



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

We are back. Sort of....

In case you have not seen any communications from us during the past few weeks, facebook turned off / deleted both the facebook pages for the Army Air Corps Museum and Sons of Liberty Museum on October 5. They did not give any reason for doing so; it was instantly gone. Many of you see the posts we make, These are all history related stories, it's easy to see what we do. The over 550,000 web pages on our websites were not affected.

***We tell history! Saving Military History One Soldier at a Time.***



Approximately 10 days later the pages somehow reappeared. Can facebook turn us off again without notice ? We supposed they can do anything, so for all of you that read this newsletter via our fb feed, we don't want to lose track of you again. Please signup for the newsletter if you are not already a subscriber!

Read more about this at the end of this newsletter.

Now let's move on to the good news ... some public appearances and some military history!

Remember those that made the #ultimatesacrifice #sonsofliberty. #patriots #army #navy #marines #aircorps #airforce #coastguard #merchantmarine, all those that have worn the cloth.

Join us on this journey.

In Their Memory,  
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Executive Directors

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[Visit Sons of Liberty Website](#)

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# History

## Revolutionary War

The United Kingdom's East India Company tea ships' cargo are burned at Annapolis, Maryland on October 14, 1773.

The US Navy was established when the Continental Congress authorizes construction of two warships on October 13, 1775.

Americans beat the British in 2nd Battle of Saratoga on October 7, 1777.

## War of 1812

In a naval engagement on Lake Erie, American forces capture two British ships, the HMS Detroit and HMS Caledonia on October 9, 1812.

## Civil War

In the Battle of Santa Rosa Island, Union troops repel a Confederate attempt to capture Fort Pickens on October 9, 1861.

The Union is victorious in the largest Civil War action to take place in Kentucky, the Battle of Perryville, October 8, 1862.

In the Battle of Bristoe Station, Confederate General Robert E. Lee forces fail to drive the Union Army out of Virginia on October 14, 1863.

## World War I

In the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Corporal Alvin C. York leads an attack that kills 25 German soldiers and captures 132 on October 8, 1918.

## World War II

United States Marine Corps forces withdraw back across the Matanikau River on Guadalcanal after destroying most of the Imperial Japanese Army's 4th Infantry Regiment on October 9, 1942.

In the Battle of Cape Esperance located on the northwest coast of Guadalcanal, United States Navy ships intercept and defeat a Japanese fleet on their way to reinforce troops on the island on October 10, 1942.

The Battle for Henderson Field on the island of Guadalcanal begins October 23, 1942.

The Western Task Force, destined for North Africa, departs from Hampton Roads, Virginia with 100 naval vessels on October 23, 1942 to participate in Operation Torch.

The U.S. Fifth Army begins an assault crossing of the Volturno River in Italy on October 12, 1943.

The U.S. 8th Air Force loses 60 B-17 Flying Fortresses during an assault on Schweinfurt, Germany on October 14, 1943.

The city of Aachen falls to American forces making it the first German city to fall to the Allies on October 21, 1944.

## Korean War

U.S. Forces cross the 38th Parallel on October 7, 1951

The month-long Battle of Heartbreak Ridge ends on October 15, 1951 as the 2nd Infantry Division seizes the ridge.

## Vietnam War

The 1st Air Cavalry Division launches a new operation, seeking to destroy North Vietnamese forces in Pleiku in the Central Highlands of Vietnam on October 23, 1965.

## Cold War - Post Vietnam - Present

The Cuban Missile Crisis begins as a U-2 flight over Cuba takes photos of Soviet nuclear weapons being installed on the island on October 14, 1962.

The United States sends a ten-ship task force to Grenada on October 21, 1983.

Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan begins on October 5, 2001. Also known as the Global War on Terror (GWOT).

## Other Interesting October Dates

The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland opens October 10, 1845.



## 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. Our web presence now numbers in excess of 325,000 pages. We continue to accept new material for education and research programs; a number of these items will make their way on to the website. 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. Those that were drafted or volunteered; those that did a single tour or made it a career. Those that returned with all types of injuries and those that gave their full measure being killed in action (KIA). All MOS are welcome from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines. We are Saving Military History One Soldier At A Time. We are honoring the service of the Citizen Soldier.

#sonsofliberty

## 6th Infantry Division

In World War I the 6th Division was in so many engagements and made so many long marches about France that it was nicknamed "The Sight-Seeing Sixth." The 6th in World War II did a pretty good job of upholding that reputation. Its six-pointed star shoulder patch has been seen throughout the Pacific, from Hawaii to the far reaches of Japan.

