

ADBC Letter head

This letter is being sent to the following eleven American POWs who escaped the Palawan Massacre on 14 December 1944:

BALCHIOS, Wm. J. (Was from New Jersey ?)
BARTA, Fern Joseph, 11354 Elena Drive, Yuma, Arizona 85364
BOGUE, Douglas W. 2831 Arnott, San Diego, California 92110
DANIELS, Tommy (Pop)
DEAL, Earl L. 2726 E. Seneca; Wichita, Kansas 67216
KOBLOS, Ernest John (Was from Chicago ?)
McDOLE, Glen W. 5903 SW 14th; Des Moines, Iowa 50315
NEILSON, Eugene (Was from Utah ?)
PACHECO, Alberto D. (Was from Deming, New Mexico ?)
PETRIE, Edwin A. (Was from California ?)
SMITH, Rufus W. Box 483; Hughes Springs, Texas 75656

If any of you can send address for those missing, I shall appreciate it.

The American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor organization (ADBC) has procured a 24"x 18" bronze plaque that is being installed at the new chapel at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. The plaque reads:

IN MEMORY OF 139 AMERICANS WHO WERE MASSACRED WHILE THEY WERE PRISONERS OF WAR BY THE JAPANESE ON PALAWAN ISLAND IN THE PHILIPPINES IN DECEMBER 1944. 123 OF THESE VICTIMS ARE INTERRED IN SECTION 85, THE LARGEST GROUP BURIAL IN JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY.

The plaque will be dedicated with appropriate services during the ADBC national convention at the Chase Park-Plaza Hotel, 242 N. Kings Highway Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63108, May 8-14, 1978. The exact date will be published in The QUAN; or I shall inform you. We would like very much for you to attend the convention whether you are a member of ADBC or not. There will be a special place for you at the dedication program at the JBNC chapel.

Make your reservation with the St. Louis hotel. We especially want you to attend.

Sincerely,

Benson Guyton
National Adjutant, ADBC
704 14th Avenue, SE
Decatur, Alabama 35601

Hubert, Any comments you may have on this will be appreciated. Do I have all names spelled correct?