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At this rate of speed we will have as many officers as we have PAID Members! - Phil

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From Your President

We are actively making preparations for our 13th AF Veterans 2010 Reunion. The exact date has not been determined, we expect it will be in the middle of September, and we hope that you will be making plans to be there. My secretary, Sheri, and Ray Perkins, are doing the bulk of the work which is a relief to me. I am receiving great support from Phil Dyer, Bob O'Brien, and Lenore Daniels, as well as many others, so I know we will have a great reunion.

When we look back on the reunions that we have had, we

know how much they have meant to us and we know we don't want to miss any of them!

We are rapidly approaching the holidays and wish to extend the blessings of the season to each and every one of you. Sheri and I have been blessed with a year of good health and pray the same for you. Looking forward to seeing you in probably September.

B.C. Pipes, *President*

From Your Past President

Dear Buddies and all our lovely ladies,

I can not think of a better way to go out of office than the experiences we had in Grand Rapids. What a lovely town and what great tours we had as set up by Phil Dyer and his buddies, the Reeves. Everything ran so smooth thanks to their efforts and those of the Daniels sisters, Lenore and Marilyn, thanks to the later we may soon have a real up-to-date "membership list" for a change.

It has been a real pleasure and honor to serve as your President and with the election of Billie Pipes we are assured another great year ahead. I have been reading the booklet on San Antonio that Billie handed out and with a few weeks rest I will be ready to go. I have been there before at a reunion and it was a ball.

One of the most enjoyable parts of the reunion was the chance to sit around the table with you guys and just reminisce about our war experiences, we plan to have more chances to do this in future reunions while we can still talk.

We were worried about how many would be there for the reunion, we had 46 vets and 26 associates and ladies. Considering how old we are that is a good turnout. Each year gets smaller but we still hold on and despite our handicaps we made it one way or another. We were all so proud for our buddies who had their children to help them get around. I talked to those who had to have help and they were also proud that they made it a eager to talk and share experiences with the rest of us. God bless them all.

We will be sending out real dues notices later this year and issuing real membership cards. Our lovely helper Lenore Daniels and her sister Marilyn will be handling this for us so we can be sure it will be done right. Thank you Lee for having such talented daughters.

Hope everyone has a great year and I ask God to especially bless us all that we may meet again in the great city of San Antonio to band together again as survivors of the big war.

Bob O'Brien, *Past President*

Appreciates Article in "Jungle" News

To Mauro J. Messina: I read your article, "*Correcting History*", that appeared in the 13th AF News with great interest, it gave me, at least, a little peace of mind.

You see Mauro, I happened to be flying co-pilot for Herman Bartlemas when his 868th Snooper Crew single handedly, hundreds of miles from the nearest friendly face, attacked a Japanese Aircraft Carrier at an altitude of 1,100 feet, and sank it. No one on the crew has ever, to my knowledge, received a "Well Done," letter of commendation or any other recognition for this. Also, I cannot recollect any other single air crew having sunk a major enemy fighting ship.

The Snooper activities were so very secret, even some time after the war ended, I attributed the reluctance of the Air Force to make information on such a mission public. Also, there is the heroic old line, "That's what we were there for, and we did it."

When I happened to see the article in the June issue, I now am aware that someone does, indeed, know about the mission. Our crew also made the longest bomber run in history (til that time) and broke our own record with the strike from Palawan to Batavia, Java. This, also, was kept remarkably quiet.

Some years ago I wrote a book, "*My Twentieth Century in Retrospect*". Addresses to my great grandchildren. There were chapters devoted to the aircraft sinking, and the Batavia strike. I had only enough copies printed and bound to give my immediate family members, with a dozen copies in escrow for my great grandchildren. Should you find a need for either chapter, in furthering your cause I will be glad to send the excerpts from my book, along with official documentation in the form of mission reports etc. I think I can speak for all Jungle Air Veterans when I say "Thank You." Doug Whitesell, Lt. Col. USAF

From Your Editor

Greetings one and all –

The reunion in Grand Rapids was very successful and everyone had a good time. If we had to do it over again a few corners would be cut and more time would be spent in the hospitality room as originally planned.

