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"NOW HEAR THIS...."

Jim Siglin

Just a reminder that summer 2018 is already 1/2 over!! All those projects you had been putting off until the weather warmed up still seem to need attention.

Events are plentiful with plenty of opportunities including our big **REDBALL Fall Show at Gilbert ,PA on September 21-22, 2018.**

Members are needed to help with Show activities/set up, beginning with field layout of vendor spaces on Wednesday, September 19. Get involved in the Show even for a few hours, and help make the work easier for all.

Other opportunities for events will run right up to Veteran's Day in November. What comes after that is a long winter, so plan to finish strong for this 2nd half of 2018!!

FROM THE EDITORS

Thanks to all members who have contributed articles, reports and photographs on various activities they have attended.

We know a majority of Redball members visit their favorite military functions throughout the year. A short write-up and several photographs for our newsletter about these events would be appreciated.

Also, how about an article on when you became interested in military vehicles, when you joined Redball or what you are working on now.

We're waiting to hear from you.

Thanks,

Roger & Christine de Socarras

Stroudsburg Veterans Day Parade

Sunday, November 12, 2017

By Jim Siglin



Carl Rustine in his Jeep, and Bobby Leclair in his Cargo Truck. Cold temps but warm crowd.

Redball Christmas Party

December 10, 2017

By Roberta Housel



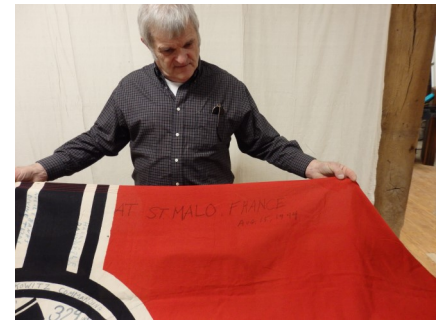
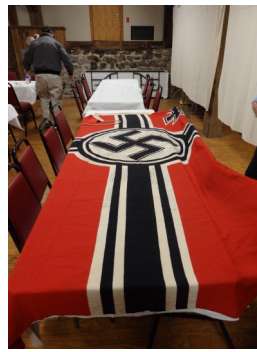
Presented to Helga & Sven Johnson by Tim Chopp, President, Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation, in gratitude for their years of support. Douglas C54 'Spirit of Freedom', www.spiritoffreedom.org



Sven and Helga with "Mr. & Mrs. Clause"



Tim Chopp displayed a Weight & Balance computer used on airplanes.



Rick Wark, Military Technology Museum of New Jersey, <http://militarytechnj.wix.com/main> displayed a Flag captured August 15, 1944 by Co. 'K', 329 Inf. at St. Malo, France donated to the museum in Wall, NJ.



Flag signed by people of the Division. He stated that he was able to locate some of the surviving men who signed the flag.



Plenty of good food! Good turnout of members, spouses, and children

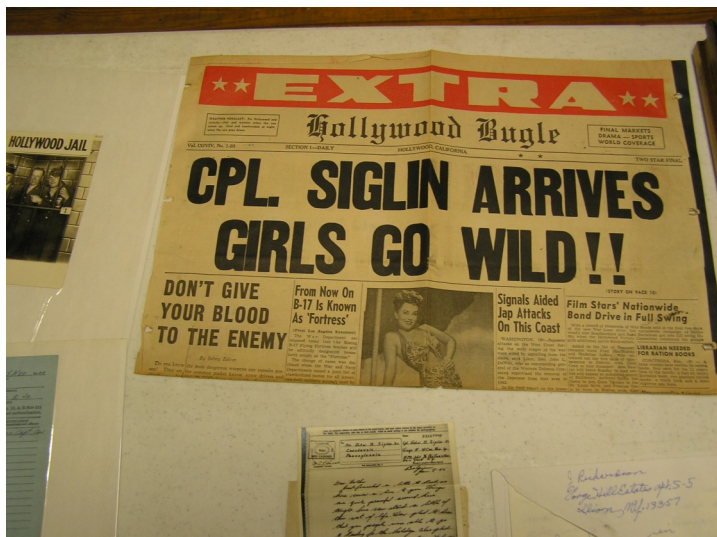
Blaine Siglin's WWII Record

By Jim Siglin

After the January 2018 Redball meeting adjourned, President Jim Siglin presented a talk about his Father Blaine's record in WWII. Jim's Grandmother saved all the WWII papers from Blaine.



