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NEWS

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Germany, here we come

Plans take shape to commemorate 75th anniversary of Stripes Europe



The 75th commemoration of Stars and Stripes and the U.S. military in Europe is planned for May 19-20, 2017, at the newspaper's European headquarters in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and at Ramstein Air Base.

Many of the events are still in the planning stages, but there will be numerous interesting activity options for all.

Here's how things stand right now:

An open house is planned at the newspaper Friday, May 19, and visitors – including many ex-staffers, it is hoped – will be free to explore the headquarters, talk with current staff members and see how Stripes operates today.

If there is enough interest a trip to nearby Heidelberg, a fascinating city and historic castle site, can be arranged. Friday night a concert at Ramstein Air Base is planned and the USO is helping find an exciting entertainer to help us enjoy the evening.

On Saturday there are two main events. In the afternoon there will be a panel of distinguished U.S. military and political personnel, a representative from the German government, and a representative from the German media discussing the 75 years of the alliance and the future. In addition, if there is interest, there will be a windshield tour of Ramstein Air Base.

The culminating event will be a formal dinner at the Ramstein Air Base Officers' Club. There will be entertainment, a keynote speaker (the speaker is recently retired Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh), and a presentation/video about Stars and Stripes in Europe over the last 75 years.

A word about travel:

The closest commercial airport is in Frankfurt, Germany. There are a number of ways to travel to Kaiserslautern, which is about a 90-minute drive. The options include shuttle services, the train, or a rental car, which can be obtained at the airport. Kaiserslautern is a midsize community and the hotel options are limited. But there are two that are in the downtown area, which makes it easy to enjoy the walking zones and life of this attractive German city. Stripes will arrange transportation as needed between hotels and Ramstein.

Information regarding travel from the airport and hotels and additional logistic information (such as base access) is posted on the Association website: starsandstripesassn.com/reunion.html.

For planning purposes, please notify Dennis Pertab, Assistant to the SSE Commander, Pertab.dennis@stripes.com, 011-49-631-3615-9401 or Ji Rogers, Assistant to the Publisher, rogers.ji@stripes.com, 202-671-0900, if you are planning to attend, if you wish to take a trip to Heidelberg, and if you desire to attend the events on Saturday at the Ramstein Air Base. At a later date, we will reach out for a firm commitment.

These are the preliminary details; we will try to offer more information later. I look forward to seeing everyone in May 2017!

Max Lederer
Stars and Stripes Publisher



The staff of Stars and Stripes Europe looks forward to welcoming visitors for the 75th anniversary celebration.

Ron Goben, Stars and Stripes Alumni Association VP, dies

Former editor admired as a model newsman and mentor

Ron Goben, the soft-spoken and hard-working vice president and secretary of the Stars and Stripes Alumni Association, died June 20 near his home in Camino, Calif., after a long illness. He was 88.

Until his health began to fail, Ron was a longtime and steadfast member of the association, contributing frequently to its successful operation. He and his wife Lorrie were among the most loyal members, attending nearly every annual reunion.

Ron was working for the International News Service in San Francisco when he met Lorrie. They married, honeymooned at Lake Tahoe and within a few months found themselves living in Tokyo, with Ron working at Stripes. That was 1956 and 1957 and the memories they made lasted a lifetime.

Steve Rubenstein, of the San Francisco Chronicle, wrote this obituary dated June 27:

“Ron Goben, longtime Bay Area journalist who was a top editor at the Palo Alto Times Tribune and Peninsula Times Tribune for more than two decades, seemed to subscribe to every newspaper and magazine ever published.

“He was passionate about newspapers, reporters and the written word. He was also passionate about dogs, cats, politics and banana cream pie.



Newlyweds Ron and Lorrie Goben share a laugh in 1955.

Stripes and the Honolulu Star Bulletin before moving to the Bay Area in 1964.

“From 1964 to 1988 he was a reporter, assistant city editor, news editor and editorial writer for the Palo Alto Times and the Peninsula Times Tribune, which was formed when the Times merged with the Redwood City Tribune in 1979. He directed those newspapers’ local news coverage, calmly mentoring young reporters and inviting staff members’ children to bang away at the manual typewriters in the hope that they might someday become as hooked on newspapering as he was.

“Mr. Goben died June 20 of cancer at a hospital in Placerville (El Dorado County). He was 88.