Glad to see Bruce and Mary Johnston from California at the reunion. John and Hester Van Buiten from Wycoff, New Jersey. Hester is the pretty one - John is the old car magnet. Hope you folks had a good time. We sat around and talked about the great times we had at the early reunions.

On a more serious note: Net Loss of \$146 was wiped out by the following additional expenses that were not planned:

- 10 Extra Ladies Luncheon Dinners not needed or authorized at \$15 each = **\$150.**
- Music Thursday evening not planned at **\$200.**
- Food, Snacks, Beer, Wine, etc. in Hospitality Room totaled **\$425.**



These 3 items alone total **\$750** and adds up fast!

This kind of spending should be watched in the future. I can give a balance sheet that shows us making \$849 net profit. ***I should have watched the expenses a little closer and for that I apologize to each and every one of you.*** Billie and Sheri Pipes along with Ray Perkins are working very hard lining up things for our 2010 reunion. They guarantee a good one. The dates will be announced shortly.

Oh by the way Bob O'Brien says:

"Don't Forget Your Dues!"

If you have news, stories, deaths, births, send them on to me, your news, etc. makes this newsletter.

Good Luck, Good Health and God Bless You All.

Merry Christmas

Phil & Betty

It's Only Money... Or is it?

Dear Billie,

Below is a quick review of our 2009 Reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan .The figures may change a little as my

bookkeeper gets the results from her records but these are good for planning purposes.

EXPENSES

2-55 passenger buses for 3 tours, rented for 7 hours per day, cost	\$2,400.00
Hotel expenses, banquet, ladies lunch, hospitality room, treats	3,335.00
Gifts (caps, shopping bags, etc.)	1,349.00
Entertainment, Jazz band, Patriotic Group and trio	900.00
Tour of Air Zoo and meal	736.00
Tour of Ford Museum	100.00
Frederik Meijer Gardens.....	476.00
Awards (Lucian does this for us)	70.00
Hospitality Room and coffee and snacks	300.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,666.00
Paid in by members.....	9,520.00
Shortage taken out of club funds	146.00

**"Life is Cruel" that's why its so important for people to be kind.
Stop and think this over... more truth than poetry.
If the shoe fits, wear it. -Phil**

Reminiscences from Cliff Johnson Grand Rapids Reunion – Sept. 16 - 19, 2009

A total of almost 80 members, associate members, spouses, relatives and friends began arriving at the Grand Rapids Hilton that first day of the 13th Army Air Corps Veterans Reunion Wednesday, September 16. Some came by car and some by air arriving at the Grand Rapids Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Phil and Betty Dyer, Lenore Daniels, Bob O'Brien and several others had worked much over many days to make certain that all would go well. Appreciation, appreciation, and more appreciation is most definitely due to those who arranged it all and to those who did the near and far travel to attend.

Not only did the arrangements turn out to be superb, but registering at the hotel was swift and uncomplicated. Rooms were convenient as were the special events rooms used later. We did note that the Hospitality Room was a bit cramped, but many of us remembered that tight quarters really do work out OK. Hotel room charges also included an excellent buffet breakfast. The oatmeal was certainly enjoyed by those of us who find such choice necessary.

Thursday, was just remarkable as we journeyed by bus to the "Air Zoo" near Kalamazoo, Michigan. The "Zoo" included two remarkable buildings incorporating a wide variety of planes including World War II aircraft which are so appreciated by veterans and friends. Many features appealed to children, and we did see many there. We enjoyed lunch at a balcony overlooking the airplane exhibits. Returning to the hotel in the afternoon, most of us took advantage of a light supper and chatted in the Hospitality Room. Thursday evening was capped off by a great ten-member a cappella singing group, the Voices of Freedom. Even popcorn and refreshments were available for their inspiring patriotic presentation.

Friday was just marvelous! Somewhat promptly at 9:30 am we boarded busses for the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum near downtown Grand Rapids. The grounds are beautiful right on the banks of the Grand River. The museum was well designed with excellent exhibits. We remarked to each other that we could have stayed there all day. However, The Frederik Meijer Gardens was our afternoon assignment. We arrived around noon, some boarding the tram for the garden tour and others enjoyed the cafeteria. Words cannot describe all the marvels we enjoyed from trees to plants to sculptures to greenhouse enclosures from deserts to tropicals.

