Guestbook U.S. VETERANS FRIENDS LUXEMBOURG

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Hello to all of our friends in Luxembourg. My husband, Kevin and I are looking forward to our 4th visit to your beautiful country for Friendship Week, June 18 -25. My father, Sylvester Stenger served under Gen'l Patton in the 90th Infantry Division, 357 headquarters. They called themselves the Tough Ombres. I will be proud to represent him.

By: janet Jester (LU) on: 29-05-2013 at 20:41 | (Admin Delete)

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I'm very grateful to have found your organization. Looking forward to sharing wonderful experiences and ensuring the stories of the brave men who fought valiantly to liberate the world from tyranny.

In memory of my Grandfather T/5 John B. Shive G-Co/12th IR/4th ID

By: <u>Chris Wolfe</u> (**DE**) on: 27-06-2012 at 19:21 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>)

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just found your site. i am interviewing a 6th armored vet. and trying to find info to maybe help his memory some..... phil

By: phil (LU) ** on: 30-06-2011 at 16:54 | (Admin Delete)

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Looking forward to visiting Luxembourg and Belgium with others this month for Friendship Week.

By: jim sharp (**US**) on: 09-06-2011 at 18:15 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>)

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John & I were so grateful for the hospitality that you provided for us in June of 2010. Your effort and hard work that you did provided us with a most unique and wonderful experience. We are looking forward to returning this year. We thank you so much.

By: <u>John & Margie Koukol</u> (US) on: 19-05-2011 at 17:23 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>)

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My uncle, Saul Kadison, was killed in action crossing the Sauer River on February 12, 1945. He is buries in Hamm. He was a Silver Star recipient. Myself and my two brothers are the only members of his family that are surviving. We would very much like to attend a memorial celebration. Kindly keep me informed as to the dates and arrangements.

Thank you.

By: Robert L. Katzman (US) on: 11-01-2011 at 19:01 | (Admin Delete)

Thank you to the people of Luxembourg for thier kindness and THANK YOU to all of our brave men who fought for us. If anyone has information about my uncle, Cpl Arthur C Oberdorf, d 1-14-45, buried at Hamm please contact me at dnrh62@yahoo.com

By: <u>Danelle Herman</u> (US) on: 17-12-2010 at 14:37 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>) Found me when Surfing the Internet

I was with the tour group that included the 5 veterans of the 94th Infantry Division that were honored at the ceremony at the Hamm cemetery on October 26, 2010. It is good to remember the sacrifice of so many. I was honored to meet you. Thank you for all you have done and are doing for our veterans.

By: Bryan Habeck (US) on: 08-11-2010 at 23:14 | (Admin Delete) Found me when other

I crossed the sauer river..... 86 years old looking for my old buddies **By:** james R knight (**LU**) on: 12-07-2010 at 02:34 | (Admin Delete) **Found me when** Surfing the Internet

Patrick - I look forward to seeing you in June.

By: CSM Doris Wollett (**US**) on: 15-03-2010 at 19:09 | (Admin Delete)

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Came across your site searching for information on my grandfather Nicolas Wolff born 24/12/1888 Bissen Luxembourg d. 10/4/1951 Huntington West Virginia USA. Served in World War I with either the 88th Division or Rainbow Division September 1917 to May 1919.

By: Chris Butler (**US**) on: 18-11-2009 at 03:58 | (Admin Delete)

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I want to thank all the members of the US Vet Friends of Luxembourg for all the care and planning that went into the tour in June. The people or Luxembourg and all the residents of the towns that we visited couldn't have been more kind, generous, and hospitable. My uncle, Pvt. Tony Ruzich, Jr. died on Christmas morning 1944 in an attack by the 317th Regiment of the 80th Division on Kehmen, Luxembourg. It is gratifying that almost 70 years later the people of Luxembourg are thankful and have not forgotten the losses and sacrifices made by the American soldiers and their families. Thank you.

