

***A Memorial Day Tribute to Our Veteran Ancestors  
from the Quail Creek Genealogy Club***



**Every family has a story ...  
Let's travel together – discovering  
yours**

## What/Who is a Veteran

- Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations defines a veteran as “a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.”

A veteran is a person who fell in love with their country for better, for worse for richer, for poorer -in sickness and in health – and ready to take up arms to protect our freedom.

Living Veterans deserve our respect, gratitude, deference and our Thanks.



# NOT a time to say “Happy Memorial Day”

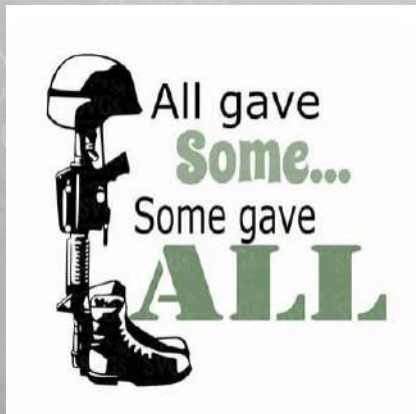
Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America.

On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan, the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

Regardless of the location of origins or the exact date, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead.

# All gave some, Some gave all

- The widely used phrase “**All gave some, Some gave all.**” is mainly related to the United States military members wounded or killed in action. You will probably hear it more often around Memorial Day every year, ***and it's not for Veterans Day.***
- Many Americans get this confused, and to be honest — it can be a little annoying to all of the living veterans out there.



Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in combat. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's primarily intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

# The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

## Guarded 24/7 since 1937

Tomb Guards come from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard." Serving the U.S. since 1784, the Old Guard is the oldest active infantry unit in the military. They keep watch over the memorial every minute of every day. Including when the cemetery is closed and in inclement weather.



# The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Everything the guards do is a series of 21, which alludes to the 21-gun salute. According to TombGuard.org

*"The Sentinel does not execute an about face, rather they stop on the 21st step, then turn and face the Tomb for 21 seconds. They then turn to face back down the mat, change the weapon to the outside shoulder, mentally count off 21 seconds, then step off for another 21 step walk down the mat. They face the Tomb at each end of the 21 step walk for 21 seconds.*

*The Sentinel then repeats this over and over until the Guard Change ceremony begins."*

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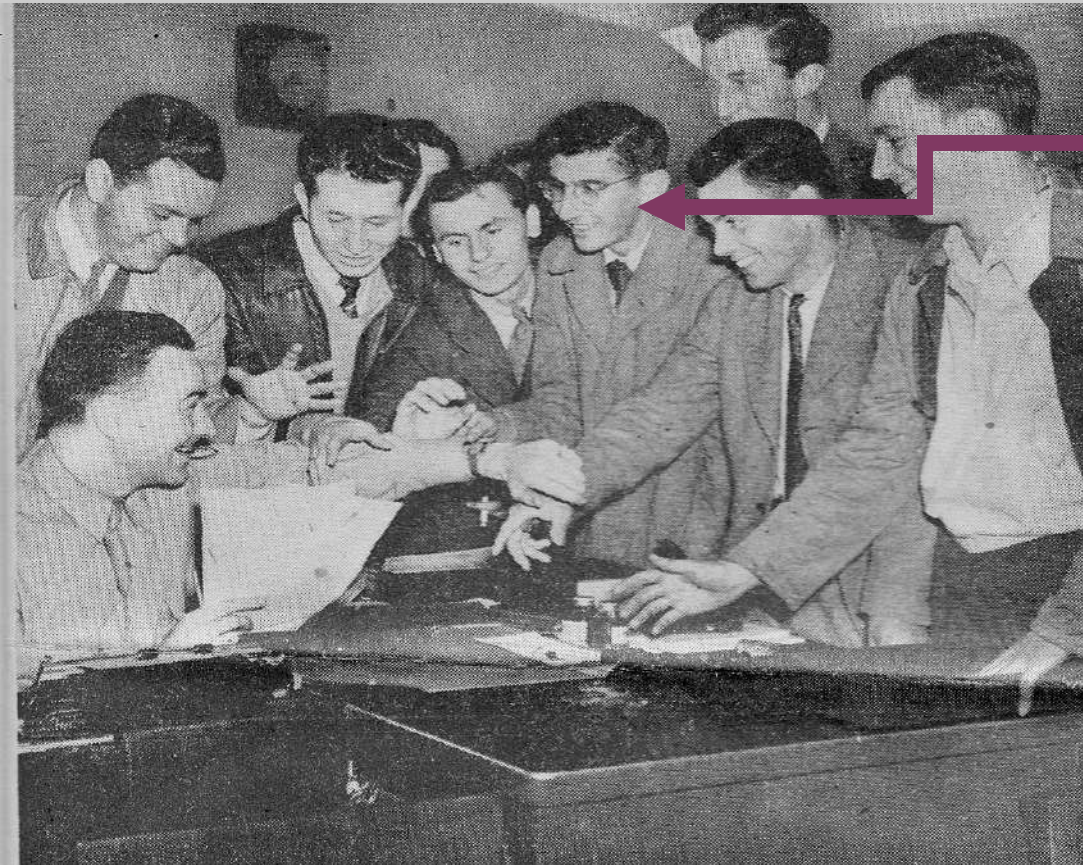
# May The Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

