

VENTURING INTO OUR PAST

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Note: June 7 Meeting is Canceled

We are still on "safer at home" at least those of us in LA County for a while longer, and now in stage 2 of relaxing the restrictions. Those in Ventura County have already started to have the restrictions relaxed-but still with certain restrictions for all. We hope you are all well and continue to be safe.

My surgery went very well and have been home from the hospital for 2 plus weeks now. Thank you to all who wrote to me wishing me well.

I am again producing the newsletter as our wonderful newsletter editor is busy with his business. Please bear with me for layout and technical issues-I am not a techy!.

While practicing "safer at home" I have been working on my family tree- no new brick walls came tumbling down but I have been able to fill in missing records using some of the free access to various genealogy programs that I informed the members about. The emails with free opportunities and webinars and more are a membership benefit and one reason those who read the newsletter but are not members are missing out!

Temple Adat Elohim does not know when they will have larger groups in their facility. From what I am reading, this is the same as all synagogues nationally, Therefore, our June face-to-face meeting is cancelled. However, our scheduled speaker will give the program on Zoom. Members and former attendees will be notified of date and time in June at the appropriate time.



**Temple Adat Elohim Closure Notice
Due to Health Concerns**

Future Meetings

Our June 7 Meeting is **canceled**
Emails will be Going Out About Zoom
Meeting for same program

See page 17 for future Meetings
Information

NEXT MEETING CANCELED

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JGSCV is a non-profit organization run by enthusiastic volunteers dedicated to the sharing of genealogical information, techniques and research tools with those interested in Jewish genealogy and family history. Members who include beginners and experienced genealogists share with each other.

With the number of people permitted to participate in a Zoom meeting we will not be able to promote the meetings outside of the members and former attendees.

Victory in Europe (VE Day) is commemorated on May 8th, the day of Nazi Germany's surrender to the Allied forces marking the end of World War II in Europe. This is the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. D-Day will be 76 years ago on June 6. See page 11 for a story on VE Day and D-Day.

We have been asking for stories for World War II to commemorate its 75th anniversary. *Venturing Into Our Past* is publishing members' articles with memories of their ancestors who served in the military during World War II. This month, JGSCV member Larry Bugaisky has contributed a story about his uncle Louis Bugaisky who received the Purple Heart and Air Medal. You can read his story on page 6. We would like to continue with this series and hope more members will submit stories relative to World War II. If you have a story to contribute please contact our newsletter editor, Allan Linderman at newslettereditor@jgscv.org and me at president@jgscv.org.

The emails I send to members-only had a number of available free webinars and other items of interest. Some other interesting items have come to my attention and they are included under Genealogy Odds and Ends on page 15.

Hal Bookbinder's series on Practicing Safe Computing continues on page 10 with this month's timely subject—not computing— but COVID-19 Statistics.

This is a US census year and only 59.7% nationally have responded— California is not much better with a 60.9% response rate. Los Angeles County is only 56.1% while Ventura County is 69%. The census is an important genealogical tool and it is important for future generations that we complete and preserve a copy! The results of the count are used to redraw voting districts and redistribute Congressional seats, Electoral votes and an estimate \$1.5 trillion a year in federal spending among the states. Mandated by the US Constitution, the US has held a decennial census starting in 1790, albeit the questions and amount of information collected has grown and then shrunk over the decades. This year's questions are a far cry from the information as genealogists we love to obtain from the older censuses. If you have not yet completed the census either online or mailed in the written form go to <https://my2020census.gov/> to fill out the form.

Stay healthy and safe!