By: <u>Judy Bezjak</u> (US) A on: 28-06-2009 at 17:09 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>) Found me when Surfing the Internet

I am trying to gather information about my father Captain William C. Teagle 995th Treadway Bridge 150th Engineer . He may have been a guest of the Schloesser , or Schosseler , family early in 1945 . I believe the Schloesser family resided in Dudelange , Luxembourg at that time . If you have any information about my father , or his stay in Dudelange , Luxembourg please contact me at ladyofthelunch@yahoo.com Sharon Fischer (maiden name Teagle) .

By: Sharon Fischer (LU) on: 14-04-2009 at 15:24 | (Admin Delete)

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My name is Sharon Fischer . I am the daughter of Captain William C. Teagle 995th Treadway Bridge , 150th Engineer . I believe my father stayed with the Schloesser , or Schosseler , family in 1945 at the town of Dudelange Luxembourg . I would like to make contact with the Schloesser family hoping to gather information about my father's travels , and contacts , in Europe . Sharon Fischer ladyofthelunch@yahoo.com Cincinnati , Ohio USA

By: George Fischer (US) on: 14-04-2009 at 15:17 | (Admin Delete)
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I will be visiting the American Cemetery sometime between May 27 - May 30th. I believe I just miss the Memorial Day ceremony, much to my dismay. This will be my first visit to my father's grave.

By: Carol Downs Brooks (US) on: 27-01-2009 at 02:37 | (Admin Delete)

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I am still alive! Survived the Sauer River Crossing at Echternach, February 9, 1945.

Member 417TH Infantry Regiment, 76TH Division.

I was only 18 years old.

By: Charles Monroe (US) on: 22-01-2009 at 08:38 | (Admin Delete)

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Tryong to find out information about a reunion for 2009 for my Dad and I to attend. Thanks!

By: Marsha Mechtley (US) on: 06-11-2008 at 02:41 | (Admin Delete) Found me when Surfing the Internet

Thanks again for another great week:June 2008.My Cent. Mass. Chapter-22 VBOB installed nurse Dorothy Barre into the Four Chaplains Chapter on Oct. 14,2008, by the recommendation of Col.John Parker.

By: <u>Jogn McAuliffe</u> (US) on: 15-10-2008 at 11:33 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>)

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My Grandfather if George Elmo Brewer. He served in a tank division and participated in the liberation of Luxembourg. In fact, he still has the Nazi flag that was taken down over the city. I was wondering if anyone remembered him? He has always wanted to go back to Europe but has never been able to. He is 90 years old now and is running out of time. Does anyone have any suggestions on funding to help Veterans travel to these places? Thank you for your time.

By: <u>Brandi Steinmetz</u> (**US**) **on:** 10-10-2008 at 23:15 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>) **Found me when** American Luxembourg Society

Hello,

After returning from a family reunion this summer, I'm inspired to learn more about a family member interned at the Luxembourg American Cemetery.

He is Joseph G. Feiley, Staff Sergeant (KIA) and recipient of the U.S. Army Distinguished Service Cross. His location in the cemetery is Plot: E, Row: 14, Grave: 24. He was killed 19-Feb-1945.

He fought with the 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry division, Company "F."

I'm searching the web for any information about him. He is a hero in our family.

Is there anyway I can get a picture of his marker?

Sincerely,

Mark Brock

By: Mark Brock (LU) & on: 19-08-2008 at 02:12 | (Admin Delete)
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Many thanks for your grear hospitality last year I discussed the trip many times and our local news paper had an article about you country and how you have treated us GI's. Looking forward to coming again in just a few weeks. Thanks again Paul Sellers

By: <u>PaUL SELLERS</u> (LU) on: 03-06-2008 at 00:08 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>) Found me when Surfing the Internet

Visited France June 6th.07 took the route of the 90th.Division from Normandy to Luxembourg.

I can never thank the French people enough for there hospitality.