- A full military honors funeral at Arlington National Cemetery is **one of the highest honors this country can bestow upon those who made the ultimate sacrifice.**

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## District 18 and 19 Year-olds Rush to Enlist in Army WWII c. 1945

, Jacob Solomon Levin

The Army recruiting station in the Greyhound Bus Terminal Building on New York Ave was swamped yesterday by young men who prefer volunteering to being subject to draft in the prospective lowering of the Selective Service age.

, Father of Jane Gold

# Not What Those Teens Expected

## The European Theatre 83rd Infantry Division



He learned to drive a Jeep in the Army and one of his duties was driving his commanding officer around

During one of these trips, according to my mother, my Dad turned a corner and they run into the Germans.

# A Prisoner of War

The European Theatre 83rd Infantry  
Division



Dad was a POW for nine days.  
Being Jewish, he was required  
to wear the yellow Jewish star  
as a POW



# A Mother's Nightmare

We regret to inform you

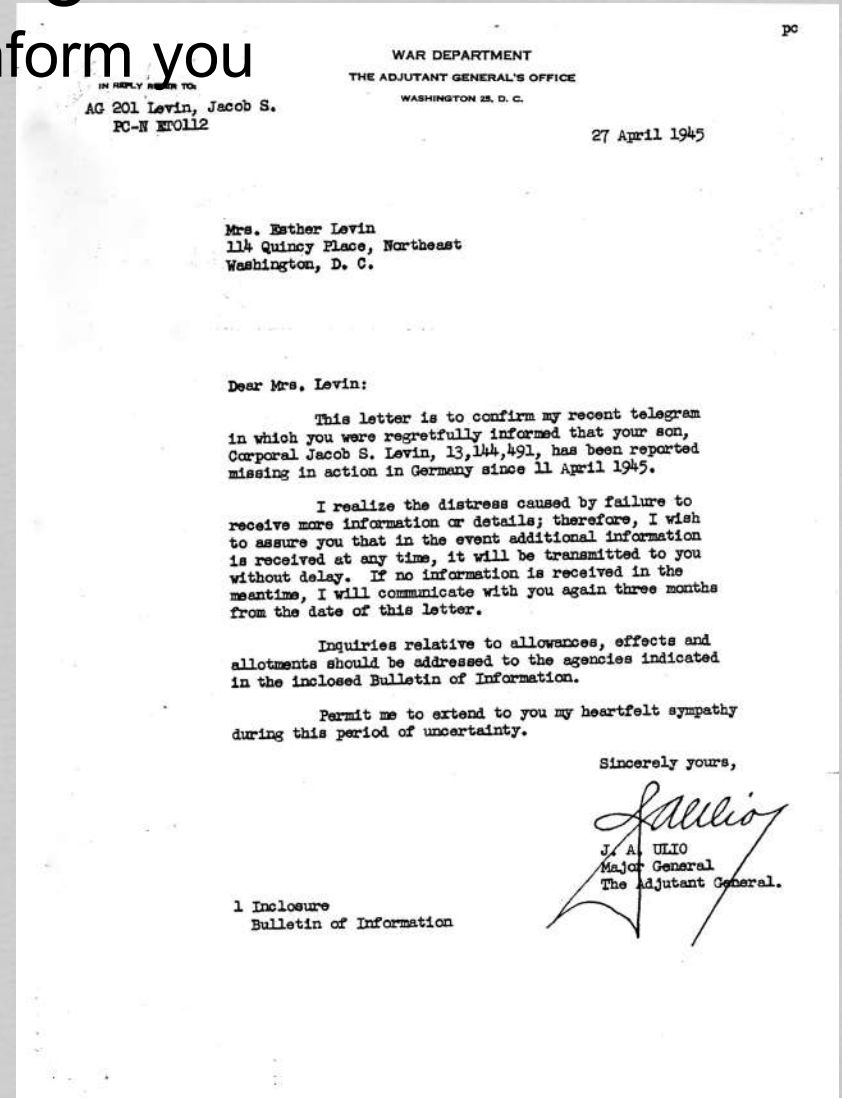
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Dear Mrs. Levin:

This letter is to confirm  
my recent telegram ...  
missing in action ...since  
11 April 1945

I realize ... distress  
caused by failure...