Jan Meisels Allen



DNA Global Census of the Jewish People Updated

Adam Brown, of *Avotaynu Online* www.avotaynuonline.com initiated the *Avotaynu DNA Global Census of the Jewish People* three years ago. “Our aim has been to describe the origins and migrations of the world’s Jewish populations since the founding of the Jewish People approximately 3,000 years ago,” he wrote. The project continues to seek male participants for a study of Sephardi and Mizrahi paternal DNA lineages, and a 2020 update is posted along with other fascinating articles about Jewish DNA. Read the update at <https://avotaynuonline.com/2020/03/the-avotaynu-dna-global-census-of-the-jewish-people-march-2020-update/>

21 Day Family Connections Experiment for “Shelter at Home”

Olivia Jewell of Utah, along with a team of family history experts, social media influencers, a psychologist and others — created the “[21 Day Family Connections Experiment: A Family History Project](https://connections-experiment.com/)” to help people strengthen family bonds and boost their emotional and mental well-being during COVID-19. The website has loads of inspirational quotes, and calendars that can provide any genealogy-loving person the impetus to explore and be productive during this current shelter-at-home pandemic. There is a path for teens, for beginners, for advanced hobbyists (*My Tree is Done*), and even a “make-your-own plan” along with several more. One just needs a Family Search ID to look around. Find the experiment at <https://connections-experiment.com/>

The Stories Will Keep Us Close

Robyn Fivush, Ph.D. is the Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Developmental Psychology at Emory University and the director of the *Family Narratives Lab*. She firmly believes that sharing family stories with grandchildren, extended family and adult children provides a foundation for feeling emotionally safe and secure, especially in children. “We are, indeed, living in unnerving times. We may need to physically social distance, but the stories will keep us close,” she writes in her article in *Psychology Today*. Find it at <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-stories-our-lives/202003/how-family-stories-help-us-cope>

How Many Horowitz Streets Can YOU Locate?

Page Three loves to find websites that tell good stories or provide data we can apply to our own research, yes? So please meet Shlomo Gurevitch whose website reflects his personal research and travels, including the Mogilev region of Belarus. There is also a colorful lesson on reading both the Russian and the Hebrew on Russian vital records, and *Horowitz Streets*, where Shlomo is compiling EVERY Horowitz Street on Earth, with brief bios and exact locations including the Netherlands, Israel with 18 sites, Uruguay, and the United States (2 so far). Visit his site at <http://shl2gur.tripod.com/>

Page Three is curated by Andrea Massion, JGSCV Board member

Press Release

Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and

Ventura County

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV) will hold a meeting, co-sponsored by Temple Adat Ezer, at Temple Adat Ezer



**MEETING
CANCELLED**

(CV) will hold
10-3:30 p.m.

Due to concern over the Coronavirus, for our members and friends, the board of directors of the Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV) has decided to cancel our June 7, 2020 meeting/program.



The JGSCV Board of Directors

Many of us have more. When I started, it became apparent how much

years - or it became part. Writing

about these people became a valuable tool; one I consider at least as important, if not more so, than my search for documents and vital records.

Some of us are getting older and are beginning to question what will happen to our work when we pass away. Is anyone interested? Who will want it? Should I donate it to some institution or try to find someone within my own family who will care about it.

Speaker: Joan Adler As director of the Straus Historical Society for more than 26 years, Adler has researched and wrote about the lives of many amazing people. Not only has she done genealogical research for the Straus family, she has been able to reconstruct the lives of Straus family members within the context of their social, political, historical and religious environment.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family. The meeting is open to the public.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County is dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques and research tools with anyone interested in Jewish genealogy and family history.

For more information contact: information@JGSCV.org or call Jan Meisels Allen@ 818-889-6616 See: www.JGSCV.org

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JGSCV Updates

JGSCV has cancelled its June 7 meeting date due to the Corona Virus situation and our requirements to stay home and not be in groups of more than 9. Stay tuned for the Zoom meeting with the same June program.

While JGSCV submitted a list of preferred meeting dates starting in the Fall, to Temple Adat Elohim, we won't know when we can meet as a group again. The board is working on holding Zoom program meetings, and as soon as the speakers and dates are finalized, members and attendees will be notified with the Zoom information.

IAJGS has canceled the San Diego conference due to Covid-19. Full refunds will be made within the shortly to anyone who has already registered for the conference. Hotel cancellations should be handled directly with the hotel. IAJGS is currently exploring options for a virtual conference and details concerning that virtual conference will be released as they become available.

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Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War II

A Series of Remembrances by JGSCV Members

This year is the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II and we have asked JGSCV members and friends to contribute stories about themselves or their ancestors who fought in the war. If you have a story to share, please let Allan know at newslettereditor@jgscv.org.