By: Chester F Sinclair (US) on: 29-02-2008 at 16:08 | (Admin Delete)

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Great web site. We have added a link to our monthly newsletter for all veterans to visit.

www.veteranprograms.com

By: Rance Jurevwicz, Capt., USA, Ret (US) on: 19-12-2007 at 20:41 | (Admin Delete)

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Hello! This year was the 10th year Bobbie and I have made it back to the USVF Week. Again it was a great week. Dedicating three new Monuments to the 80th Inf Div. was more than we ever expected. We had a total of 34 members of the 80th Div. families attending. 8 Veterans and the rest families of those Veterans. Again you did a wonderful job of making everyone comfortable and glad they made the trip. If there is any Veteran that reads this note and hasn't been back to Lux. since the war you should try to go there this year in June, you will never regret you decision. You are treated like Royalty and more. It is a week you will never forget.

By: Gerald Virgil Myers (LU) on: 28-08-2007 at 02:52 | (Admin Delete) **Found me when** Surfing the Internet

I am looking forward to my first visit to Luxembourg in 2009 . . . I hope the time passes swiftly for it has been a long journey. I will be visiting my father's grave for the first time at the American Cemetery. Any help in places to stay and visit on this journey would be appreciated.

By: <u>Carol Downs Brooks</u> (US) on: 25-08-2007 at 17:46 | (<u>Admin</u> Delete)

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D'USVF Homepage mëcht sech esou lues. Fuert esou weider. Hun gesin dat dir och esou schein Kapen hut an woll just mol froen op een dei och ze kaafen kritt

By: Amenofradic (LU) on: 10-08-2007 at 22:04 | (Admin Delete) Found me when Surfing the Internet

U.S. Veterans Friends of Luxembourg. Thank you for your hospitality. My brother and I had the opportunity to attend two of your events this year and were very please with your program. We would like to help you honor future veterans that are able to attend the friendship week. Our mother was a Luxembourg citizen that lived through the war she truly appreciated the efforts of the U.S. Forces that liberated her home town Echternach. Thank you.

By: Claude Leidi (LU) on: 04-07-2007 at 06:56 | (Admin Delete) Found me when American Luxembourg Society

In 1996 I discovered your museum by accident while traveling with my 16 year old daughter. It was a wonderful find and she was very interested, being, like her dad, fascinated by history. It also harkened me back many years.

In November of 1974 I was in Luxembourg, hiking the roads and forests with a college buddy. We were staying in the youth hostels; taking the local trains (we affectionately referred to them as the "Bonzai Express"), and spending many days in the towns and forests of the Ardennes. We ended up spending 30 days in your duchy.

I am writing because this changed me forever. In fact, I often define my life as being of two parts: That which came before 1974 (I was 22 at the time) and that which came after.

My college friend and I had traveled for two months prior to coming to Luxembourg. We were traveling rather haphazardly, with no real plan. . just two guys taking a semester off from university to see Europe. But I had always been drawn to history and particularly to WWII in Europe. I was well aware of the significance of Luxembourg to WWII and particularly to the Ardennes Offensive, but had never made a real study of the campaign. I had long before read a copy of John Toland's, Battle: Story of the Bulge, and soon after arriving "in country" in 1974 saw a copy in a shop in Luxembourg City. Thus began my journey into something larger than I had bargained for. I began rereading Toland's book, which is very detailed in its description of many small unit actions during the battle. I became engrossed in the accounts of actions on both sides, and spent many days tracing the fighting through Diekirch, Clervaux, Vianden, and surrounding areas, as well as traveling into Belgium. On three different occasions I walked from the Wiltz train station up the long winding road to Cafe Schumann and Hill 390; quietly traversing the areas adjacent to the road; finding the foxholes and helmet liners (and an intact German helmet); ammunition and links, shovels, leather belts: Many, many remnants still at that time. It was late November and on many days Luxembourg was shrouded in that low-lying fog.