No division had a tougher assignment in the recapture of the Philippines than the 6th. It landed at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, on D-day, January 9, 1945, and immediately took to the hills in pursuit of the enemy. While most of the other invading divisions were working on fairly flat terrain, the 6th was in the mountains, hacking away at the formidable enemy

positions.



## Constitution Day

Passing out pocket sized constitutions and flags to students and families in a drive-up social distancing event. September 2020



### 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 work from home and help us with this project!

### Interesting Links & Resources

Videos on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI4v-g0C-QvQSVHv6h3EdeA>

Researching History: <https://www.sonsoflibertymuseum.org/military-history-records.cfm>

Honor Roll: <https://www.sonsoflibertymuseum.org/honor.cfm>

### 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. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit your qualifying donations are tax deductible.

## Army Air Corps Museum

The Air Corps Museum online presence encompasses over 225,000 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.

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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](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.







Medal of Honor Recipient

**Forrest Lee Vosler**  
"Woody"

8th Air Force  
303rd Bombardment Group  
358th Bomb Squadron

20 December 1943  
Mission to Bremen, Germany

**General Order 73**, 6 September 1944.

For conspicuous gallantry in action against the enemy above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a radio operator-air gunner on a heavy bombardment aircraft in a mission over Bremen, Germany, on 20 December 1943. After bombing the target, the aircraft in which T/Sgt. Vosler was serving was severely damaged by antiaircraft fire, forced out of formation, and immediately subjected to repeated vicious attacks by enemy fighters. Early in the engagement a 20-mm. cannon shell exploded in the radio compartment, painfully wounding T/Sgt. Vosler in the legs and thighs. At about the same time a direct hit on the tail of the ship seriously wounded the tail gunner and rendered the tail guns inoperative. Realizing the great need for firepower in protecting the vulnerable tail of the ship, T/Sgt.

Vosler, with grim determination, kept up a steady stream of deadly fire. Shortly thereafter another 20-mm. enemy shell exploded, wounding T/Sgt. Vosler in the chest and about the face. Pieces of metal lodged in both eyes, impairing his vision to such an extent that he could only distinguish blurred shapes. Displaying remarkable tenacity and courage, he kept firing his guns and declined to take first-aid treatment. The radio equipment had been rendered inoperative during the battle, and when the pilot announced that he would have to ditch, although unable to see and working entirely by touch, T/Sgt. Vosler finally got the set operating and sent out distress signals despite several lapses into unconsciousness. When the ship ditched, T/Sgt. Vosler managed to get out on the wing by himself and hold the wounded tail gunner from slipping off until the other crewmembers could help them into the dinghy. T/Sgt. Vosler's actions on this occasion were an inspiration to all serving with him. The extraordinary courage, coolness, and skill he displayed in the face of great odds, when handicapped by injuries that would have incapacitated the average crewmember, were outstanding.

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



Make a \$ Donation to the Army  
Air Corps Library and Museum

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of Liberty Museum

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### Top Story

Following up on our facebook "Issue". Never have any of our posts been 'fact checked', so what issue could anybody have with our pages and content? That is the big mystery and for something we may never get an answer. When this occurred it took us a couple days to get over the shock and then we formulated our first communication. We sent out over 15,000 emails letting our feelings known. Mysteriously, the pages reappeared after nine days. No reason given this time as well.

***We want to thank all of you who are on facebook who posted to your wall and all of***

*those who sent us email with supporting messages. Thank you very much!*

Despite not being able to contact our thousands of facebook followers, we are fortunate in that we do not have all of our eggs in that basket. We currently have over 550,000 web pages of material and that is growing daily. We have some new things coming over the next months on these sites and we will let you know when they become available.

### ***Our Volunteers are the best!***

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Going forward, we don't know how much work we will be doing on fb; we are still having a lot of internal discussions on the subject.

---- What is Liberty ? ----

"definition. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views."

Merriam-Webster defines it as " the power to do as one pleases, the freedom from physical restraint and freedom from arbitrary or despotic control.

---- So what is a Son of Liberty? ----

In our context and beginning these were the men and women in America who wanted the freedom from the King of England. They desired a right of self-determination for their lives. They fought for this liberty and codified it in the Constitution of a new country. To keep this liberty they created a military to ward off the any would-be belligerent. For 244 years the men and women who have worn the cloth of our nation's military are the Sons of Liberty. They have fought enemies in other nations, they have fought each other and they have stood as sentinels of the watch.

We celebrate the service of these individuals, we tell the historical story of these selfless patriots.