JGSCV member, Larry Bugaisky, submitted a story about his uncle Louis Bugaisky.

Louis Bugaisky (1922-1944) **Received the Purple Heart and Air Medal**

Louis was my uncle after whom I was named, although I never actually met him. Over the years, I learned about Louis through family history research. All I knew directly from the family was that he died during WWII and was buried in the south of France. Unfortunately, when I was younger, I never thought to ask more about him. Over the last number of years however, using feet on the ground and the Internet, I have learned much more about his short life and early demise. He was killed when his plane was shot down by Germans, ironically just a week before D-Day. Louis was a first-generation American, born into an Orthodox



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family that immigrated to the U.S. from Poland. He and his family lived on the old West Side in Chicago.

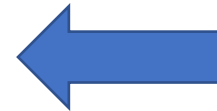
Louis enlisted in the US Army at the age of 20 on December 22, 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor. He had four years of high school education when he enlisted. According to his enlistment records he enlisted "for the duration of the War or other emergency plus six months, subject to the discretion of the president or otherwise according to the law." He became a member of the US Army Air Force.

According to a French aviation group (http://www.aero-relic.org/English/B-24_42-78092_Parrish/e-00-b24parrish.htm) (Copyright 2004)] the

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER N. 37	1. NAME (Print) LOUIS (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER 11538
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 3228 W. Douglas Blvd Chicago Ill (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE CNA 5745	5. AGE IN YEARS 20 DATE OF BIRTH FEB 29 1922 (Month) (Day) (Year)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Chicago Ill (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS SARAH BOGALSKY 3228 W Douglas Blvd		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Glide Trailer Co. 1827 W. Virginia Ave (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42)	(over)	e16-21630-3 Louis Bugaisky (Business's signature)

Ancestry.com. U.S,
World War II Army
Enlistment
Records,(1936-1946).



following occurred the day he was killed. On May 27, 1944 Staff Sergeant Louis Bugaisky flew out of Gioia Air base (Italy) on a bombing mission in a B-24 Liberator with a total crew of ten (also see MACR-5417 Report in Appendix I). The plane was part of the 15th AF, 55th BW, 464th BG, 777 Squadron. It was shot down with no survivors over Courthézon, Vaucluse, France.

The name of the plane was "Old Gran-Dad's Dream." Louis was a gunner on the plane with a crew of nine others. Each bomber carried eight 500-pound bombs. The planes flew at an approximate altitude of 20,000 feet and were accompanied by an escort of P-38 Lightnings and P-51 Mustangs from the 306th fighter wing. The escorts joined the bomber formation around Cape Roux on the French Coast.

The plane's mission was to bomb the train station at

Nimes which contained a railroad complex. As the plane flew towards Nimes, over Courthézon it was hit by flak and an explosion occurred. The plane was apparently destroyed by the explosion and no parachutes were seen leaving the plane (see MACR-5417 Report in Appendix I).

At the site of the crash nine burnt bodies were found and one body with a parachute was found hanging in a tree. (In contrast to this, a relative once told me that my uncle was shot by the Germans - this appears unlikely given the above information.)

Louis was buried in the Rhone American



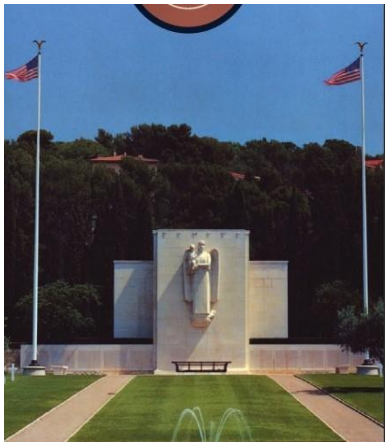
<https://tinyurl.com/ya46jw7z>

Cemetery and Memorial in Draguignan, Department de Var, Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur France, which is a US military cemetery. My wife and I were fortunate to be able to visit the cemetery in the early 80's and actually find the grave. At the time, getting the information to find the cemetery and grave site was done the old-fashioned way, i.e. by phone and letter writing. As can be seen from the picture, once we found the approximate area in the cemetery, Louis's grave stood out rather readily.