“A native of Rock Island, Ill., Mr. Goben was a graduate of Northwestern [University] and a U.S. Army veteran. He worked in Tokyo for the Stars and



Rob Goben at his desk in 1957.

“‘He was patient and even-tempered, in a profession that often wasn’t,’ recalled former Chronicle news editor Jay Johnson, who was a cub reporter under Mr. Goben four decades ago. ‘He was a pro and a gentleman,’ Johnson said. ‘I remember when I was just starting, I was told to watch Mr. Goben and do what he does.’

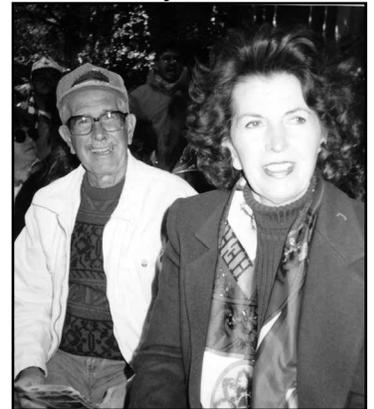
“A series by Mr. Goben in the 1970s about dyslexia was among the first to describe in detail the little-known medical condition.

“After leaving the Times Tribune, Mr. Goben served as a spokesman for Stanford University Medical Center. In 1992, he moved to the Sierra foothill town of Camino, where he wrote a column for the local paper and served as chairman of the County Democratic Central Committee.

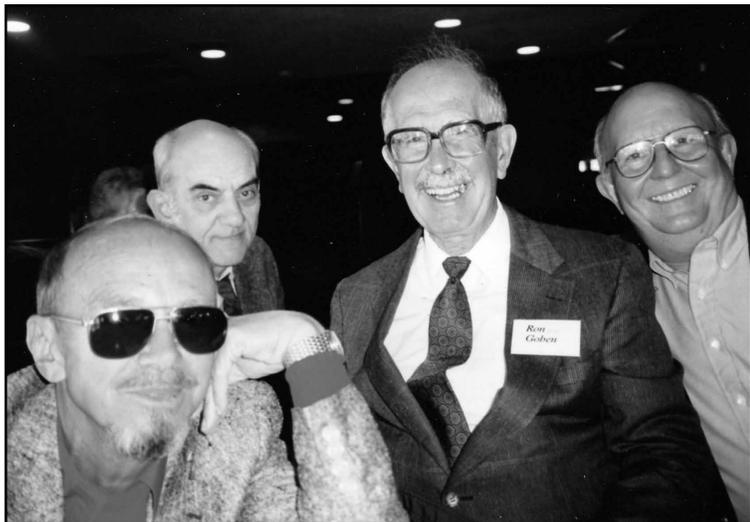
“He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lorraine; his daughter, former Chronicle copy editor Jan Goben, of San Francisco; his son, Gregory, of Rohnert Park; and two granddaughters.”

About 100 family members and friends took part in a celebration of the Life of Ron Goben the afternoon of Aug. 13 at the Log Cabin Cafe, a garden setting in Camino, Calif. Attending from our association were Lee Torliatt and his wife Marj and Bob and Kathy Wicker.

The Stars and Stripes Association’s board of directors voted Ron’s wife, Lorrie, to succeed him as vice president.



Ron and Lorrie at the San Diego reunion in 1992.



Warren Girard ('56-'63), Jim Wilson ('55-'59), Ron and Lee Torliatt ('54-'57) attend the San Antonio reunion in 1993.

Thanks, Ron, for the fun and friendship

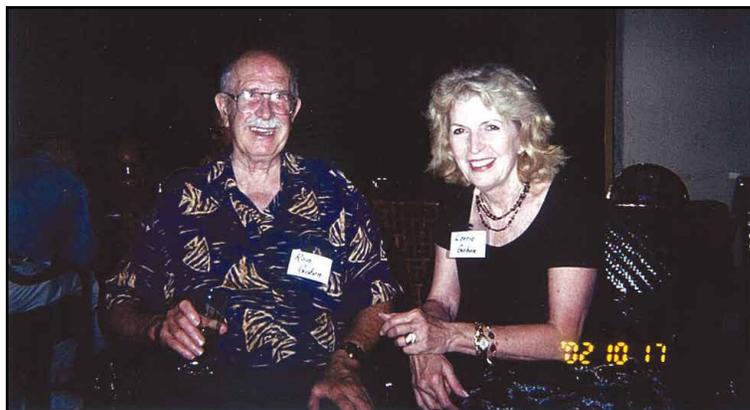
By Lee Torliatt (PSS '54-'57)

I'm proud to say Ron Goben and I were lifelong friends.

