

THE WAY WE WERE

A WARS PHOTO ALBUM OF MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR MEN'S CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN WAR
PHOTOS FROM 1941 TO 1953



ABOUT THIS ALBUM

This is a supplement to “The Wars of Our Generation” book published in February 2004 by the Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham, Michigan. The album is a collection of more than 150 photographs of SMC members taken when most of them were in their ‘teens’ and were in the military and related war services from the beginning of World War II in 1941 to the end of the Korean Conflict, in 1953.

To compare pictures of the veterans who contributed articles to “The Wars of Our Generation,” refer to the authors index shown on the last pages of the earlier book.

On the inside back cover of this album, you will find a CD of a speech by noted historian and theologian Rabbi Sherwin Wine. It discusses the historical roots and major events that led to the Allied victory in World War II. The speech was delivered at The Community House in Birmingham on August 13, 2004.



Harry Orton over China

—DEDICATION—

WHEN WE WERE YOUNG AND BRAVE

In “The Wars of Our Generation” book 82 members of the Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham, Michigan, wrote about their experiences in World War II and Korea. It pictured us as we look today, most in our 80s.

This “The Way We Were, A Wars Photo Album” is a pictorial companion showing us as we were some 60 years ago — when we were young and brave and handsome!

The early 1940s was a time of rising furor among the nations of Western Europe, fueled by fascist movements that sought to conquer the world and to replace freedom with tyranny. Our nation’s leaders sought to avoid direct involvement, but that ended December 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and World War II came to America.

As young men, our world turned upside down. Some of us were students, others farmers or new hires in business firms or a hundred other occupations. We did not want to go to war in foreign lands thousands of miles away. But we also knew if we didn’t stop the increasingly powerful juggernauts of fascism over there, we might end up fighting them in our own backyard. And a decade later, we fought North Korea in the cause of freedom.

So, we went to war as citizen soldiers — on the beaches of Normandy and the Pacific islands and in the trenches of Europe and places like Okinawa and Iwo Jima. We fought on battleships and destroyers, in bombers and fighter airplanes, everywhere the enemy was. A decade later, some of us fought in places like Inchon and the 38th Parallel in Korea. Many more of us served in vital military activities supporting our fighting forces around the world.

Look at our faces as we were 60 years ago, fighting for freedom around the world — so young, brave and handsome — and forever proud.

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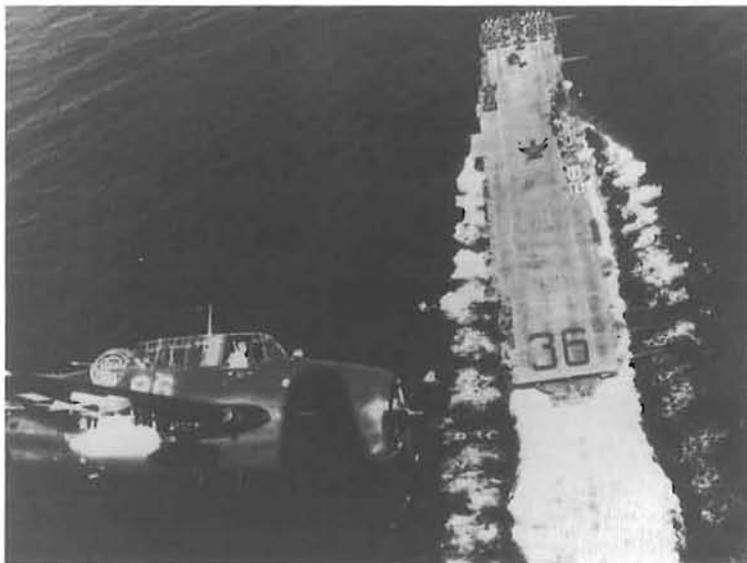
Chip Forbes, who originally proposed the idea of a wars memorial book for SMC members who served in World War II and Korea, and who served as overall project chairman.