What I didn't count on was the changes all of this began to produce in me. I do not know if I believe in spirits or ghosts. I do know I felt things in those forests. When my college friend and I were on Hill 390 near Cafe Schumann one foggy and wet November day, we split up and looked on our own. When we finally came back together we just looked at each other, not speaking for a long time. One of us, I don't know which one, finally said; "Did you feel it?" We both had. . .the presence. Like we were in a cathedral. We both felt we were in some sacred place; really FELT it. Every day I walked and searched I felt more a part of the land. On the first day near Cafe Schumann I had taken an 8mm cartridge from a foxhole. That night we were alone at the youth hostel at Ettelbruck. We were almost always alone in the youth hostels in November. They were quite primitive in those days, and it was off season. I kept looking at the cartridge. Suddenly I told

John, "I'm going back. . .I'm putting it back." All at once I felt like a grave robber and knew it had to go back. So we took many, many pictures, but never again took anything from the battlefields: We took nothing out of Luxembourg but pictures.

Luxembourg in 1974 was still full of bullet-riddled buildings: It was not a prosperous country, as it is now. The war still felt close.

In the last couple of weeks in Luxembourg I walked alone, without John. I needed to be alone with the countryside and the villages. I seldom spoke to anyone. It had become a spiritual journey. When it came time to go back to the States, I knew I should stay. . .try and find some way to stay. I just knew somewhere inside that I belonged there. But I didn't stay: I did what I was "supposed" to do and returned, finished my university education, raised a family, had a career. But I was never the same: The world was never really the same. All of the things which before had seemed so important; my classes and my grades: After I came back, they just were no longer very important. I never quite knew why.

I had changed forever. Luxembourg; the cold and misty forests; perhaps the ghosts of those young men; something had fundamentally changed who I was. I was quieter, more serious, less concerned with the day-to-day matters. I think a part of me remained behind, in the Ardennes. I will always see your country as a second home.

By: Stults (US) on: 03-04-2007 at 09:34 | (Admin Delete)

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Looking for info on The Katzenkopf near Irrel Germany and especially the Germans that occupied it and did not fire their flame thrower on my platoon.in Feb.28 1945

By: Walter Mietus (US) on: 28-02-2007 at 03:39 | (Admin Delete)

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I just received two CDs or DVDs from Renee Schloesser of Dudelange...Renee took hundreds of photos of the June 2005 ALFW, placed them on cds and sent to each veteran...What a wonderful keepsake of our Tour that Week...I am grateful to Renee for this tremendous task and the effort and time she took in making this keepsake for the veterans.

By: John McAuliffe (US) on: 17-01-2007 at 23:03 | (Admin Delete)

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As Secretary of the 80th Veterans Association I comment you on your web site. i enjoyed every bit of it and I read it all.

Robert t. murrell M Company 318th Regiment, 80th Infantry Division **By:** Robert T. Murrell (US) on: 12-09-2006 at 18:33 | (Admin Delete) Found me when Advice from a friend

To All:

Thank you for a wonderful week during the ALFW, June 20-27...Later spent a week in Belgium with friends. John.

By: John E. McAuliffe (US) on: 25-08-2006 at 20:34 | (Admin Delete)

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The itinerary for Friendship Week looks wonderful. I wish I could join you this year. Best wishes for a fantastic celebration. Lynne

By: Lynne Basden Vinson (US) on: 27-04-2006 at 02:34 | (Admin Delete) Found me when American Luxembourg Society

I am now a retired Vietnam veteran, spending most of career in Europe and visited the Luxembourg Cemetery often to keep the focus why serving the military was my life. I have taken a many a photos of the cemetery and if I can locate them I would like to donate them for the memory of the service. Thank you for your webpage. So many forget the sacrifices for FREEDOM By: Donald L. Coe (US) on: 04-02-2006 at 05:47 | (Admin Delete)
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if there americans in luxemburg contact me at luxemburgindian123@yahoo.com im american

By: william jervis (**LU**) on: 08-10-2005 at 18:17 | (Admin Delete)

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Thanks for your continued honoring of the Veterans of the 5th Armored Division in World War II.

