

Dr. Arthur A. Durand (Col. USAF ret.) Arthur served more than 28 years performing intelligence and command duties as well as six years in the History Department at the Air Force Academy. His research into the history of Stalag Luft III began in 1973 and took thirteen years. *Stalag Luft III: The Secret Story* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, selected as an Alternate Selection for the History Book Club, and is generally regarded as the definitive work on the camp. In addition to guest appearances on the History Channel, ESPN Sports, Arthur makes regular presentations to numerous academic and civic audiences. A new National Geographic documentary titled “The Escape Factory”, features Arthur and premieres this August.

Patricia Wadley

Gregory Hatton: Greg is an amateur historian who began his POW research in 1985. While gathering information about the wartime experiences of his father (s/sgt Hyman Hatton, 392nd BG gunner), he met and was encouraged by a great many former airmen and POWs. He also received valuable lessons in research from individuals such as Richard Boylan, Robin Cookson and Jeff Ethells. In addition to writing and publishing *Stories My Father Never Told Me*, he was instrumental in the effort to establish monuments at both Stalag Lufts VI and IV. Greg’s association with B24.net (as a content provider and researcher) has been instrumental helping writers and documentary makers to gain access to POW drawings and photos for use in their work. He thanks the Board of the 8thAFHS for it’s generosity in hosting this POW Forum

8th Air Force Historical Society POW Forum

- 12:45 pm Greg Hatton Opening remarks
- 12:50 pm Grover Swearingen ? (luft4): What will be Our Legacy
- Vivian Rogers Price 8th AFHS Museum POW holdings and plans
- 1:10 pm Tamara Haygood Allied POW Encounters with German Medical Care
- 1:30 pm Marilyn Walton: Walking in my Father’s Footsteps
- 1:50 pm Bruce Norfleet: “The Price of Freedom” screening
- 2:20 pm Break
- 2:30 pm Discussion group: Challenges of Air Corps POW Research
- Greg Hatton moderator
Patricia Wadley (Phd.), Heidi Stark (Phd.), Arthur Durand (Phd.), Maj. Jeffrey Williams (POW-MIA WW2 working group), Don Kremper ? (luft4)
- 3:00 pm Q and A

Dr. Vivian Rogers-Price is currently Director of the Roger A. Freeman Eighth Air Force Research Center at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Pooler, Georgia. In 2001 she initiated the Oral History program at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. A former Fulbright Scholar and Samuel H. Kress Fellow, she taught on the university level for over ten years and has an additional three years of curatorial museum experience. Her publications include articles on the Eighth Air Force and on the artist-naturalists of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries as well as the book, *John Abbot's Birds of Georgia*..

Dr. Tamara Haygood is a diagnostic radiologist practicing at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. Her research topics are divided between medical research and the history of medicine. It is the second topic that brings her to the 8th AFHS POW Forum. Dr. Haygood is investigating the medical care of Anglo-American prisoners of war held in Germany. In addition, she has helped develop an on-line list of published WW2 POW memoirs, diaries, journals, and autobiographies.

Marilyn Walton is The author of *Rhapsody in Junk—A Daughter's Return to Germany to Finish Her Father's Story*. A Graduate of The Ohio State University, she has written six children's books and two books on police K9s. Her primary focus has become WWII POW research, particularly concerning Stalag Luft III. This year, she helped organize and participated in, the fifty-two mile winter re-enactment of the Forced March from Stalag Luft III, which her father took part in.

Bruce Norfleet is the Producer and Director of FirstLight Films. He began making documentary films in 1988. His films have been featured on National Geographic

EXPLORER and SPECIALS, as well as PBS. Bruce has received awards from National Academy of Television Arts & Science EMMYs, a WildScreen PANDA Award for Innovation, New York Film Festival Gold Awards and the Columbus International Film Festival CHRIS Awards. In 2002, Bruce directed THE PRICE OF FREEDOM, a forty-minute feature documentary about Former prisoners of war from New Jersey, which included several 8th Air Force vets. The film premiered in Los Angeles and was selected as one of eight semi-finalists in the short documentary category of the 2002 Academy Awards competition.

Heidi Stark is a Phd. historian with a concentration on WWII/Cold War Soviet conflicts and Expansionism. She favors an international perspective and is currently working on a multi-cultural study of prisoners from Luft IV and VI . Teaching at the university level for 17 years, Heidi is now an instructor at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Along with former Luft IV POW Joseph Odonnell, Heidi is establishing a POW Library at Mcguire AFB, in New Jersey. A historian for the 305th Air Mobility Wing and the 87 ABW, she is also a proud member of the 305th BG Memorial Association. Her efforts for them include interviewing. writing about and organizing their history.

Major Jeffery Williams is a Director for the World War II Working Group of the US-Russia Joint Commission on POWs and MIAs. The Working Group has exchanged and examined thousands of documents dealing with the fates of American and Soviet POWs during and after World War II. They were recently involved in an effort to find and return the remains of three airmen killed at Stalag Luft VI, in what is now Lithuania.. Major Williams, the grandson of an Army Air Corps B-17 pilot, is a student of the 8th AF shuttle missions and the 15th's Operation Frantic.