On October 5th, 1996 based on research from the French aviation organization, some of which was described above, a monument was placed not far from the crash site in memory of the crew. During the ceremony several planes flew overhead including a Mirage 2000 and two Alpha-Jets of France.



www.findagrave.com/memorial/56510510/louis-bugaisky



https://www.abmc.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Rhone_Brochure_Mar2018.pdf



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Appendix I -Missing Air Crew Report 5417 (MACR-5417)

http://ray.mlsw.com/macr/MACR_5417.pdf

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Cleto Air Base Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group 464th Bomb Co (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Cleto Air Base Course 214 degrees
Target France Type of Mission Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU

4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 May 1944 Time 1020 Location 4 degrees, 30' E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft: France
(b) Specify whether: Last Sighted Last Contacted by Radio
 Forced Down Seen to Crash; or
 Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT AS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
 Enemy Aircraft Enemy Anti-Aircraft Other circumstances as follows: _____

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 G AAF Serial No 42-78092

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830 A3 AAF Serial No (a) 42-61262
(b) 42-61247 (c) 42-61214 (d) 42-61186

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) LE 369400 (b) Unknown (Not Available)
(c) LM 231048 (d) EM 370007 RT 231353
(e) LM 391342 (f) LM 369476
(g) LE 231615 (h) BB 231544 Unknown (Not Available)

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: Battle Casualty Non-Battle Cas.

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATION- SHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. Pilot	Parrish, Rodes S.	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. David C. Parrish (W), RFD #2, Paris, Kentucky.
2. CO-Pilot	Baker, Ralph T.	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Lee Baker (W), 606 So. Trotter St., Dermitt, Arkansas.
3. Navigator	Staron, Frank J.	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Dorothy A. Staron (W), 75 Mt. Vernon Ave., Waterbury, Conn.
4. Bombardier	Ward, Jesse E.	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Frances J. Ward (W), 421 Cherry St., Enfavis, Alabama.
5. Eng. Gunner	Bunnell, Paul M.	S/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Vera Ferge (W), 115 B. Herman, Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Cecile Bunnell (W) 633 So. Marlboro St., Springfield, Ohio.
6. NOG	Wise, Robert L.	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wise, (F & M) 607 N. 14th St., Vincennes, Indiana.
7. Serial Gunner	Alfano, Edward J.	S/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Louise Alfano (W), 1117 Princeton, Spokane, Wash. Miss Eleanor Stella Alfano (S) Same as (W).

8. Eng. Gunner Bugalsky, Louis (M) S/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bugalsky (F & M) 3213 W. Douglas Blvd. Chicago, Ill.
9. Aerial Gunner Hudgins, Herman H. S/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. Groves C. Hudgins (F & M) Fleming, Kentucky. Mrs. Lottie Mae Hudgins (W) 2210 14th St. Detroit.
10. Aerial Gunner Johnston, James G. S/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston (F & M) 115 S. Atlantic Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
Contacted Last Saw
NAME IN FULL RANK SERIAL NO by Radio Sighted Crash Forced Landing

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	by Radio	Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
1. James E. Tudor	Capt.	[REDACTED]				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Henry C. Patrick	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Ernest S. Benson	Sgt.	[REDACTED]				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Thomas (M) Rakoczy	Sgt.	[REDACTED]				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. _____						
6. _____						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Parachutes were used Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
 Any other reason (specify) No parachutes seen.

13. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) None, over enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 30 May 1944.

Signature of Officer: Clude Prutton
CLUDE PRUTTON,
Capt., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

- 5 Incls:
Incl 1- Statement Capt. Tudor.
Incl 2- Statement T/Sgt. Patrick.
Incl 3- Statement Sgt. Benson
Incl 4- Statement Sgt. Rakoczy.
Incl 5- Location Sketch.



