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Clerk's Corner

We are fortunate to live in America with freedom to enjoy life with our family and friends. We owe a great debt to the men and women of our military branches who have served our country in time of war and peace. It is important that we always remember those who sacrificed their lives and suffered permanent injuries to protect the rights and freedom of others.

Accordingly, this issue of the Horse & Plow is dedicated exclusively to World War II and the American experience during that period of time.

I can recall vividly the times when my parents brought me to the cemetery to participate in the military tribute to veterans of the wars on Memorial Day. The gun salute was always a very impressive part of the ceremony and to this day still gives me goosebumps. Some of our citizens still remember the stamps each family used to buy certain products like gasoline, sugar, and other items. Do you recall the blackouts and the captains that came to your home to be certain you were in compliance? That was World War II. Hopefully, our grandchildren will never need to remember those things.

Gilda T. Gill
Salem County Clerk

In Honor of Our Veterans of WWII

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

—Winston Churchill

How do you begin to thank the selfless efforts of all those who defend this great nation of ours? Our appreciation extends to all those who have given their best for the safety and freedoms we enjoy today. This issue of Horse & Plow will highlight those courageous men and women whose achievements won our Country a glorious victory during World War II. It would take



immeasurable volumes of efforts put forth; however, we wish to give some background as to the cause of WWII and feature the fact that Salem County is the home of many brave individuals who contributed to our great triumph. First, a little history. The instability created in Europe by the First World War (1914-18) set the stage for another international conflict – World War II – which broke out two decades later and would prove even more devastating. Rising to power in an economically and politically unstable Germany, Adolf Hitler and his Na-

tional Socialist (Nazi Party) rearmed the nation and signed strategic treaties with Italy and Japan to further his ambitions of world domination. Hitler's invasion of Poland in September 1939 drove Great Britain and France to declare war on Germany, and World War II had begun. Over the next six years, the conflict would take more lives and destroy more land and property around the globe than any previous war. Among the estimated 45-60 million people killed were 6 million Jews murdered in Nazi concentration camps as part of Hitler's diabolical "Final Solution," now

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The Women of WWII

During WWII, over 6 million women took wartime jobs in factories or filling in for men on farms, 3 million women volunteered with the Red Cross, and over 200,000 women served the military. In the days after December 7th, 1941, "Remember Pearl Harbor" became a battle cry for all of America as it entered World War II. By the summer of 1942, men disappeared almost completely from the work place, having been drafted or enlisted into the US military. **Rosie the Riveter** quickly stepped in to take his place. Women pilots



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known as the Holocaust.

Salem County is the proud to be the home of so many brave men and women from all areas of the armed forces — Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Additionally, we are honored to be the home several of the Tuskegee Airmen, the elite group of African-Americans involved in the Army Air Corps program which flew and maintained combat aircraft. Nick-named “The Redtailed Angels” for the red tails of their planes and *angels* for their successful missions as bomber escorts, they were pioneers in equality and integration in the Armed Forces. It is through the combined efforts of all our military that made this victory possible. We salute those who continue to protect this great land of ours and preserve the liberties we cherish so dearly.

*“There is no substitute for victory.”
— Gen. Douglas MacArthur*



The Kissing Sailor
The End of World War II

“The release of the atom power has changed everything except our way of thinking...the solution to this problem lies in the heart of mankind. If only I had known, I should have become a watchmaker.”

— Albert Einstein

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Interesting Facts About WWII

- ★ The youngest US serviceman was 12 year old Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded in combat and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age. (His benefits were later restored by act of Congress.)
- ★ When the US Army landed in North Africa, among the equipment brought ashore was 3 complete *Coca~Cola*® bottling plants. *Coca~Cola*® CEO Robert Woodruff made a point of supporting U.S. troops so metal cans were introduced to meet their needs. In 1941, when the United States entered the war, Woodruff decided that *Coca~Cola's*® place was near the front line. He ordered that every man in uniform get a bottle of *Coca~Cola*® for 5 cents wherever he is and whatever the cost to the company.
- ★ German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.
- ★ Because of the urgent demand of nylon to use for parachutes, women discontinued wearing nylon stockings. To give the illusion of stockings with seams, many women used eyebrow pencils to draw lines down the back of their bare legs. They had to be careful to never cross their legs or their “seams” would smear!
- ★ Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun’s remains are buried under a garbage dump in what was East Germany.

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known as WASPs flew aircraft around the U.S. so more male pilots could help in the war effort. Army nurses were flying in “hospital” planes across enemy territory. Navy nurses served on naval hospital ships in the Pacific well within range of Japanese dive bombers. Often ignored by history is the story of the many women killed during combat or taken captive as prisoners of war during World War II. Women earned commendations, bronze stars and the respect of their fellow soldiers as they treaded through mud, lived in tents, and dived into foxholes during air raids.

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