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The following WWII witnesses and veterans have graciously signed to date:

1. **Shigeaki Mori** – Japanese historian and Hiroshima atom bomb survivor, (6 August 1945) who reached out to the families of 12 US POWs killed in the blast, and met US President Obama during his visit to the Hiroshima Memorial in 2016.
2. **Corran Purdon** Major-General CBE MC CPM – participant and POW from the raid on St. Nazaire, France 28 March 1942.
3. **Wilfred Sidney Knox** Sub Lieutenant (a) RAF – flew a Hamilcar glider, landing near the German village of Hamminkeln as part of Operation Varsity.
4. **Benjamin Ferencz** Army Sergeant: Active in the European front from D Day to Germany's surrender. Recalled to gather evidence at all major concentration camps in order to serve as Nuremberg trial prosecutor.
5. **Jim Campbell** First Lieutenant – Pilot, 15th Army Air Corps, 450th Bomber Group, 720th Squadron.
6. **Alexander Jefferson** Lieutenant Colonel USAF 301st FS (Tuskegee Airman) shot down over Toulon France Aug 1944, POW 9 months.
7. **Geoffrey Wellum** Fighter Pilot, Squadron Leader, Distinguished Flying Cross Biggin Hill 1940 – 41.
8. **Edgar Harrell** Corporal US Marine Core – Survivor USS Indianapolis (sunk 30 July 1945).
9. **Veronica Shingleton-Smith** witness to German torpedoing in the Mediterranean as a passenger aboard a troop carrier Palestine to England 1942.
10. **Arthur Barrett** Flight Lieutenant RCAF 420 Squadron 6th Bomber Group.
11. **Lester Schrenk** Sargent US8th AF 92nd Bomb Group, 327th Squadron – ball turret gunner. POW 15 months, death march survivor.
12. **Reginald Cheribin** – Colonial Auxiliary Forces, artillery unit Trinidad, whose cousin died during the U161 torpedo attack in Castries, St. Lucia 9 March 1942
13. **Albert Garib** – Paris resident and refugee 1941.



14. **Nesse Godin (nee Galperin)** Holocaust and death march Survivor.
15. **Wilbur J. Myers (Jack)** Gunner 1st Platoon Co. B 692nd Tank Destroyer; Battle of the Bulge.
16. **Donald Stratton** Seaman First Class USS Arizona survivor, Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941.
17. **Ken Potts** Coxswain USS Arizona survivor, Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941.
18. **Arthur Pendleton** US Marine Corps, 1st Marine Division; Guadalcanal, 7 August 1942.
19. **David Bayer** Holocaust (Auschwitz and Jaworzno) and death march Survivor.
20. **Marvin Strombo** US 6th Marine Regiment; Saipan, Tarawa 1944, returned a good luck flag called a Yosegaki Hinomaru with fallen Japanese soldier, Mr. Sado Yasue's family in Japan in August 2017.
21. **Harold David Andrews** 2nd Lieutenant 416th Bombardment Group (L).
22. **Victor Gregg** Rifleman at the Battle of El Alamein 1942, North Africa. Paratrooper at the Battle of Arnhem. POW and survivor of Dresden city firebombing, February 1945.
23. **Ms. Hilde Joseph** teenage employee at a hotel in Hamburg, Germany who survived the bombing of that city and later migrated to the UK becoming the first post war German to marry a British soldier of Jewish origin: Mr. Joseph Joseph.
24. **Hans Schönfeld** 13th Company of the SS-Totenkopf-Infanterie-Regimentes 3
25. **Friedrich Schreiber** – 13 Panzer Division, 1941 – 1945, Sergeant - Panzer Regiment 4. POW 13/May/45 to December/1947.
26. **Heinz Rothe** - 257th Infantry "Berlin Bear" Division. Stationed in Berlin throughout the war.
27. **Willy Rieudshagen** – Kriegsmarine 9th U Flotilla, Brest.
28. **Heinz Rökker** former night fighter pilot in the *Luftwaffe* during World War II. Recipient of the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross with Oak Leaves.
29. **Ms. Regine Halm**, whose father did not return from Soviet captivity until 1949. Wife of **Gunter Halm**, German infantryman; personally honored by General Field Marshall Erwin Rommel with the Knight's Cross for his bravery in El Alamein.
30. **Dame. Vera Lynn** OBE, English singer, songwriter and actress awarded a British War Medal 1939–1945 and the Burma Star. Known as "the Forces' Sweetheart", who toured Egypt, India, and Japanese occupied Burma as part of ENSA.



