

1944

60 Years of Liberty

2004

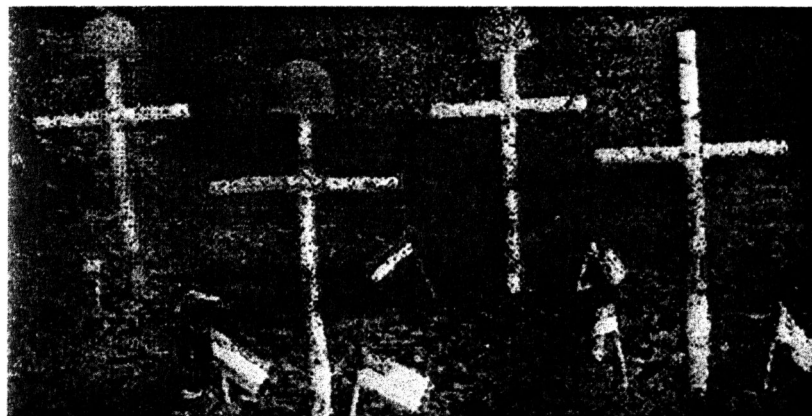
Night Vigil

at the 26th U.S. Infantry Memorial at the "Schankegriech" in Pratz

DO YOU REMEMBER ?
YES, WE STILL DO REMEMBER.
WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THEM!

The "Friends of Patton's 26th YD" and the "Friends of the 385th BG, Perie", in close cooperation with the communities of Pratz, Grossbous and Wahl, jointly organize this commemoration.

The commemoration is meant to remember all those brave American soldiers, who under the most adverse weather conditions lost their lives or health during the bitter struggle for our today's freedom and welfare.



The death of boys, fathers and brothers for a liberty that is too often taken for granted today.

This Night Vigil takes place on December 22, 2004 as of 1830 until the early morning of December 23. It is meant to recall all the suffering, fear and death that war had brought to our beloved country.

THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR US.
WHAT DO THEY GET FROM US?

By your presence, which we depend on, you are paying tribute to all those fallen American soldiers.

Organization and Coordination:

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PROGRAM

1830 Welcoming of Guests

1845 Welcome Address

Address by Officials

Children of the various communities lay flowers

Taps

National Anthems

Prayer and brief mass, held on the motor hood of a Jeep

3 Minutes of Silence

Wine of Honor

Night Vigil at a nearby campfire place until dawn

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In Memoriam



In 1943, a U.S. Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTP) was stationed at PROVIDENCE COLLEGE, R.I. In early March, 1944, the program was cancelled and the student/soldiers were reassigned to the 328th Infantry Regiment of the 26th Division. Thirty-seven members of the 360 man unit were killed in action in the 26th ETO campaigns: Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge) and Central Europe. On October 17, 1998, a plaque was dedicated by their classmates and comrades to these men who made the supreme sacrifice. The plaque was mounted and stands at the entrance of the Providence College chapel.

We shall not forget:

Donald Aldrich	Harvey Koolpe
Robert Ballentine	Anthony Kucheruk
James Bergen	Jerome Leshne
Max Berlin	Richard Luetters
Robert Best	Daniel Mahaney
Henry Bilendy	William O'Neill
Rolf Bittner	Stanford Parisian
Joseph Borowitz	Sidney Pfeferberg
Marvin Busby	John Rames
John Calik	Donald Reichenbaugh
Raymond Conley	Allan Robertson
James Davis	Richard Savage
Wilfred Fink	Arthur Serabian
Paul Foley	Donald Slenker
Gerald Goldman	Samuel Swanger
Harry Hedges	Joseph Trinkka
Henry Hutcheson	Thomas Twardziewski
Mac Knowles	Aaron Weiner
	Donald Wright

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