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Practicing Safe Computing:

“COVID-19 Statistics”

By Hal Bookbinder

(Number 55 in a series)

If you are interested in unbiased Coronavirus information, check out the *New York Times*' websites. The diagrams, graphs and tables are clear and well organized. The sites are updated each night.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/states-reopen-map-coronavirus.html> ,

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/world/coronavirus-maps.html>,

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>

Television, newspapers and the Internet routinely offer sensationalized and often misleading coverage. I just listened to the story of three states that ended their stay-at-home orders only to see a jump in cases and deaths. The implication is that states that end these restrictions risk substantially more deaths due to Coronavirus.

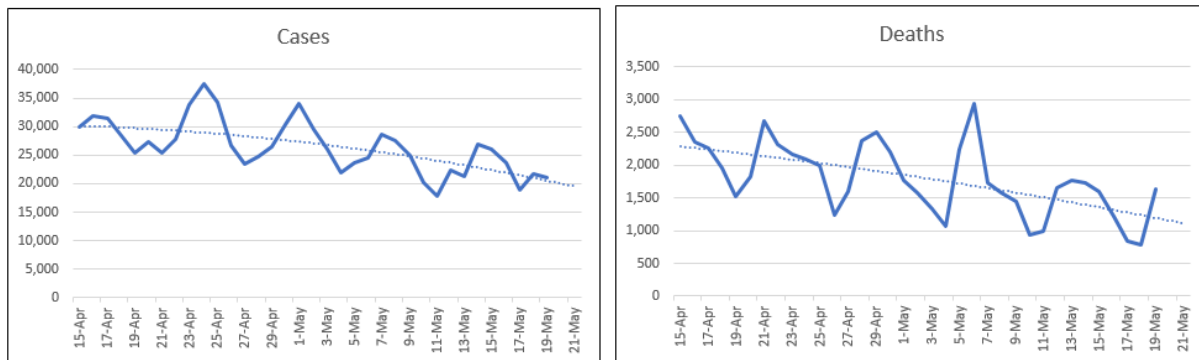
Each day for the past two months, I have extracted detailed information from the *New York Times* Coronavirus files, graphed the results, analyzed the data and shared this with my hospital coworkers. With 24 years in healthcare information technology, I am keenly focused on healthcare data.

When I examined the nationwide data collected by the *New York Times*, I found that of the 39 states that ended these orders and have started to open up, 27 have seen fewer Coronavirus deaths while 12 have seen increases. Overall, the death rate has dropped over 10% across these 39 states.

The number of cases (positive Coronavirus tests) has risen about 5% after states ended their stay-at-home orders. However, this may be the result of increased testing rather than increased virus.

The graphs below reflect the data extracted from the *New York Times* files and show the number of cases and deaths across the U.S. While I cannot predict what the future will bring, the stats over the past six weeks are trending down.

United States COVID-19 Stats, 15-Apr through 19-May



<https://github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data> provides files of daily counts of Coronavirus cases and deaths starting with the first case in Washington State on January 21. Three files are available, one for each of the more than

This is the fifty-fifth in a series of articles by JGSCV founding member Hal Bookbinder. Hal is also a Past President of JGSLA and IAJGS. He is the 2010 recipient of the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award and his online skills are well documented. All the Safe Computing articles by Hal Bookbinder are available on the JGSCV website www.jgscv.org under Noteworthy.

3,000 counties across the U.S., one for each of the states and one for the overall U.S. These are great sources of raw, unbiased data.



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75th Anniversary of VE Day and 76th Anniversary of D-Day Invasion

By Jan Meisels Allen

This year is the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day) May 8, 1945. and the 76th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion June 6, 1944.

V-E Day was observed on May 8, 1945, in Great Britain, Western Europe, the United States and Australia, and on May 9 in the Soviet Union and New Zealand. Interestingly, Stalin did not want to announce D-Day until May 9, but Churchill did not want to wait, especially since the Germans had already informed its people of the surrender.

Veterans' service records can be obtained from the (US) National Archives. However, due to the pandemic, the National Personnel Records Center is servicing only urgent requests (homeless veterans, funerals etc.)

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans>. You can also see what they have in their military databases at:

<https://aad.archives.gov/aad/index.jsp>

The current issue of the National Genealogical Society's *NGS Magazine* April-June 2020 (which will be placed in the JGSCV permanent library once the Agoura Hills Library reopens) has an article entitled, *Finding Veterans Federal Census Records*. Included are the blurbs about the records from 1890 (primarily Union of Veterans and widows), 1910, 1930, 1940 and most appropriate for this article, 1950 Veterans of World War I and World War II.