Regretfully we did have to leave, looking forward to resting up at least somewhat and returning to the Hospitality Room and the unique exhibits there. Thanks to anonymous folk who provided a steady stream of liquids and refreshments there. However, the evening also included "neat" music provided by

a three member ensemble. Popcorn and refreshments were once again available.

Saturday was filled with traditional and wonderful activities beginning with the membership business meeting including the minutes of last year's meeting, the treasurers' report, election of officers for 2010. Some discussion related to offering other groups and squadrons the opportunity to join with us under the 13 AFVA banner. Officers for 2010 are:

President BC Pipes, President-Elect 2011 Cliff Johnson, Chaplain Ray Perkins, Secretary Len Daniels, Treasurer Bob O'Brien, Newsletter Phil Dyer and Award Chairman Lucian Doyle. Location of the 2011 reunion is undecided.

The business meeting was followed immediately by a stirring Memorial Service led by returning Army Chaplain, Col. Herman Keizer, Jr. The planning committee certainly needs to be congratulated for arranging for Col. Keizer, young people from the Civil Air Patrol who posted and retired the colors, and taps. We also read thrilling responsive reading which featured thanks to God, Creation, People and America. During the morning a letter from Hon. Patrick J. Murphy, Member of Congress, and also a member of the 82 Airborne Division was read thanking veterans for their service.

Saturday included the important and traditional Ladies Luncheon, very well attended with fascinating table discussions. The men did their best to eat "on their own."

The Saturday evening Banquet was truly a great culminating activity. The food was tasty and well served in a setting highlighted by the 13th AFVA banner fastened to the front wall. Members who were 90 years of age and older were asked to stand, all did, all eight of them to much applause. Prizes were distributed as were plaques to those who had worked so diligently to make this reunion most satisfying. A colorful seven piece jazz band completed the evening with many couples taking the floor demonstrating that 13ers can still move to exhilarating music.

The entire evening was incredible, highlighted by a presentation of certificates of appreciation organized by the U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute. Each veteran was also presented individually with a lapel pin when the veteran's name was read.

The Grand Rapids Reunion continued the wonderful, incredible tradition the 13th AFVA has had for these many years. Now we look forward to San Antonio in 2010.

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LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN

Will the person or persons that removed the cardboard box containing the extra caps, ladies bags, etc... from the registration table at the Grand Rapids Reunion, please mail them to Bob O'Brien or Phil Dyer immediately. Some caps, bags, etc. have been paid for already.

Thank You.



2009 Reunion - Grand Rapids, Michigan



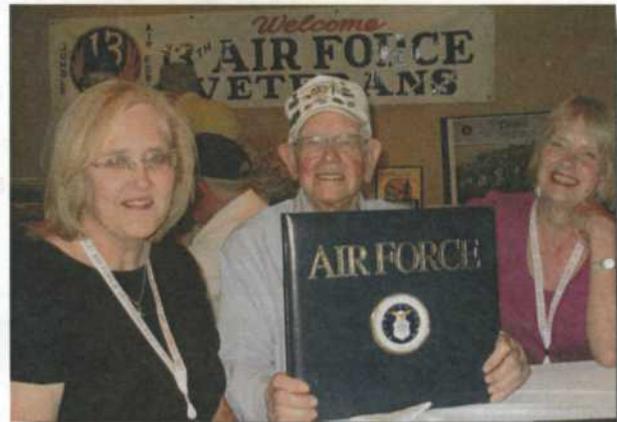
Chuck & Glenna



Fighting WWII over.



Bus is loaded and ready to go.



James Brazzil with daughters Bonita & Susan.

All photos courtesy of Pam Johnson and Chuck Paukstis.



Hospitality Room



Waiting for the bus.

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Note from a Grateful Member

Dear Phil & Betty,
 Our heartfelt gratitude for all your efforts which made the Grand Rapids 13th AFVA so memorable. We enjoyed every aspect, every event... and Grand Rapids is a beautiful place.
 You are wonderful hosts, and we know how much work goes into organizing and conducting such an event. Thanks for everything.

Nick & Gale Marrone

*To Nick & Gale:
 Thank you for the nice card. Taking the time to send a note, like yours, makes it all worth while.*

God Bless you both.