---- The Sons of Liberty Museum ----

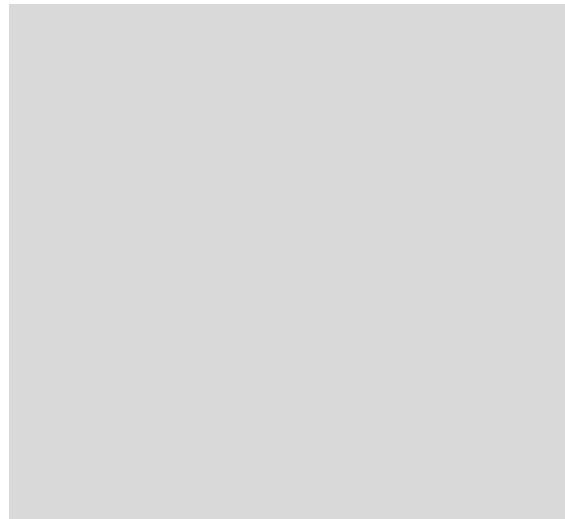
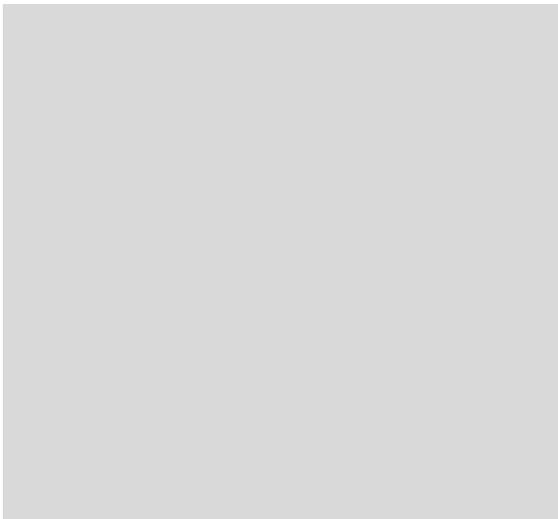
Over a decade ago we chose a name for this organization and our sister the Army Air Corps Library and Museum. We believe these names accurately describe these men and women who serve. We will not change any name to satisfy a radical viewpoint or computer algorithm, we don't allow for any revisionist history, we tell the factual stories.

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### **Need a Good Book?**

Check out these titles.

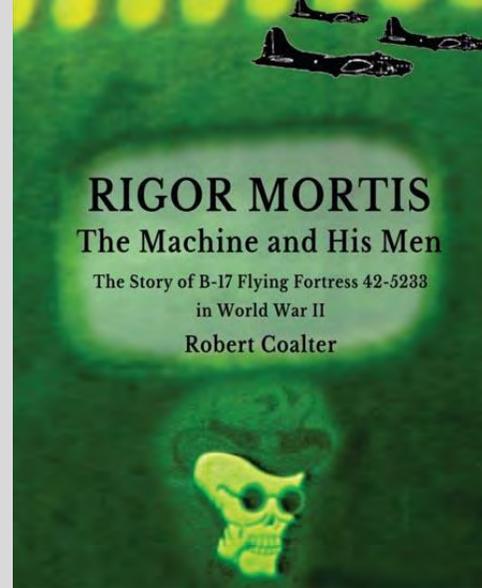




I was a navigator in the 459 Bomb Group 758 Bomb Squadron flying B-24's from Torre Giulia Field, tower named 'Coffee Tower', a gravel airfield near Cerignola, on the Foggia Plains of Southeastern Italy during the period August 4, 1944 to May 16, 1945. I flew 50 combat missions over targets in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia and Northern Italy.

Project Option: 6x9 in, 15x23 cm  
# of Pages: 386  
IsbnSoftcover: 9781714032860  
Publish Date: Dec 12, 2019

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Most aircraft of World War II had pictures of sexy girls, tributes to sweethearts, songs and home. The planes were fondly referred to in a feminine manor. That was not the case with this B-17 tail number 42-25233. He was Rigor Mortis.

This is the story of Rigor Mortis and his men who flew over 120 missions from North Africa and Italy in 1943 and 1944.

Project Option: 8x10 in, 20x25 cm  
# of Pages: 382  
IsbnSoftcover: 9781714727803  
Publish Date: Apr 20, 2020

[Buy It \\$29.95](#)



### **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.



### **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.

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/>

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/>

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### **Awards, Rosters Unit Documents**

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



### **Attention Website Owners & Veteran Associations**

Many WWII veterans organizations have shut. Many these organizations had 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.

# Contact

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