The following are taken from various sources listed at the end of the article:

Britain's Ministry of Information announced, "In accordance with arrangements between the three great powers, tomorrow, Tuesday (May 8), will be treated as Victory in Europe Day and will be regarded as a holiday."

With Adolf Hitler dead by suicide on April 30, surrender was authorized by President of the Reich, *Reichspräsident* Karl Dönitz, on May 7, 1945, and a modified document considered the definitive surrender on May 8. V-E Day, therefore, marked a major milestone for the Allies but did not end the war. Attention turned to finishing the war against Imperial Japan. V-J (Victory over Japan) day is August 15, 1945.

“D-Day is also known under its codename of Operation Overlord. American, British and Canadian forces 156,000 military, landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of France’s Normandy region which was



May 1945: V-E Day, held to commemorate the official end of Britain's involvement in World War II, is celebrated by crowds at Trafalgar Square in London on May 8, 1945. (Fred Morley/Fox Photos/Getty Images)

heavily fortified; 6,939 ships and landing vessels and 2,395 aircraft and 867 gliders delivering airborne troops.” Landings occurred on five beaches: Juno, Gold, Omaha, Utah and Sword.



Normandy Invasion

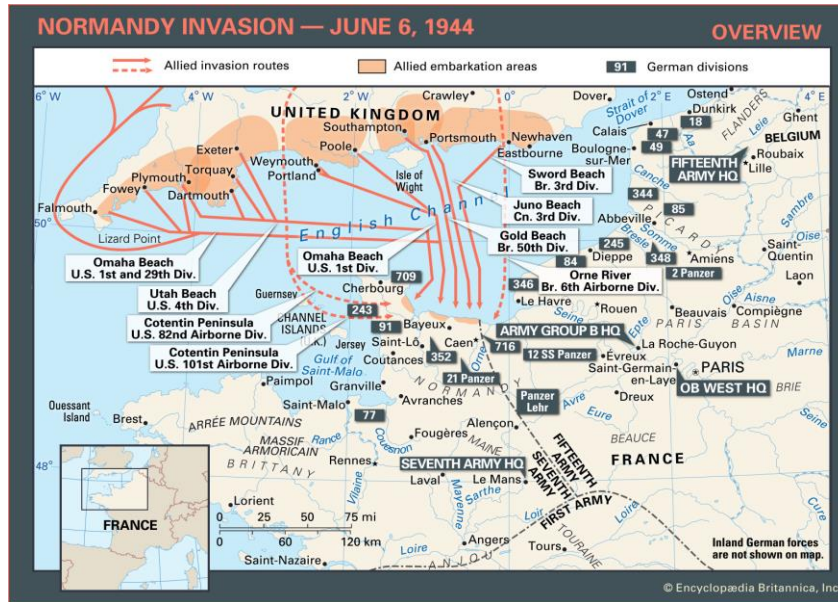
American assault troops in a landing craft during the Normandy Invasion, June 6, 1944.

U.S. Army/National Archives, Washington, D.C.

“General Dwight Eisenhower was appointed commander of Operation Overlord. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target--thinking the main invasion target was Pas-de-Calais (the narrowest point between Britain and France) rather than Normandy. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The invading forces reorganized for the drive into Germany, where they would eventually meet with Soviet forces advancing from the east to bring an end to the Nazi Reich.”

“The D-Day dress rehearsal two months before the actual D-Day was a disaster. It was known as “Exercise Tiger” and 749 U.S. troops lost their lives when a fleet of German E-boats found out about the mock invasion and torpedoed American tank landing ships.”

“Between April 1 and June 5, 1944, the British and American strategic air forces deployed 11,000 aircraft, flew 200,000 sorties, and dropped 195,000 tons of bombs on French rail centers and road networks as well as German airfields, aircraft were lost over the English Channel and Allied bridges across the Seine and Loire rivers.”