Phil & Betty

Five Bailey Brothers WWII



L-R: Fred, Fannie, James, John, Dick (Richard), taken in 1946.
 Richard (Dick) Bailey is a member of the 13th AFVA



WWII's Pacific War: Far Different War than Reported!

By M. J. Messina, *Historian*

Sixty-five years exists of Pacific War misinformation and deceit: Improper data claimed authentic! Unopened archives! Fictitious history! The True War concealed! Official Documents improperly produced! Historian incompetence! An Air War not a Navy War! Indeed, a distinguished profession has been disgraced by unprincipled Historian improprieties.

Americans are also unaware Official Documents are traditionally produced with archive data. A new Historian, hired September 1942 to report the World's First Air War, changed that procedure for World War II and improperly produced Official History with Navy-biased communiques.

Because use of communiques was not revealed, Americans to this day naturally believe that WWII's Official Documents are all properly produced with authentic archive data, which Air Force documents are not. That false impression still remains uncorrected.

In addition, evidence reveals that, after his Guadalcanal successes, theater Commander Halsey created an imaginary Navy War, apparently to conceal reduced Navy activity after he withdrew his surface fleet from action in November 1942 due to severe Guadalcanal damage.

But meanwhile, a separate and totally different Pacific War was developing in SOPAC, and Air War, by the successful activities and big long distance bombers of Halsey's newly-formed small 13th Army Air Force, flying from America's new sophisticated Forward Base on Guadalcanal, about which Americans received no knowledge.

No one is thus aware that, after only eight months, the Pacific War's first major air war event occurred by Japan's evacuation in November 1943 of the vital South Pacific Theater. Indeed, America's first great theater defeat is still unknown after 65 years because Halsey's biased communiques and an incompetent new Historian did not report it.

Nor does anyone know the evacuation turned around the great Pacific War with the enemy on the run or that evacuation also removed from jeopardy America's long vital supply route to Australia and the Pacific, which if cut would force America out of the South Pacific Theater. Evacuation also diminished Japan's Empire. Indeed, the Pacific War was now in reverse.

But Halsey so thoroughly concealed SOPAC's remarkable achievements, it is fortunate they are detailed by COMGENSOPAC Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon in his 16 December 1943 Commendation to the 13th as follows:

"2. During this period, immeasurable damage was done to the enemy. His ships and barges were destroyed, all of the New

Georgia Group was overrun by our forces, Treasury was captured and Bougainville was invaded. The Jap was subjected to heavy loss of aircraft and personnel, and his Bougainville airdromes were made untenable. As a result we have materially improved our position for further assaults on the enemy and we have acquired important naval facilities and many fine additional airdromes. A great share of the credit for these victories goes to the Air Arm: to the airmen of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Royal New Zealand Air Force, both shore and carrier based.

3. In all this the 13th Air Force, its Fighter Command, Bomber Command, Service Command, and all the officers and men of flight and ground echelons have had a major role. Your contribution to the success of the campaigns of the Armed Forces is inspiring to all. Your courage, your spirit of high endeavor; your patient endurance of discomforts, hardships and danger; your cheerfulness through all; and your will to win are a source of pride to all who are concerned with the destruction of Japanese forces, the annihilation of his military power, and the imposition of swift retribution on his individual leaders, his government and his subjects."

In recognition, the Joint Chiefs shortly directed the 13th bombers and their supporting COMAIRSOLS carrier aircraft into MacArthur's SOWESPAC theater against Rabaul, Japan's largest and grandest supply center, anchorage, Naval base, fuel depot, and headquarters in the Pacific. Unbelievably, after only eight weeks this time, on 20 February 1944, Japan evacuated its last 57 planes from Rabaul to Truk, after losing some 730 aircraft on seven airdromes. MacArthur's SOWESPAC War also ended as no ships or planes remained to carry Rabaul's supplies to enemy troops in the theater.

Then in late March 1944, the Joint Chiefs again sent the 13th out of theater into Nimitz' CENPAC against Truk, Rabaul's massive sister supply base in the Caroline Islands and the remaining base of Japan's superb logistics system. This time COMAIRSOLS carrier aircraft could not support 13th bombers due to distance so Nimitz' 7th Air Force supported the 13th.