Tom Clapp, who proposed the idea of a companion photo album and worked diligently to assemble wartime photos and related information of all SMC veterans; he also organized a support program involving a public talk by Rabbi Sherwin Wine on August 13, a copy of which is included on a CD at the back of this book.

Alvie Smith, who served as editor.

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Harry Orton Landing

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Bob Babcock
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Arnie Carlson
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Paul Cicchini



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Jim Clark



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Walter Cornelius



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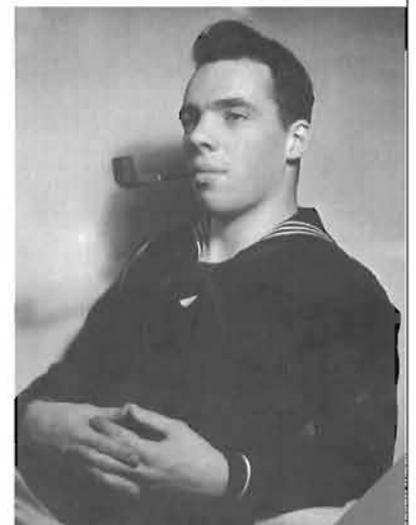
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George Falls



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Charles Gates



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Dick Harper



Tom Harrison



Art Held



Jerry Heller



Fred Hendrick



Jim Herbst



Ed Hoagland



John Horiszny



Ray Hughes



Harold Jackson
(on right)



Bob Jackson



Gene Jacoby



Bob Janover



George Jobin



Dick Johnson



Tom Johnson



Bob Jordan



Ed Katz



Jim Kendall



Bob Kenning



Chuck Kirkpatrick



Dennis Kozak



Ray Latovick



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Jim Nordlie
(on right)



John O'Brien
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Harry Orton



Don Pennell



Tom Perkins



George Peters



Jim Peters
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Bob Pullar



Jack Rady



John Reddy



John Ridan



Ben Root



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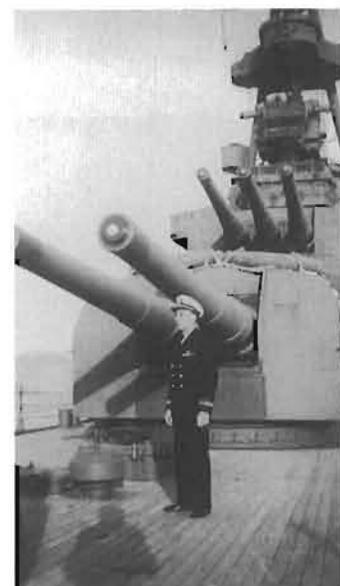
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Andy Spencer



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Ken Urwiller



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John Wenstrand



Phil Werner



Norris Wetters



LeRoy Wheatley



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SMC HOSTESSES

Of the many ladies who volunteer as hostesses at weekly SMC luncheons, here are wartime photos of two who served in World War II.



Helen Gibiser



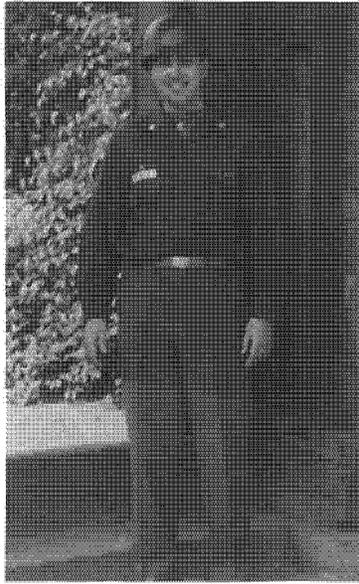
Jeanne Swanson

NO WARTIME PHOTOGRAPHS

The following SMC veterans had no wartime photos:

Allen, Frank M. Navy
 Barnes, Henry Army
 Baur, Albert E. Navy
 D'Allemand, James E. Navy
 Hayes, William A. Navy
 Hebert, Robert M. Army
 Hinkamp, James B. Manhattan Project
 Holden, James K. Army
 Holloway, Kenneth D. Air Corps

Lumsden, George J. Navy
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 Roberts, Jr., Albert O. Air Corps
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