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The air campaign was designed not only to disrupt German anti-invasion preparations but also to serve as a deception operation. Two-thirds of the bombs were dropped outside the invasion area in an attempt to persuade the enemy that the landings would be made northeast of the Seine—in particular, the Pas-de-Calais area, directly opposite Dover, England—rather than in Normandy.”

“By spurious radio transmissions, the Allies created an entire phantom army, “based” in southeast England (opposite Pas-de-Calais) and alleged to be commanded by the American General George S. Patton. In addition, on the night of the invasion itself, airborne radar deception presented to German radar stations a “phantom” picture of an invasion fleet crossing the Channel narrows, while a radar blackout disguised the real transit to Normandy.”

“The Normandy beaches were chosen by planners because they lay within range of air cover, and were less heavily defended than the obvious objective of the Pas-de-Calais, the shortest distance between Great Britain and the Continent.”

“The airborne assault into Normandy, as part of the D-Day allied invasion of Europe, was the largest use of airborne troops up to that time. Paratroopers of the U.S. 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, the British 6th Airborne Division, the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion, and other attached Allied units took part in the assault. Numbering more than 13,000 men, the paratroopers were flown from bases in southern England to the Cotentin Peninsula in approximately 925 C-47 airplanes.”

“To protect the invasion zone's western extremity and to facilitate the "Utah" (one of the landing beaches) landing force's movement into the Cotentin Peninsula, the U.S. 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions descended

on the peninsula by parachute and glider in the early hours of D-Day. The paratroopers were badly scattered. Many were injured and killed during the attack, and much of their equipment was lost, but the brave paratroopers fought fiercely, causing confusion among the German commanders and keeping the German's troops occupied."

The Battle of Normandy lasted from June 1944 to August 1944 resulting in the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control.

The "D" in D-Day stands for day. This coded designation was used for the day of any important invasion or military operation.

For more information on D-Day see:

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Normandy-Invasion>

<https://www.history.com/news/d-day-normandy-wwii-facts>

<https://www.militarytimes.com/off-duty/military-culture/2019/05/08/v-e-day-1945-the-celebration-heard-round-the-world/>

<https://www.army.mil/d-day/>

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/topics/75th-anniversary-d-day>

Revised Date for Premiere of New DNA-Genealogy Television Show To Premiere

The Genetic Detective



Cece Moore

Last month we published a date for the premiere of the new show *Genetic Detective*, starring Cece Moore. It has been changed to debuting **10 p.m. Tuesday, May 26**. Check your local listings to make certain.

The American Broadcasting Company (ABC) announced a new program, *The Genetic Detective*, which follows investigative genetic genealogist CeCe Moore using her research skills for crime solving.

From ABC: *The Genetic Detective*, follows investigative genetic genealogist CeCe Moore as she uses her unique research skills to transform the face of crime solving. By working with police departments and crime scene DNA, Moore is able to trace the path of a violent criminal's family tree to reveal their identity and help bring them to justice. By working with police departments and crime scene DNA, Moore is able to trace the path of a violent criminal's family tree to reveal their identity and help bring them to justice. *The Genetic Detective* is a co-production with ABC News and XCON Productions.

June 2020

VENTURING INTO OUR PAST

Genealogy Odds and Ends



Monday, May 25 at 8AM PT Ancestry is holding its Memorial Day “Parade of Heroes” marking the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Emmy Award-winning television personality Kathie Lee Gifford will host. For more information go to:

<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2020/05/22/tune-in-on-monday-may-25-to-our-virtual-memorial-day-parade-of-heroes>



To view past webinars at World War II Museum go to:

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/events-programs/event-recaps>



All SIGs discussion groups have been rolled into the JewishGen Discussion Group. If you were registered with a SIG you have been enrolled in the Discussion Group. If you have not signed up go to: <https://groups.jewishgen.org/g/main> It's where to ask for input on research, brick walls and how-tos.



To view past webinars which takes you to YouTube video. Go to:

<https://fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars/online-webinars/webinar-recording-index/>

Jews out West

Tablet Magazine has an article on the 19th century Jews out West. You can access the article at:

<https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/arts-letters/articles/18th-century-jews-american-west>



June 2020

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