Again, by June 1944, the 13th likewise emptied Truk's skies and seas which completed destruction of Japan's logistics system. Now, without supplies in any of the three Pacific theaters, Japan no longer could control Asia and its vast human and natural resources thereby ending the Pacific War and crushing Japan's great Empire. Again Halsey did not report either the third theater defeat nor the end of the great Pacific War.

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Greatest Heroes of the War Against Japan Finally Revealed!

By M. J. Messina, Historian

Americans may not recall, but World War II was the World's First Air War, and of the Pacific's three Army Air Forces, the South Pacific's 13th was the newest and smallest, yet its string of achievements turned the War around revealing them as the Pacific's Greatest Heroes. But their great feats are unknown in official history because Historian incompetence omitted them.

Their South Pacific Theater became active in April 1943 when bombers of the newly-formed 13th Air Force, newly based on Guadalcanal, began regular attacks for the first time on enemy bases in the Northern Solomons.

Guadalcanal again became renowned only months later, in November 1943, when the new Air Force heroes achieved the War's First Theater Victory. Heavy destruction by the 13th's Big Bombers caused Japan to evacuate its Air and Naval Forces from the theater, emptying the skies and seas there for the rest of the war. That great event left some 40,000 land troops abandoned.

The withdrawal also removed from jeopardy America's vital supply route to Halsey's South and MacArthur's Southwest Pacific Theaters. Loss of the vast theater was Japan's first major reduction of territory holdings.

The War's first major victory also was noted by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who compared the 7-month feat of the smallest Air Force with its much larger cousins, MacArthur's giant 5th and Nimitz' large 7th, both of whom, over a longer period of time, had failed to neutralize their theaters.

Immediately the Joint Chiefs authorized the SOPAC victors to operate out-of-theater to test their skills against Japan's largest, most powerful, most important Pacific base at Rabaul. This was Yamamoto's primary logistics center, Naval base, headquarters, and magnificent harbor. Rabaul's defenses included 800 aircraft on seven Airdromes.

The 13th's destruction of Rabaul began 23 December 1943 and after only eight weeks, supported by COMAIRSOLS carrier plane force, Rabaul, on 20 February 1944, evacuated the last 57 of its 800 defending

planes to Truk. Japan's great Forward Base and Logistics Center, in operation since late January 1942, was finally rendered out of action.

Americans were never fully told by Halsey of the two theater victories, nor that Rabaul also ended MacArthur's SOWESPAC War as no ships or planes remained to transport Rabaul's logistics to its troops in the theater.

Only one Pacific theater, Nimitz' CENPAC, remained in operation at that time under enemy control, and was operating from Truk in Nimitz' Caroline Islands as the supporting Logistics Center for Rabaul's Forward Logistics Center. The 13th's bombers commenced their attacks on Truk in early April 1944, but this time without COMAIRSOLS support due to distance. Nimitz' 7th Air Force flew support instead.

Again within only eight weeks, by June 1944, Truk's skies and seas were likewise emptied, bringing all three Pacific theaters now under America's control. The long Pacific War, in the greatest Pacific event since Pearl Harbor, was finally over. Yet Halsey's biased communiques did again not report the magnificent achievement to the American people.

Both Halsey and the 13th were shortly reassigned with the 13th going to MacArthur's command on 15 June 1944 to support his upcoming October 20 landings in the Philippines. But even the new Air Force Historian, in his official history, did not report the Great Pacific Victory because he was taking his data from Halsey's biased communiques instead of the authentic archive data every other service historian utilized. It simply faded away.

Now the heroes learned that even MacArthur, like Halsey, also regarded them as outsiders and orphans, not as important as his giant but incapable 5th Air Force, even as he assigned them a task he could not give to his 5th. The oil fields and refineries at Balikpapan, Borneo, Japan's primary source of fuel and lubricants. Due to distance, the 13th's five Borneo missions each required an unheard of 18 hours in the air, in vibrating propeller planes obviously with no air conditioning nor even toilets.

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Greatest Heroes of the War Against Japan Finally Revealed! *continued*

As expected, the oil fields and refineries were extensively and well defended by skilled airmen, causing heavy 13th Air Force losses during the first two unescorted attacks, but overall the five attacks achieved their purpose. Shortly thereafter, numerous vehicles and aircraft were discovered inoperative due to empty fuel tanks.