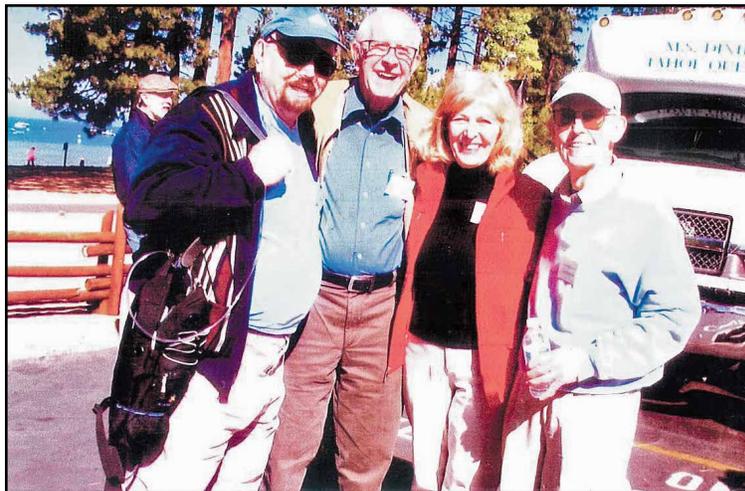
We met at Stars and Stripes in the 1950s and continued to enjoy each other's company in many ways, whether it was a gathering of Stars and Stripes retirees or just a phone call to grumble about the Giants or the 49ers.

The nice thing about working at Stripes was that, even though we had to get up early, we generally had the paper out around noon. That left us an awful lot of time to be playful in the afternoons and evenings. Since many of us did not want to entertain ourselves in the barracks, we appreciated the married couples who offered us social interaction. Ron and Lorrie Goben and Don and Liz Schuck come to mind.

I think it was at the Gobens that we plotted the trip



Ron and Lorrie Goben attend the 2002 Stripes Association reunion in Honolulu.



Ron Goben, second from left, attends the 2009 Stripes Association reunion at Lake Tahoe with Sid Skolnik ('54-'55), Lorrie Goben and Don Cannalte ('54-'55 and '65-'67). Ron attended 20 reunions.

to Mount Fuji where Don Schuck hit a golf ball up the side of the mountain, holing out in 1,275 strokes.

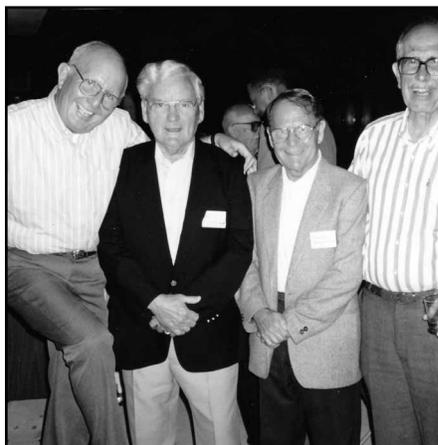
At Christmas, we celebrated with the Gobens in their rather tiny apartment. Our hosts put up a tree and Lorrie found floor-length tinsel to adorn the branches.

Booze was cheap, we were young, and there were many parties, including the French 75 birthday party for Liz Schuck. The Gobens behaved themselves, but one of the attendees left the party in his car, parked it somewhere in Tokyo and wondered the next day where he had left it.

My wife Ryo and I came back to the U.S. and Ron and Lorrie moved on to Hawaii.

Our paths crossed many times over the years, either face-to-face or on the phone.

Ron went on to make a great career for himself in the media, but he didn't forget the world and its problems. He spent much of his time working with others to shape a sane political system, a still unfinished task.



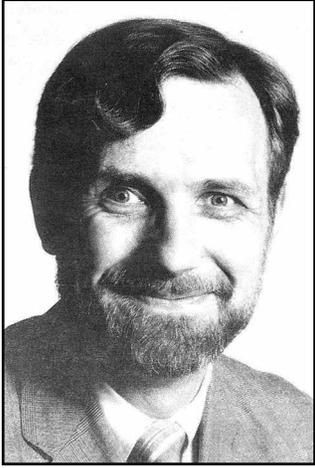
Lee Torliatt ('54-'57), Pat Carroll ('54-'59), Norm Sklarewitz ('56-'59) and Ron attend the San Diego reunion in 1992.