Permit me to extend  
heartfelt sympathy ...



# A Mother's Dream Come True

... express his pleasure



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TO: MRS ESTHER LEVIN  
114 QUINCY PLACE NORTHEAST

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS PLEASURE THAT YOUR SON CPL LEVIN JACOB S RETURNED TO DUTY 22 APR 45

TO: JULIO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Returned to duty  
22 April 1945

TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code): HOME 301-935-5172 OFFICE 301-952-3830

DATE SIGNED: 7/11/88

SIGNATURE: Jacob S. Levin

**PRISONER OF WAR (POW) MEDAL APPLICATION/INFORMATION**

(Please read Privacy Act Statement and instructions on reverse before completing form. All entries should be typed or printed. If more space is needed, continue in remarks block on reverse.)

Form Approved OMB No. 0704-0288 Expires Jan 31, 1991

**SECTION I - PRISONER OF WAR IDENTIFICATION DATA**

1. NAME OF PRISONER OF WAR (Last, First, Middle): LEVIN, JACOB S.

2. VA CLAIM NUMBER

3. SERVICE NUMBER: 13 144 491

4. PLACE OF BIRTH: WASHINGTON, D.C.

5. DATE OF BIRTH: DEC 23, 1923

6. BRANCH OF SERVICE: ARMY

7. DATE CONFINED AS POW: APRIL 10, 1945

8. UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT/ATTACHMENT WHEN CAPTURED: 83rd QU CO, 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION

9. DATE RELEASED AS POW: APRIL 21, 1945

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Place of imprisonment, disposition after release, or escape, recapture and release data): 3 PERSONS, WHICH INCLUDES MYSELF, WERE CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS IN THE HARZ MOUNTAINS, GERMANY - WE WERE MARCHED FROM TOWN TO TOWN IN THE MOUNTAINS, WHERE WE WERE JOINED BY OTHER POWS - OUR NUMBERS TOTALLED OVER 30 - WE WERE LIBERATED BY THE 1st INFANTRY DIVISION WHEN OUR CAPTORS FLED.

NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION WITH APPLICATION

- If available, attach copies of WD AGO Form 53-55, DD Form 214, or other appropriate separation document issued at that time confirming POW Status.
- If available, attach copies of documents specifying POW status, i.e., telegram notification to next of kin, POW identification card, newspaper articles.

12. CURRENT STATUS (X one): a. Reserve, b. Retired, c. Discharged (checked), d. Deceased

13. DATE OF RETIREMENT, DISCHARGE, OR DEATH: NOV 15, 1945

**SECTION II - APPLICANT INFORMATION / FORWARDING INSTRUCTIONS**

14.a. APPLICANT RELATIONSHIP TO POW (X one): (1) Same person identified in Section I, (2) Next of Kin (Specify relationship), (3) Surviving Spouse, (4) Other (Specify)

15. FORWARD POW MEDAL (X one): a. Directly to applicant (Address shown in Item 14c), b. To the person / organization shown below who has agreed to receive and present medal (Complete Item 16). (List Name, Organization, Street, Number, City, State, and ZIP Code)

16. RELEASE AUTHORIZATION, IF REQUIRED: I hereby authorize release of the requested POW medal to the person/organization indicated in Block 15.b.