By: Will Cook, Secretary 5th Armored Divisio (US) on: 09-07-2005 at 19:20 | (Admin Delete)

Found me when American Luxembourg Society

This year June 2005, was my 8th trip back to Lux. since WW II. Each year the USVF come up with a program that supersedes the previous year. This year my son Gary Lee traveled to Lux. with me since Bobbe didn't think she could make the trip. Gary had a great time and can't get over the friendliness of the Lux. people and the way we Veterans are treated. This year was a very special year for I was given the Title of Honorary Citizen of Heiderscheid Lux. That was one of the proudest moments of my life.

If you haven't made it back to Lux. since WWll what Are you waiting on, I assure you it will be the best vacation you have ever taken, and the memories will last a lifetime.

God Bless all the USVF members and the work they do in remembering the U S Veterans that fought in LUX.

By: G. Virgil Myers (LU) on: 06-07-2005 at 05:18 | (Admin Delete) **Found me when** Surfing the Internet

Greetings! My father and I attended the Friendship Week in June 2005. The festivities were great and the friendships formed will not be forgotten. Thank you so much for the hospitality. Keep up the good work.

By: Lynne Vinson (US) on: 05-07-2005 at 22:02 | (Admin Delete) **Found me when** Surfing the Internet

great work. keep the flame burning!

By: <u>Helen Patton-Plusczyk</u> (**DE**) <u>http://www.patton-plusczyk.org</u> **on:** 20-06-2005 at 22:08 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>)

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A contact made by one of your members brought me to this site . . . I can never see enough photos of where my father is buried and one day I will see for myself. Thank you for your friendship to American veterans and their families.

By: Carol Downs Brooks (US) on: 15-06-2005 at 02:59 | (Admin Delete)

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On behalf of the 11th Armored Division Association, I thank the US Veteran's Friends, Luxembourg, for the kindness and assistance our group of 27 veterans, family members, and friends received during our visit to Luxembourg on April 27 and April 28, 2005. We were honored by the receptions, tour guidance, and memorial service at the American Military Cemetery at Hamm that the US Veteran's Friends arranged. We treasure the memories of our visit.

Daniel W. O'Brien, Vice President

11th Armored Division Association.

By: Daniel W. O'Brien (LU) http://11tharmoreddivision.com on: 25-05-2005 at 00:57 | (Admin Delete)

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I WISH TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF USVF OF L FOR THE GRAET TRIP IN DECEMBER OF 2004, THE DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL AT HALLER AND TO THE GREATEST PEOPLE OF EUROPE, THE PEOPLE OF LUXEMBOURG. GOD BLESS ALL,, BRIAN

By: <u>BRIAN SCHWALL</u> (**US**) **on:** 07-02-2005 at 17:41 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>)

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Thank you, although a civil family member

died in February 1945 in Houffalize during the Battle of the Buldge.

When seeing Houffalize destroyed, General

Bradley said: "I never have seen this...

By: Guy H URBIN (LU) on: 06-12-2004 at 17:40 | (Admin Delete)

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Congratulations for this nice, welldone Website. If you want to find more informations concerning the celebrations honoring the battle of the bulge's beginning, please have a look at amba.lu

By: Francis T (LU) on: 08-11-2004 at 20:18 | (Admin Delete)

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My wife and I had the honor of being among those attending Luxembourg-American Friendship week this year and meeting the wonderful people of US Veterans Friends, Luxembourg. They overwhelmed me with two (undeserved) awards.I am very grateful. One of their members, Denise Thill (with her local friend, Josee Milcius-Sassel) joined us for lunch in Ocala, Florda recently.

We also met, in Dellen, a lady I had photographed in 1944 who graciously posed for another photo. Our visit is on the website at www.Grosbous.lu. We learned her niece is now Lu. Ambassador to the US, Arlette Conzemius. We visited the Lu. embassy in Washington two weeks ago, and met the very charming lady ambassador.