31. **Mr. David Tejada** served with the 12th Signal Company, Philippine Scouts who resisted Japanese invaders for 3 months without supplies before capitulating. Survivor of the infamous POW Bataan Death March and Camp O'Donnell.
32. **Mr. Haynes Cyril** on duty constable on 9 March 1942 when German U-161 torpedoed Lady Nelson and Umtata in port Castries, St. Lucia. Deployed to Italy as part of the West Indian regiment. Assigned to escort 4,000 German POWs to Africa.
33. **George "Johnny" Johnson** MBE, DFM, Squadron Leader retired Royal Air Force officer and Britain's last survivor of the original members of No. 617 Squadron RAF and of Operation Chastise, the "Dambusters" raid of 1943.
34. **Mary Wilkins Ellis** among the last of the Second World War's Air Transport Auxiliary, who logged more than 1,100 solo hours in order to deliver over 1,000 aircraft to frontline units during WWII. Awardee of the Freedom of the Isle of Wight.
35. **Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara** Japanese naval air force kamikaze pilot who survived two suicide missions due to midflight engine failure.
36. **Mr. James Jolly** PhD ensign US Maritime Service: Atlantic, Pacific and Andalusians service including the invasion of Kiska. Radio Officer aboard the Edmund Moran on its visit to St. Lucia in 1942 to tow away the British ship Umtata.
37. **Mr. William (Bill) Parker** Staff Sergeant 116th Infantry's 2nd Battalion: led one of the first assault waves on Omaha Beach on D-Day, 6 June 1944; awarded a Bronze star and two Purple Hearts.
38. **Mr. Herman Zeitchik** 4th Infantry Division, landed on Utah Beach on D-Day, 6 June 1944. Subsequent participation in the Battle of the Bulge, liberation of Paris, liberation of a Dachau subcamp and discovery of a cave full of valuables stolen by Nazi Germany.
39. **Mr. Lawrence F. Kirby** Platoon Sergeant, 3rd Marine Division, amphibious assaults of Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima. One of 11 survivors of Easy Company who were decimated in a 36 hour attempt to capture Hill 362C (Cushman's Pocket).
40. **Mr. Theodore "Heck" Bardsley** served in Europe with the 78th Infantry. Stationed near Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Germany, One of eight brothers whose WWII service established a US military record from a single family.
41. **Mr. Douglas Devaux** Corporal / Flight Radio Operator and Distinguished Flying Cross awardee with the US Air Force in the China-Burma-India Theater. 42 flights over the treacherous "Hump" mountain range between India and Southern China. Injured during a bombing raid at Kunming airfield China. (Cousin of Cyril Devaux)
42. **Mrs. Catherine Martindale (nee Titley)** as a 5 year old passenger along with her parents, brother John, and sister Beatrice, aboard the Lady Nelson, survived the torpedoing of that vessel by German 161, 9 March 1942, Castries harbor St. Lucia.
43. **Colonel Richard "Dick" Cole** Second Lieutenant 17th Bombardment Group co-pilot alongside Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle during the Tokyo Raid, 18 April



1942. Subsequent service in China-Burma-India Theater October 1943 - June 1944. DFC with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, among many other decorations.

44. **Mr. Frank McGovern** gunner/able seaman and last living survivor of Royal Australian Navy HMAS Perth sinking, subsequent POW forced labor consignment to the Burma-Siam railway, survivor of a second sinking aboard the Rokyū Maruby by torpedo, recapture/forced labor in Tokyo. Survivor firebombing by the Allies.
45. **Ms. Patricia Glensor** daughter of navigator Pilot Officer Raymond Edwin Glensor (RNZAF) of 142 Squadron who along with St. Lucian pilot Donald Barnard, Ralph Forster, Albert Buckell and H M James were shot down over France in September 1942, later escaping with the aid of Monique Fillerin and her family back to the UK.
46. **Mr. John (Jo) Lancaster DFC.** 54 operations piloting Vickers Wellingtons and Avro Lancasters with RAF Bomber Command's 40 and 12 Squadrons. Flew in the 'Thousand Bomber Raids' in 1942. The first pilot to eject in an emergency from a British aircraft (May 1949). Logged 11,000 hours on 144 different aircraft.
47. **Mr. Vic Bashford** Corporal Electrician who managed to escape off the beaches of Dunkirk with the aid of a foldup bed before being rescued by a civilian boat. Served with 615 Squadron BEF France 1939/40. North Russia No 151 Wing – 134 Sqdn 1941. Middle East via S.Africa 134 Sqdn Palestine USAAF no 107 MU 1942-1946.
48. **Mr. David Craig** radio officer aboard the SS Dover Hill, journeyed to Murmansk with convoy JW53, weathering fierce winter storms and harrowing German strafing and bombing attacks Feb – Dec 1943. Voluntarily assisted with the disposal of an unexploded bomb that crashed into the ship's coal bunker.
49. **Mr. Helmut Rohsiepe**, Tank driver in 5 Panzer Regiment Parachute corps division, Wehrmacht.
50. **Mr. Heinrich Leuffert**, Parachute corps Regiment #6, Wehrmacht
51. **Mr. Gunter Neugebauer**, Panzer Aufklarungs Abteilung 33, 15 Panzer Division, The division was transported to Libya in April 1941, joining General Erwin Rommel's Deutsches Afrikakorps (DAK) as one of two German tank divisions in North Africa.
52. **Mr. Heinz Golinski** German Infantry 8SS Calvary Division "Florian Geyer"
53. **Mr. Jan Frosberg**, Ober lieutenant IG , Sweden,
54. **Mr. Nils Dewair**, Captain in the Swedish Merchant Marine
55. **Richard Neubrech** Footsoldier with the 2nd SS Panzer Division Das Reich
56. **Mr. Rudolf von Ribbentrop**, Waffen-SS Panzer leader. The son of Hitler's foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, who became a highly decorated soldier in the Waffen-SS, wounded 5 times in various campaigns



