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A new history book from Michael B. Butler, *History Leading to the 50th Anniversary of D-Day, Book 2*, has just been released on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and [Barnes & Noble](https://www.barnesandnoble.com). This is the first of a two book set of history books wrapped around the author's excursions, taken to honor WWII veterans in his family, to the 50th Anniversaries of Pearl Harbor and D-Day.

Dedicated to 15 military/combat veterans in his family, from the Civil to Korean War, Book 2 centers on the European War and centuries before while Book 1 deals with the Pacific War and the fascinating history of that vast region. Each book ends with stories of his last minute excursions to each of the 50th

Anniversaries and what he experienced during those major commemorations.

Pearl Harbor and D-Day, for the United States, represents the beginning and the beginning of the end of World War II, and thus these bookend 50th Anniversaries allowed Michael B. Butler to explore far and wide in his quest to encase them, as the book titles suggest, in relevant *World & Family History*. Each yielded a wealth of interesting experiences and set the foundation for this book series, which was originally going to be a single volume but was split up and expanded decades later.

Wanting to showcase the great historians who populate his own library, Butler sought to include history going back 500 years while remaining largely focused on World War II and those who participated in that world changing conflagration. His family includes combat Veterans that span nearly every aspect of the World War II; from bomber pilots to infantrymen, from Pearl Harbor Survivors to U.S. Navy sailors to armored and infantry soldiers to a communication specialist and a railroad technician.

Direct testimony from Combat Veterans is deployed to try and explain what is totally unexplainable, for unless one has been there it is impossible to understand. Five chapters were created to highlight the outfits and experiences of family members and one person who helped Michael Butler attend the 50th Anniversary of D-Day—WWII 8th Air Force Veteran P-47 fighter-bomber pilot Pat Murphy. Obscure materials, some published right after the conflicts, were mined for use in creating these multi-faceted chapters.

300 images all of kinds populate the text; from maps to drawings to diagrams, from historical photographs to book covers, from combat photos to thumbnail portraits of those lost during various points in divisional and regimental histories. This gives the book wider scope by paying tribute those whose service and sacrifice should be recognized again and again.

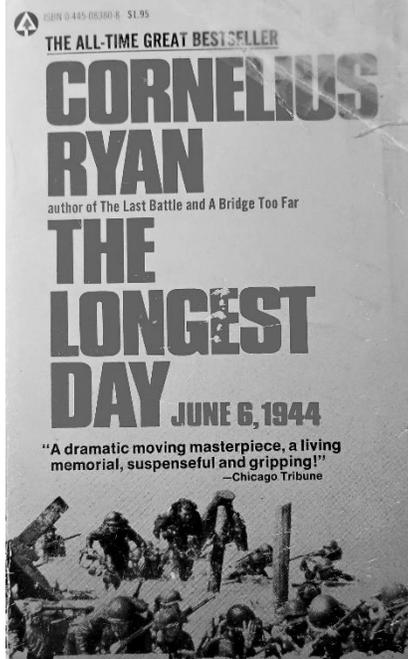
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Dedicated to Those Who Went Before

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Civil War, Army, Lieutenant, Company G, 139th Illinois Infantry

Paternal Great-Great-Great Uncle George C. Chapman
Civil War, Army, 52nd Illinois, 'Lincoln Regiment,'
Wounded Battle of Atlanta, August 1864

Paternal Grandfather Harvey B. Butler
WWI, Army, Company E, 168th Iowa Infantry, 84th Brigade,
42nd Rainbow Div., Wounded Chateau Theirry, France, July 28, 1918

Paternal Great-Great Uncle Lewis Chapman
WWI, Army, Pilot

Maternal Great Uncle Henry Olivas
WWII, Europe, Army, 127th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion,
5th Armored Division, Third Army,
Utah Beach July 26, 1944, Normandy to Germany

