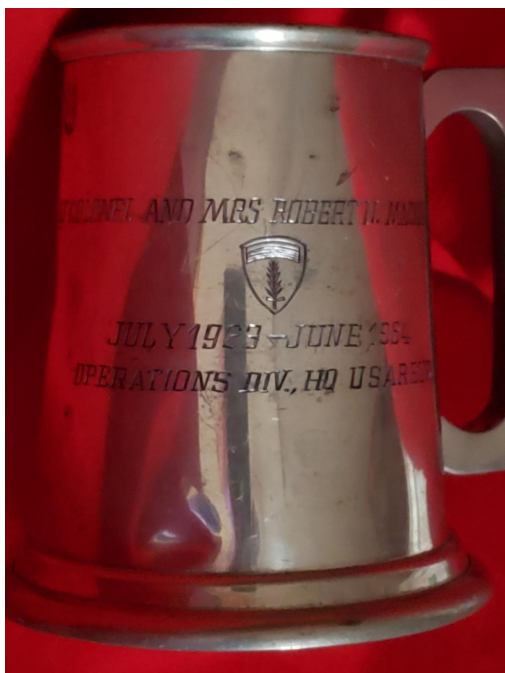
Visit Sons of Liberty Website

Upcoming Events

On January 18-19 we will be participating in the Lone Star Republic Militaria Show at the Dallas Market Hall. We will be setting up a display and we will be bringing in a number of veterans that are on our advisory board. Reid Waltman was a navigator with the 459th Bombardment Group. His new book was just released and he will be signing copies at this show.



[Read About The Book](#)



Sons of Liberty Museum

The Sons of Liberty has hundreds of uniforms and thousands of other artifacts in our collection from the U.S. Civil War to Present day. We continue to accept new material for education programs, and research. Our collection includes memorabilia from the front line soldier to the rear echelon clerk. Drivers, infantrymen, pilots, tankers, seaman, medical, artillery, armorers, engineers, quartermasters and much more. All MOS are welcome from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. We are Saving Military History One Soldier At A Time. We are honoring the service of the Citizen Soldier.

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We receive items that are not the usual military items of uniforms, gear and here is a good example.

Robert Neale MacKinnon

At first glance a nice mug for a Lt. Colonel, but further research revealed. **Robert Neale MacKinnon** was a retired Major General in the U.S. Army, He was born in Baggio, the Philippine Islands on May 25, 1923, the son of Col. William and Edith Mackinnon. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in June 1945. He served in World War II, in the Philippine Island Campaign and with the Army of Occupation in Japan, 1945-1946. He served in the Korean War as a company commander in 1950-1951. He also served in Vietnam as a brigade commander in the 1st Cavalry Division in 1968-1969. He was commanding general of the Primary Helicopter Training Center at Ft. Wolters, Texas (Mineral Wells) from 1969-1971. He was commanding general of the 1st Aviation Brigade in Vietnam, 1971-1972, and commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks Hawaii, 1972-1974. He was vice president of Bell Helicopter International managing operations in Iran from 1976-1979, and president of Aerospatiale Helicopter Corporation from 1980-1983. Major General Robert Neale Mackinnon was awarded numerous decorations for valor in combat, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star(3), Air Medals (4), Master Army Aviator, Master Jump Wings (Airborne), multiple awards of the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Every artifact has a story to tell. What's yours?

Volunteers

We need volunteers to transcribe award and roster documents. You will place the material into a spreadsheet where it will be added to our database and website. We welcome new dedicated volunteers to help us with this project!

Interesting Links & Resources

Visit Our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/sonsoflibertymuseum>

Videos on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14v-g0C-QvQSVHv6h3EdeA>

Donations

We welcome donations of papers, books, photos, gear, uniforms, jackets, medals, ribbons, weapons, equipment, scrapbooks, biographies, diaries and more. Please [Contact Us](#)

Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Cold War, Gulf War and current conflict donations accepted. From small to large multi-item donations, they all tell a story.

We need you ! We need your help to further our mission of preserving and bringing this history to you and your families. We are similar all non-profits, we always need capital! As a 501(c)(3) non-profit your qualifying donations are tax deductible.

Get Donation Information: [Artifacts](#) [Monetary](#)

Army Air Corps Museum

The Air Corps Museum online presence encompasses over 200,000 web pages with thousands of photos and other materials. Our artifact collection contains hundreds of uniforms, albums, logs, medals and more from the Army Air Service, Army Air Forces and U.S. Air Force.

World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Cold War, Gulf War and current conflict donations welcome!

This month's highlight and history is on Jim Council. He served with the 28th Photo Recon Squadron in World War II. Donated last year were hundreds of photos and negatives of his time in the Pacific.

[Read Jim Council's Story](#)



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Interesting Links & Resources

We are on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ArmyAirCorps/>

Trace a Family Members Military Service: <https://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/veteran-research.cfm>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/aircorpsmuseum/>

Honor Roll: https://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/honor_roll.cfm

YouTube Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqW3Z1UnB6leZH5g4XiPniQ>

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You can make monetary donations through the following links. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit your qualifying donations are tax deductible.

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MIAs - Missing in Action

We have information on over 90,000 MIAs. This includes most all the World War II MIAs and some from World War I, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War.

With our strategic partners, the MIA Recovery Network, we want to tell the last chapter in the life of these Citizen Soldiers.

We would also like your help in telling the first chapters of the lives of those still Missing in Action. Do you have service photos of a family member that is or was MIA? News articles? Service related material?

Material on Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines MIAs:

<https://www.sonsoflibertymuseum.org/missing-in-action/>

Air Corps:

<https://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/missing-in-action/>



X-Files - Buried Unknowns

There are many citizen soldiers whose body was recovered, but they are unidentified. There are thousands of these unknowns buried in American Battle Monument Cemeteries around the world. They are also known as X-Files.

Material on Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines X-Files can be found:

<https://www.sonsoflibertymuseum.org/buried-unknowns/>

<https://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/buried-unknowns/>



Awards, Rosters Unit Documents

We need you ! A continued big thanks to our fantastic army of volunteers. We have



Attention Website Owners & Veteran Associations

Many WWII veterans organizations have shut. Many these organizations had

much more so if you can type and have a couple hours each week we can use you !

Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force

We have received material on many units and are hoping to compile much more.

Unit Citations, Awards, Transfers, Rosters

Many groups received unit citations during their particular conflict. The paperwork, in triplicate, would include a roster of all assigned and attached personnel. We are seeking and requesting copies of those roster documents. Please search your papers, talk to your association and help us out with this information and get them to us pronto!

developed some type of website, some with enormous amounts of data and history. Sadly, many had/have not made provisions for their website to be continued and thus when the bill stops being paid, the website disappears and all the work and information is lost. We want to help and we need you to help us. If you know of a disbanding group, please have them get in contact with us; we would like to bring their website and information under our wing. If they want to continue to maintain it we can give them access to continue that as well. One of our top goals for this and every year is to preserve this history not lose it!

Not a WW2 unit? That's ok. We are also interested in your history and want to help preserve it. Korea, Vietnam and all other conflicts.

If your organization has physical materials such as uniforms, patches, photos and other memorabilia do you have plans for them when you cease operations? We would be honored to be the custodian of your group's history.

**Preserve This History, Honor the Service,
Provide Education For Future Generations.**

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