While Lorrie spent much time successfully finding and restoring antiques, Ron spent many hours working with the Stars and Stripes Alumni Association and planning annual gatherings.

He and Lorrie made my life and the lives of many others a lot more fun.

Jack Fuller, Stripes correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner, dies

Courtesy of The New York Sun

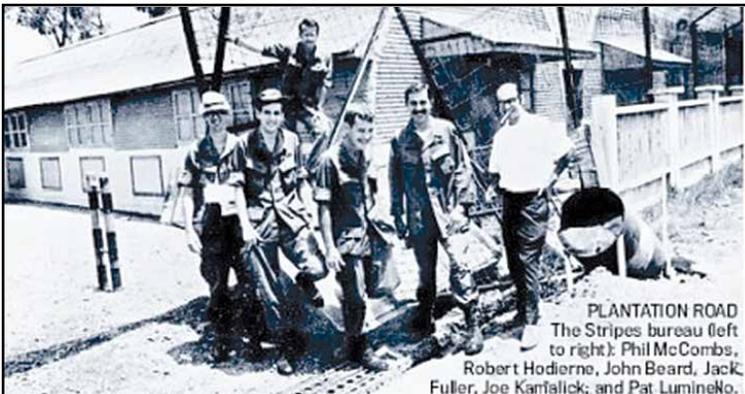


The death of Jack Fuller, who at the age of 69 slipped away from cancer June 21 in Chicago, takes from us one of America's greatest newspapermen. He rose from copyboy to become editor, publisher, and president of the Chicago Tribune. He'd answered a draft call during Vietnam and, later, served as an aide to one of America's greatest attorneys general at a dangerous hour for our republic. He wrote

two classic books on news values just when newspaperdom appeared to be abandoning them.

Fuller was the first person we met when we arrived at the Saigon bureau of Pacific Stars and Stripes, where he was a correspondent from 1969 to 1970. One of its star reporters, he was nursing a canteen cup of bourbon and reading Hannah Arendt's "On Revolution." We spent the better part of a year in harness with one of the merriest bands of newspapermen in the war. When America invaded Cambodia, Fuller and a Stripes colleague, Phil McCombs, jumped into a Stripes station wagon and set out on a desperate race to catch up with American armor.

They careered into Cambodia through the Parrot's Beak. The highway was deserted, an ominous sign. Eventually Fuller spotted a civilian hunched over a radio and some maps. The civilian refused to answer — or even acknowledge — any questions until a frustrated Fuller demanded: "How far can we go until someone kills us?" The civilian looked off into the middle distance, paused, and then re-



The Pacific Stars and Stripes bureau, from left: Phil McCombs, Robert Hoderne, John Beard, Jack Fuller, Joe Kamalick and Pat Luminello.



Jack Fuller, third from left, was a featured speaker at the 1991 Stars and Stripes Association reunion in Chicago. Also shown are Janet Otwell, John Sack (PSS '52-'53), Toshi Cooper, Gary Cooper and Ralph Otwell (PSS '51-'53).

plied: "Eight clicks." Fuller jumped back into the Stripes station wagon and drove 12 kilometers, until catching up with our tanks.

Fuller had been drafted out of Yale Law School. He eventually graduated at the top of his class and landed a job as one of the executive assistants to Attorney General Edward Levi. Fuller was promptly sent over to the CIA to represent the attorney general in a working group trying to untangle the scandals of the day. When it was announced that something was so secret it couldn't be shared with even the president, Fuller — who but several years earlier had held the fourth lowest rank in the Army — found himself laying down the law to a flag officer.

Jack turned down a chance to go to The New York Times and staked his career with his hometown paper, for which his father, Ernest Fuller, had been an editor. Jack won the Pulitzer Prize for editorials on the Constitution and ended up as editor in chief of the Chicago Tribune, then its publisher, and eventually president. He wrote novels, composed jazz (he was fluent on the piano), and was a trustee of the University of Chicago. He hosted a conference on war reporting at Cantigny, the estate of the Tribune's late proprietor, Colonel McCormick.