- 57. Mr. Douglas Sayles** Royal Navy including HMS Imperial, Orion, Heccla and Furious; Battle of Norway/ Arctic convoys, North Africa, Northern Atlantic convoys, invasion of Italy, and operation Goodwood targeting the Tirpitz. Korean War veteran.
- 58. Mrs. Tessa Elkington Chambers** who signed after her father **Tim Elkington** received the Log Book and sadly passed away. RAF fighter pilot, Battle of Britain, later deployed to Murmansk in Russia with the 151 Wing. Subsequently stationed at RAF Armada Road Airfield near Rasgovindpur village in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha, India.
- 59. Mr. Les Grafton** London resident who lived through the German Blitz and Buzz bombs during the opening and closing years of WWII respectively. Army, National Service at 17 following the end of WWII.
- 60. Mr. Les Rutherford** British Army Dunkirk escapee who reenlisted with RAF/50 Squadron, subsequently surviving a midair explosion over Germany, POW internment at Stalag III, and forced march during the war's closing stages.
- 61. Mr. Stuart Henry Sinden** Royal Marine Suffolk Regiment (gunner) landing craft (LCM) Juno Beach D-Day. Transporting further reinforcements onto the Normandy beaches, ferrying the dead and wounded back to the hospital ships. Subsequent service in India, Ceylon, Singapore. Awarded Chevalier Legion d'Honneur.
- 62. Mr. Vitto Alongi** Navy Fireman 1st Class USS Missouri Pacific Theatre including Iwo Jima and Okinawa and campaigns. Supported military burial of the Kamakazi pilot (believed to be Setsuo Ishino) whose plane struck the Missouri on 11 April 1945. Witness to the Japanese surrender on 2 September 1945 seated on the #2 gun turret of the Missouri.
- 63. Col. Ben Skardon** Commander of Company A of the 92nd Infantry Regiment PA during the grueling isolated defense of the Philippines in early 1942. Bataan death march and 3 year POW survivor which included a 47 day Philippines-Japan transfer aboard two Hell Ships, Oryoku Maru and Enoura Maru.
- 64. Mr. Clarence Smoyer** Corporal with Co. E. 32nd A.R. 3rd Armored Division, landing at Omaha Beach on 23 June 1944, involved in the longest overland advance (Spearhead) in history, liberating Belgium and Germany over 11 grueling months.
- 65. Mr. Harold Billow** 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, survivor Nazi war crime, 17 December 1944. Intercepted by German offensive, 87 out of 150 trapped US servicemen were shot in cold blood, at the Baugnez crossroads just outside of Malmedy en route to St. Vith, Belgium
- 66. Mrs. Dorris Boland** who, as a child of Colonial Engineer, Rupert McNamara, encountered German surveillance officers arriving at the family residence overlooking Castries Harbour, St. Lucia, to photograph the area, circa 1937. Five years later, McNamara would spend 17 hours following the attack on Umtata and Lady Nelson in Castries, ensuring both vessels sank and remained in an upright position.



- 67. Ms. Elizabeth Johnson** member of the 6888th Regiment: the only all-female black battalion to serve overseas during WWII. Johnson drove a ¾ ton truck in the UK and helped sort a 2 year backlog of mail in France; a 6 month assignment completed in 3.
- 68. Mr. Guy Whidden** paratrooper with the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment 101st Airborne, jumping into Normandy on 6 June 1944, and subsequently into Holland during operation Market Garden, sustaining life-threatening injuries in the process.
- 69. Mr. Paul Crawford** Fighter pilot with the 311th fighter group, 529th fighter squadron, Hsian, China, completing 28 missions before getting shot down over Japanese controlled China and evading capture with the help of Chinese Communists over a 200 mile escape route.

