

# We remember

Through these remembrances of local men and women who fought for their country, we wish to honor them and other veterans for their service and to tell them they are not forgotten.

Fifty years later we celebrate the end of a world wide war. We wish that it was the end of all wars, but strife continues and there will always be veterans of wars, Korean, Vietnam, and many other campaigns, still continuing as the world remains in turmoil.

We remember those who died. We understand that those who were our enemies are now sometimes our friends. Each man and woman did what was required of them. If the battle was for causes, defense or ideology, it was never impersonal for those engaged in it, or who died, or waited for loved ones to come home, or lost them. THE END of wars is always reason to celebrate and be thankful.

Special thanks goes to **ALICE DESOTO**, Myrtle Point VFW Auxiliary president who spent hours gathering information and pictures of Myrtle Point and Powers veterans. Hers was a labor of love. Her thoroughness and organization was unbelievable.

Requests for information and pictures was printed in the Sentinel for weeks and letters were sent out to those we knew about but still people will have been missed. We are sorry



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they have not been included.

We may make mistakes. Trying to deal with over a hundred pictures and matching up the information was herculean. We tried to be very careful with the information. Pictures were stapled to copy. Our nightmare is that a picture has been given the wrong name, or they are placed in the wrong section. We ask for understanding and forgiveness. Picture quality will vary since these were generally taken 50 years ago. Some were still excellent and some were badly faded.

The amount of copy printed for some persons is all we have. There is much more untold information but it was not available to us. We abided by the wishes of some individuals not to reveal what was in their memory..Memories of being in prison camps, of being wounded, of hunger, thirst, of being declared missing or dead in action, coming back to find a wife remarried, of going to war with a thriving business to come back and find it gone and to struggle for years after, of what they saw in Dachau and the other extermination camps.

There were families where every son went to war. Usually one son remained in the States while the others were overseas, but not always. The Dalrymple family tells about one brother accidentally meeting another brother in Africa...neither knowing where the other was.

As this generation of men and women brought or wrote their stories, their dedication to country, concern for other people and a humility about their part in the service was obvious even while most of them said they just wanted it over so they could go home.

Thanks to the sponsors who have shown their appreciation to the men and women in a tangible way by helping to pay for some of the photography, printing and distribution of this 50th Anniversary Edition.

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**4-GOLD STAR MOTHERS - MYRTLE POINT**, Left to right: Mrs. Lena Brown, Mrs. Aneita Reed, Mrs. Blanche Felsher and Mrs. Ancel Caffey.



**TOKYO 1945** — Photo courtesy Charles Decker.



**PORTO MARGHERA - ERM** - Photo courtesy of Ellis Mercer. This is one of numerous photos in Mercer's portfolio. He explained that their purpose was to bomb the marshalling yards, oil refineries, shipyards, air depots and any vital spot that furnished supplies or troops aiding the enemy war effort.