The first of Fuller's two books about journalism, "News Values," asserted the old verities when newspapers had begun their decline. "Though I am optimistic that people want us to act in accord with our better angels," he warned in a classic Fullerian formulation, "they can be tempted." As the old order collapsed, Fuller brought out another book, "What Is Happening To News?" It examined the challenges of the internet age through the prism of neuroscience. He wrote several novels, including one, "Frag-

ments,” about Vietnam.

Fuller’s wife, Debra Moskovits, was with Jack as he lay dying, and told us he was at peace. Could that be, we wondered, at least in part because of a truth he glimpsed when, years after the war, he returned to Vietnam in a Tribune jet. He’d been eager to see what had become of the Stripes villa in Saigon. The city had changed so much that it took a while to find it, but Fuller finally did. Before his communist minders could stop him, he bounded inside, only to discover that it had become a preschool. Fuller was welcomed by the schoolmistress, who gave him a tour.

A curtain obscured the room that had once held our maps, radios, whiskey, and typewriters, the room where we’d met Fuller, bourbon and Hannah Arendt in hand. When the schoolmarm pulled the curtain aside, Fuller was stunned. He stood speechless. For there were two dozen little girls, neatly arranged on mats on the floor, asleep for their afternoon nap. The way Fuller told the story illuminated one of the truths about war. It may be the greatest of stories, but even it is transient. Eventually life gathers the survivors and moves on.

Share your Stripes story

Members, here’s a story idea for you: Write and tell us, “How I got my job at Stars and Stripes.”

You must have enjoyed Red Grandy’s story in the Spring 2015 issue. Let us hear your story.

Send to: Joe Schneider at aztecjoes@aol.com.

Membership and treasurer’s report

The association has gained two new members and received 64 renewals since Jan. 1, 2016. That brings our membership up to 240; however, half of those (120) are delinquent in paying their current membership dues. The policy is to let membership dues slide for one year, so if you haven’t paid since 2014, now would be a good time to renew. If you are not sure if you’re paid up, please contact Cal Posner at calposner@aol.com for a personal update.

As of Sep. 14, the association has a balance of \$24,517.70. We have \$ 5,042.40 in our business checking account and \$19,475.30 in our money market account.

Earlier this year, the Board of Directors voted to donate \$1,000 to help the Stars and Stripes Museum repair its storage barn.

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A Half Century Ago: A Day to Remember

This story was written in 2013, on the 50th anniversary of the John F. Kennedy assassination. It is one of my favorites and I want to share it with all of our members. To me, the story symbolizes the unity and teamwork of our main Stars and Stripes branches -- Pacific and European. The writer, Ralph Otwell, was in the Pacific; the cartoonist, Bill Mauldin, was in Europe. They came together at the Chicago Sun-Times in 1963. Otwell was weekend news editor, Mauldin an editorial cartoonist. I never met Mauldin, but I worked with Otwell in Tokyo in the early 1950s. He went on to a distinguished and award-filled career in the newspaper business. A charter member of our association, he was the host of our very successful Chicago reunion in 1991. Here's an inside look at the making of Mauldin's powerful cartoon.

-- Toshi Cooper

By Ralph Otwell (PSS 1951-1953)

"I had no idea what he was, except he was bigger than me and really intimidating."

Steven Spielberg, the movie director, was recalling for The New York Times his visit to the Lincoln Memorial. He was about five years old, accompanied by an uncle. "Then, just before I left," recalled Spielberg, I dared myself to look up into his face and suddenly felt like we were in some way related ... It was a very warm feeling, and I felt very safe and protected just at a glance. That was an image never forgotten."

Indeed, the image lingered for some three-score years before Spielberg got around to making the acclaimed film, "Lincoln." Years ago, in a chance encounter with the historian, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Spielberg learned she was planning a biography of Lincoln. Before she had put one word to paper, he obtained the rights to the biography that became a basis for the eventual movie.

Few of us have Spielberg's talent, but many also have experienced an episode or event that becomes etched in our memory. For some it might be a family occasion,



for others it may have a broader significance. For instance, many of us can remember exactly what we were doing on Dec. 7, 1941 – a day that will “live in infamy.” Members of the same generation probably also will recall VE Day, or possibly an earlier wartime day that was cloaked in sorrow instead of joy.

This year is the 50th anniversary of an event that most of us can vividly remember, even though we absorbed it from the media. A half century ago, President John F. Kennedy was shot by an assassin as he rode in a Dallas motorcade. Kennedy was slain nearly a hundred years after Lincoln became the first of a presidential quartet to die at an assassin's hand.