Blaine was drafted into the Army, 17 April 1942 in Stroudsburg, PA and was sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana and then to Ibis, California for training. Blaine was sent to the ETO, 29 September 1944 where he was in combat for 4 months and ten days. He was discharged 29 December 1945 at Indiantown Gap, PA



Above is a "fun" newspaper headline that the troops could have made. Even though they were preparing to go overseas, you could tell what was on their mind.

Blaine was assigned to Troop A, 41st Cavalry Reconnaissance (Mechanized), 11th Armored Division which was activated 15 August 1942 at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

It was part of Patton's Third Army and had 3 Campaign Stars for Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe.

Troop A was the first 3rd Army unit to link up with the Russians at Amstetten, Austria, 08 May 1945 and became the Eastern most of Allied Forces on the Western Front, V-E Day, 09 May 1945 as the war ended.



Trail of the 41st Cavalry Reconnaissance (Mechanized) 11th Armored Division. On the left are some photos of Blaine



The after action G2 Report of the 11th Armored Division.



Blaine's Decorations/Commendations: Bronze Star (one of only 2 awarded in Div., Good Conduct Medal, Letter of Commendation for Russian Link-up from Gen. H.E. Dager, Commanding General, 11th Armored Div., Belgium Medals 2, Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II with Palms, Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palms.

Spring Swap Meet at Mt. Bethel, PA

Vol. Fire Co. - March 3, 2018

By Roberta Housel

With a start in a Nor'easter, downed trees and power outages, there was a good turnout of vendors and shoppers. Some as far as Connecticut. The Mt. Bethel Firehouse Auxiliary had a very good and reasonably priced breakfast and lunch menu.



Events Coordinator Jim Gilmore



Daryl Bensinger from Narvon, PA. seated at his table



Redball members Sven Johnson (left) and Treasurer Marc Genowitz

President Jim Siglin reported at the Redball March 14 Meeting that the overall experience at the new hall was successful even though stormy weather left heavy snow accumulation on Route 611 affecting both attendees and vendors. Power was also down for some time.

Special thanks to Jim Gilmore and Mark Genowitz for their assistance. They came in Friday, along with Jim Siglin and others, to check out the new hall. They stayed overnight so they would be there on Saturday morning due to the storm threat and handled everything to make it a great show.

Redball has received excellent feedback from members and vendors in attendance. We want to thank the Mt. Bethel Volunteer Fire Co. for their hospitality.

St. Patrick Day Parade, Stroudsburg, PA

By Jim Siglin



WWII Weekend

Jacobsburg Historical Society

By Roberta Housel

Jacobsburg Historical Society presented World War II Living History Weekend on Saturday June 23 and Sunday June 24th. Saturday had passing light showers and was overcast all day. A rain storm came through during the night, Sunday cleared hot and humid. There were both American and German troops present.



Mr. R. Frankenfield and Mr T. Frankenfield had a tent set up for 'Wreaths Across America', selling t-shirts and gathering donations to provide wreaths for all soldier's graves.



Christine Lurk, 'Miss Victory' had a large display with Ration book items, and ration information for the 'Home Front'.



Chaplin's tent was set up by the Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop.



Nazareth Area Community Band played patriotic music on Saturday, June 23rd.



Church service on Sunday, June 24th.



45th Inf., National Guard Camp



29th Division, 116 Inf., A Company, Assault Training,
'29 Lets Go!' Camp



Scooter with Machine Gun.



Mr. Dalcin's 'Weasel' Cargo Carrier.



Jim Conway in front of his vendor tent. There also was The Susquehanna Depot, who also provided the German Troops, Ed Sartorius who sold German items, and Thomas Chiricos who sold a variety of American related items.

Breakfast and lunch was catered by 'Bubba Butch BBQ'; they had SOS for breakfast on Sunday.