Assuredly, had the heroes remarkable achievements been accomplished by others they would have been awarded the highest of honors and glory, but as orphans and outsiders, the glorious 13th Airmen received nothing, not even recognition, and libraries received no data.

Instead, Halsey's communiques falsely established the Pacific Air War as a Navy War for 65 years. Because the Air Force Historian relied on his communiques for data, unlike every other historian who produced official history with authentic archive data, the official Air Force history so concealed the heroes and their remarkable 13th Air Force that Americans, after decades, to this day have virtually no knowledge that a 13th Air Force even existed. There is also no knowledge as well of the magnificent heroes who alone ended the great long Pacific War in all three theaters, and then went on to complete Japan's isolation by depriving them of essential fuel and lubricants. The Great Injustice of World War II history.

MAIL CALL

Hello to all Members and Associates of the 13th AFVA! Winter in the Midwest seems to be fast approaching and we were very happy that Mother Nature provided us with some beautiful weather for the Annual Reunion in Grand Rapids this past September.

It certainly was a BIG success thanks to the efforts of President Bob O'Brien and the reunion committee headed by Phil and Betty Dyer.

On behalf of my dad, Len Daniels, my sister Marilyn and I were happy to be able to attend and help out wherever we could. I know I have personally enjoyed meeting all of you and renewing friendships over the last few years that I have been an Associate Member and attended the reunions with dad.

Enclosed with this letter I have included the Attendance List from Grand Rapids (just in time for your Christmas card list), an updated Directory of Officers and a copy of the 13th AFVA Membership Application Form. You can renew your dues and make any changes or updates to your information on this form, or you could most certainly pass it along to friends and relatives to "join" our wonderful Association! Encourage your family members to become "Associates". We have some wonderful parties don't we? Remember to mail those



checks to Bob O'Brien. Dues are still only \$25!

I sent many members the list via email but with the convenience of the internet today, if you did not have an email address and can provide one now, your information can be processed much quicker! I am delighted to inform you that I have been working with Mr. Phil Schanley who is our "webmaster" and he has updated the website to be able to make available information, pictures

and copies of the newsletters - all at the click of your mouse! It is still "under construction" but take a peek and stop by often! www.13afvets.org

If anyone needs any additional assistance or information, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact me or my sister. We are both working to update the membership lists and keep the flow of information coming to you. The 2011 reunion is already in the works!

Wishing you all a Blessed and Safe Holiday Season, and many thanks to you, our VETERAN HEROES of the 13th!

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13th "JUNGLE" AIR FORCE VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

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New Renewal () if renewing, please put year originally joined.

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Such great and remarkable achievements would normally earn high honors and glory except for Halsey's mis-reporting which not only deprived the 13th of honors, it also cost the 13th Air Force its existence. Librarians have no data that a 13th Air Force existed.

Also still unknown to Americans is that the 13th created a separate and different Pacific War, which achieved the three major enemy defeats in 15 months of combat in three different Pacific theaters, outperforming the other two larger Air Forces and confirming the 13th as the Pacific's greatest destructive force. SOPAC's 13th is WWII's only unknown Air Force because it lacked a sponsor to recognize and identify its achievements which Halsey would not do. His purpose, following his great Guadalcanal achievements, was to continue glorifying his beloved Navy and to establish the war as a Navy war. Halsey

initially had no idea his small 13th Air Force could ever achieve the three remarkable theater defeats that ended the Pacific War.

Without archive data, WWII's unnamed incompetent Air Force Historian was unaware of a different Pacific War. The seven volumes of Official History he produced, titled: The Army Air Forces in World War II, edited by Craven & Cate, can only reflect improper communique wars.

Today's Air Force Historian, William C. Heimdahl, still loyally insists that Vol. IV on the Pacific War is quite authentic and accurate. Ten years of evidence indicates an authentic archive-base history of the Pacific War had been authorized and was in process at Hawaii's Hickam AFB with a staff of historians under direction of Chief Historian Dr. Tim Keck which by now may be completed though not acknowledged.

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- **Did You Know** that Vermont ratified the constitution on January 10, 1791, even though it had not yet become a state.
- **The Word "Democracy"** does not appear in the constitution once.

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