For me, Nov. 22, 1963, was a fateful day that melded memories of a young president with the Lincoln Memorial, inspiring a cartoonist's poignant drawing that authors have described as the greatest cartoon of the 20th century.

That ill-fated day began as a typically busy Friday – the day when much of the work for the Sunday newspaper had to be completed. I was then news editor for the weekend editions, and a lot of the burden rested with me.

Bill Mauldin, the fabled creator of “Willie and Joe” of World War II fame, had joined the newspaper the previous year. He dropped by my desk that Friday to invite me to join him at a noontime speech by one of his old friends, Gilbert Harrison, editor of the *New Republic*. Harrison was speaking to the Chicago Council on foreign Relations at a downtown hotel. At Mauldin’s persistence, I went – leaving a mound of unfinished work behind.

At the Palmer House, while the luncheon crowd still was gathering, there was an announcement that the president had been shot. Soon it was known that he had died. Bill and I scurried out of the hotel and headed toward the office. My marathon work assignment had just magnified. Bill’s cartoon was not scheduled to appear in Saturday’s paper. He wound up walking around the neighborhood for a while, wrestling with his emotions.

In his stroll he decided that he wanted to do a drawing for the Saturday editions. Back in his cubicle, he took a snort of Jack Daniels from a bottle in a filing cabinet. What he produced in a short time was a drawing that the news desk instantly recognized as a must-carry. The entire back page, historically reserved as the primary showcase for the day’s major sports stories, was pre-empted for Mauldin.

Early the next morning as the printing forms were being readied for the Sunday editions, I was in the composing room taking an inventory of the overnight preparations, making sure that a mountain of advance copy had been set into type. During my inventory, one of the printers pulled the Mauldin plate off its metal base and sailed it into a nearby “hellbox” – a refuse receptacle for used type and engravings to be melted for reuse.

I took the discarded engraving to my desk, and it went home with me the following Tuesday – when I was able to leave the office for the first time in four days. I had it mounted and framed and hung it my den. There it has been displayed ever since.

The “Grievin’ Lincoln” quickly became the best-known cartoon among scores of graphic tributes to the martyred president. The president’s widow asked for the original drawing, and Mauldin promptly sent it to her with a gracious note. Mrs. Kennedy later donated it to the Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.

News from the Stars and Stripes Museum and Library

By Sue Mayo

Stars and Stripes Museum Librarian

This has been a busy summer at the Stars and Stripes Museum and Library and the fall promises to be even busier. Several adults and high school volunteers have spent many hot hours cleaning out and restoring the barn to make it a waterproof place for storage and a display area for special events. Thanks to a generous donation from the Stars and Stripes Association designated to be used for the barn restoration, this dream seems more possible.

Besides spear-heading the barn clean-up project, volunteer Laura Meyer has been busy reworking displays, updating our old website (starsandstripesmuseumlibrary.org) creating a new website (starsandstripesmuseum.com) and adding information to our Facebook page (Stars and Stripes Museum). We are currently trying to raise funds to hire Laura as a full-time curator. If you know of individuals, corporations or foundations that we might contact about donating to this project, please let us know.

Laura has been spending many volunteer hours at the museum during the last few years, but with two children in college it has become necessary for her to either receive pay for her work at the museum or find full-time employment. Laura has a BS degree in education with a major in English, has taught English as a second language and has been substitute teaching at all levels in area schools. Laura has proven to be well qualified for the position of curator.

The museum has been featured in two new brochures that also have websites: the River Heritage Region (www.riverheritageregion.com) and U.S. Grant Trail in Missouri (www.civilwartraveler.com/TRANS/MO/Mo-southeast.html).

Our fourth annual re-enactment, “Liberty Days,” was held on the museum grounds Oct. 13-15. The event included a living history village, live entertainment, quilt exhibition, talent show, food, games, and crafts.

Membership Renewal/Change of Address Form

Below is the form needed to renew your membership, activate a new membership, or report a change of address.

Current members wishing to renew their memberships should complete the form below and mail to:

Association Treasurer Calvin Posner 4440 Strathmore Drive, Lake Wales, FL 33859, along with a check for \$20.

New members should also complete the form and mail to Association Treasurer Calvin Posner with a check for \$20.

Make your check payable to Stars and Stripes Association.

New members are asked to include a short biography and current members are encouraged to add any updates to their bios.

The bios will be included in our membership directory.

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