There also was weapon demonstrations, veterans outreach organizations and WWII veteran reenactors to talk about their encampments and vehicles. The Pennsylvania Long-rifle Museum and the John Joseph Henry House Museum were open for tours both days.

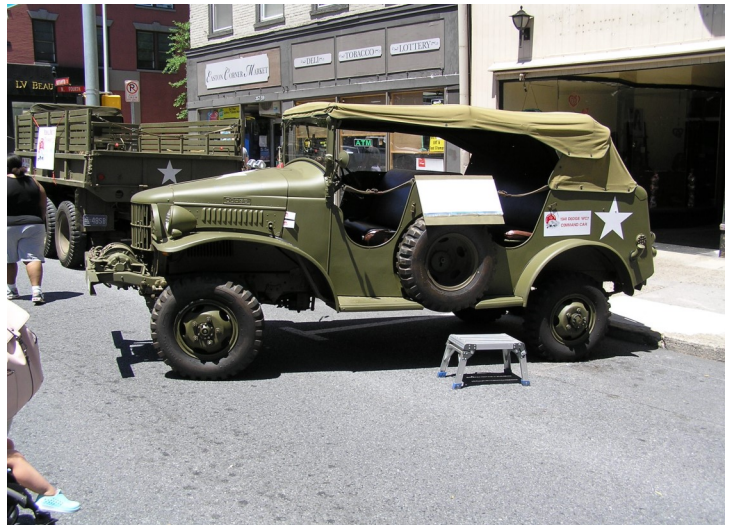


Pictures of the German Africa Corps Camp
and the Battle Reenactment
between American and German Troops.

Easton Heritage Day

July 8, 2018

Jim Siglin arranged for Redball to display vehicles at Easton Heritage Day this year. We had a good place to park across from the Museum where we were served a buffet lunch. The weather was warm and dry with a steady interest in our vehicles. Heritage Day features historic times in our Country's history from the reading of the original Declaration of Independence to now. There were Revolutionary era, Civil War and 20th Century Military re-enactors. Although there was a fire-works display in the evening, we left around 3:00 PM. Those attending were Jim Siglin, Paul Smith & Cathy Dans and Roger & Chris de Socarras.



Roger & Chris brought their Command Car



Side view of Jim's Truck



Jim's Truck, first in line



Paul's Jeep



Spectators view some of the displays

Rolling Thunder Memorial

By Roberta Housel

We attended the Rolling Thunder Chapter 3 'Terry' Lee Memorial, 19th Annual Freedom Run in Belvidere, NJ on July 8, 2018.



Vehicles present were: 1952 Jeep owned by Jim Conway and Roberta Housel. The rest were owned by Sven Johnson & Son. They were 1942 Clarktor 6 with Dodge engine; 1942 1/2 Track, white engine, and machine gun turret; 1944 29 Weezel 'Barge with a Charge'; 1044 2-1/2 ton GMC Tipper Dump Truck; 1941 Dodge Ambulance, 1944/45 1 1/2 ton Dodge Personnel Carrier; and a 1945 Ward La France Heavy Wrecker M1A1.



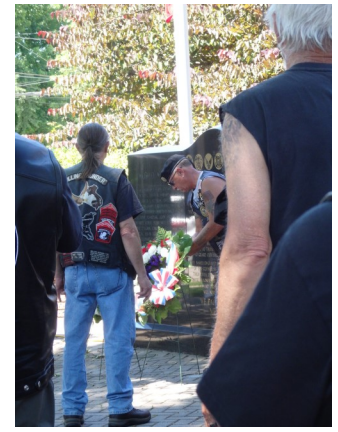
Ms. Rice gave information about the memorial and the motorcycle run.



Mayor Joseph Kennedy read a proclamation to honor Rolling Thunder Chapter 3.



Gold Star Mother L. Roberts spoke about her son who was killed in Afghanistan.



Laying of wreath at the War Memorial.



The day was clear and warm. Motorcycles surrounded the Center Square in Belvidere, NJ, for the 19th Annual Freedom Run.

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