This our fourth trip to Luxembourg since the war. We cannot say enought nice things about the country and its wonderful people. We love you all. Harry and Jean Kirby

By: Harry Kirby (US) & on: 18-10-2004 at 17:39 | (Admin Delete)

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Back in June of this year, my husband and I came to Luxembourg for part of the friendship week. That was the best experience I had in all of Europe. These people are so friendly and appreciatative of what these men did for them after all these years. I want to attend next year with my father how faught in WWII with the 80th Division. He has been talking a lot about it. When the schedule of events is published could someone please send it to me? I am also looking for a woman my dad met in January 1945 her name was Mary Eline Thoma and she had a twin sister. If anyone knows how to get of hold of her please let me know. My dad would like to see her while in Luxembourg next year.

By: Tina Barton (**AS**) on: 16-09-2004 at 17:51 | (Admin Delete)

Found me when Advice from a friend

Hello. My father served in the US Army 80th division in WWII. We recently learned of Friendship week and would like to attend in 2005. Any information about planning a trip and the festivities is welcomed. Thank

you for remembering their service and sacrifice.

By: Lynne Vinson (**US**) **on:** 18-08-2004 at 15:58 | (Admin Delete)

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My Father was in 101 Airborne Division(screaming eagles) fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was recently honored by Brigadier General Dany E.Van de Ven on behalf of Belgium. My Father, Guadalupe Flores Jr.lives in Toledo, Ohio. We, his family our extremely proud of him as well as all of the Veterens who fought to protect our countries. We are hoping to make the trip to Luxembourg.

By: Anna (US) & on: 26-07-2004 at 18:18 | (Admin Delete)

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Our family is planning to attend the commemorative events this winter. My husband was a young soldier in Patton's 3rd Army, 10th armored division, and was wounded in Bastogne. The kind people of Dudelange cared for him until he was evacuated to Paris. We want to thank all of you for saving the life our husband and father. We will appreciate any information you can give us about the commemorative events in the region. See you this winter.

By: <u>Bertram Mintz</u> (US) on: 09-07-2004 at 23:56 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>)

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I spent some time their 60 years ago,

By: <u>lker</u> (US) <u>http://www.644td.com</u> **on:** 21-06-2004 at 03:29 | (<u>Admin</u>

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I had the honor of attending the Friendship Week last year with my grandfather Jack Emmert, and we will be attending this year as well. I feel so blessed to have met such a wonderful group of people. I know my family and I will be grateful always.

By: Rainey Schubert (US) & on: 09-06-2004 at 05:23 | (Admin Delete)

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Een amerikanischen Frënd aus dem Nevada huet mech op Aere Site opmierksam gemaach, an ët ass gudd gelongen! Dat ass deen richtigen Wee! Ech wärt méngersaits och alles maachen fir dës Saiten wéiderzeginn. Fuert esou virun!

By: <u>Jeannot REUTER</u> (**LU**) **on:** 29-05-2004 at 09:02 | (<u>Admin Delete</u>)

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Great site, looking forward for the up-coming events this year for the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Luxembourg.

If there is anyone who lives in the south of Luxembourg and is already member of this association please let me know since I am looking forward

to join it too.

God bless America.

By: Nassimbeni Olivier (LU) on: 21-05-2004 at 14:51 | (Admin Delete)

Found me when other

I found your website as a result of the AWON organization who will be sending a representative to the Memorial Day Ceremony at Hamm May 29, 2004. The kindness that your organization gave to my husband and myself on our visit in 2000 will never be forgotten

By: <u>cherril wehmueller mcmillian</u> (US) **on:** 15-04-2004 at 06:29 | (<u>Admin</u> Delete)

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I already met some of you in Weimar/Buchenwald and am looking forward to attend some of the events in Luxembourg this summer. Sincerely,

Reinhard Schumann

US Forces Liaison Officer to the State Governments of Hessen and Thüringen

By: Reinhard Schumann (DE) on: 19-03-2004 at 10:04 | (Admin Delete)

Found me when Advice from a friend

Was member 80th Division during WWII and in Luxemburgh from December 18, 1944 to February 7 1945 when we crossed Sure River near Biglebach.

I have also visited Luxembourg in 1993 and 1997 and hope to visit this year.

Lester Grabert

By: Lester W. Grabert (US) on: 06-01-2004 at 17:46 | (Admin Delete)

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