17. SIGNATURE: Jacob S. Levin

18. DATE SIGNED: 7/11/88

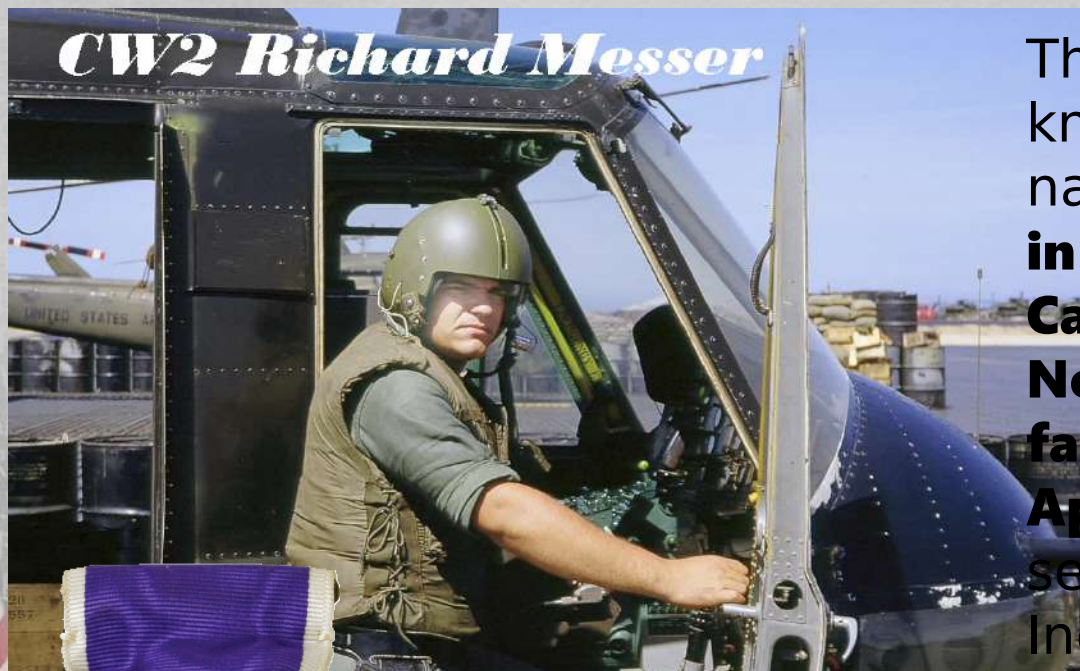
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20. DATE SIGNED: 7/11/88

DD Form 2510, FEB 88

POW Medal Application

# Vietnam



The Vietnam War (also known by other names) was **a conflict in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia from 1 November 1955 to the fall of Saigon on 30 April 1975**. It was the second of the Indochina Wars and was officially fought between North Vietnam and South Vietnam.



- CW2 Richard Messer, Helicopter Pilot
- Viet Nam, 1967-68,
- 20 years old, stationed in DaNang and Hue Phu Bai.

# The American Revolution 1775–1783

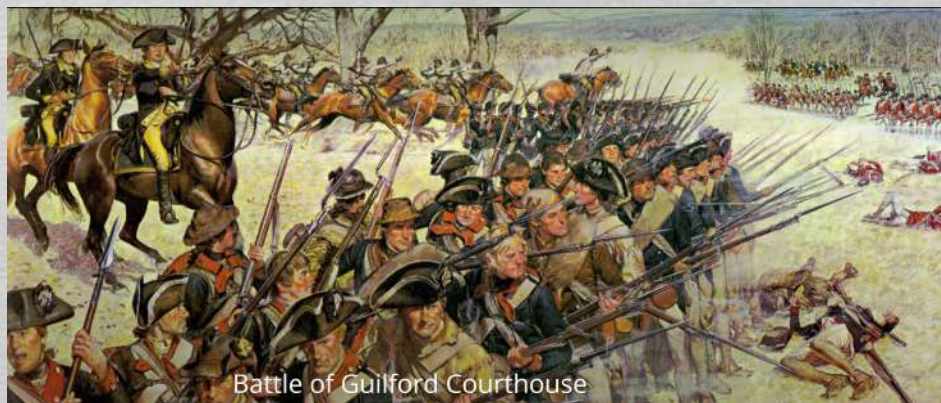


- An ideological and political
- revolution that occurred in British America between 1765 and 1791.
- The Americans in the Thirteen Colonies formed independent states that defeated the British in the American Revolutionary War (1775–1783), gaining independence from the British Crown, establishing the constitution that created the United States of America, the first modern constitutional liberal

# John Tuck 1735-1802 & Edward Tuck 1762-1840

John and his son Edward both served in the American Revolutionary War.

Edward served as a private in Capt. Burgess Wall's Company, Col. Nathaniel Cox's Regiment of Virginia Militia.



At the Battle of Guilford Court House, 15 March 1781, he was severely wounded, a British mini ball boring completely through his body



# Home – to Tuck's Crossroads (Now Virgilina, VA)

He was carried home to Virginia on a ground-slide constructed by his father. A distance of about 70 miles.



Although he lived to be nearly 78, he never completely recovered from his wounds and on 2 January 1809 was placed on the U.S. Pension Roll for physical disability.



(Sketch was done by a Granddaughter)

# What Those Words Mean ...



Red Skelton's Pledge of Allegiance