Paternal Uncle Paul Harvey
WWII, Pacific, Navy, Pearl Harbor Survivor, USS Tangier,
Served in U.S. Navy Throughout the War

Maternal Great Uncle Tony Giuffrida
WWII, Pacific, Army, Infantry, 32nd Red Arrow Division,
New Guinea & Liberation of Philippines

Paternal Uncle Roy Larson
WWII, Europe, Army, B-17 Pilot, 303rd Bombardment Grp.,
359th Bombing Squadron, D-Day Airwars,
Lost over Hamm, Germany, April 22, 1944

Maternal Grandfather's Cousin Joseph Trabucco
WWII, Pacific, Navy, Lost on USS Liscome Bay, Nov. 24, 1943,
Name on Courts of the Missing, Nat. Pacific Cemetery, Hawaii

Maternal Great Uncle Sam Giuffrida
WWII, Europe, Army, 757th Railway Shop Battalion,
Normandy to Germany

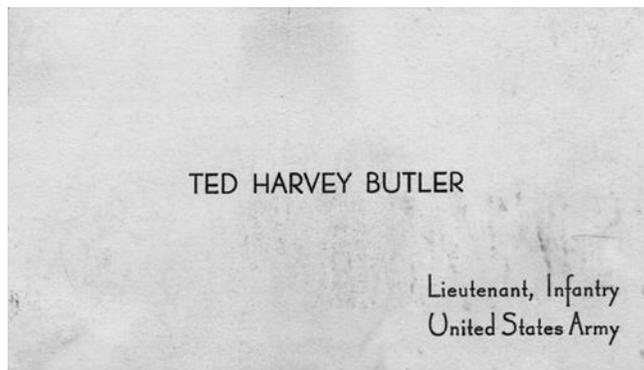
Paternal Great Uncle Paul V. Chapman
WWII, Europe, Army, 134th Nebraska Regiment,
35th Infantry Div., Third Army, Omaha Beach July 6, 1944,
Normandy to Germany, Served Feb. 1941 to Nov. 1945

Paternal Great Uncle Leland E. Chapman
WWII, Europe, Army, Technician Fifth Grade,
Company D, 38th Signal Battalion,
Normandy to Germany

Paternal Great Uncle Wilbur A. Chapman
WWII, Master Sgt., Army Air Force

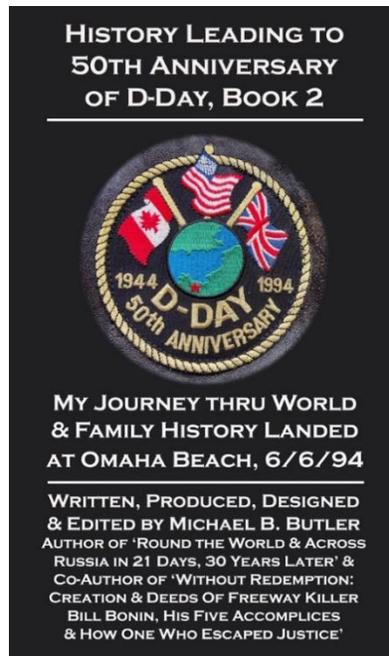
Paternal Great Uncle George Washington Chapman
WWII, Army, Infantry

Father Ted H. Butler
Korea, Army, Lieutenant, 1950-54,
On Far East Alert Numerous Times,
He Was Never Sent Over





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Michael B. Butler's second book, released in 2022, is *Without Redemption: Creation & Deeds Freeway Killer Bill Bonin, His Five Accomplices & How One Who Escaped Justice*. In 2024-26 three books are slated for release: *Round the World & Across Russia in 21 Days, 30 Years Later* and the two-book history set dedicated to 15 wartime military veterans, many who saw combat, from his family—*History Leading to 50th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Book 1* and *History Leading to 50th Anniversary of D-Day, Book 2*.

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About Ernie Pyle, WWII GI Correspondent:

The soldiers Patton referred to are the same ones GI Correspondent Ernie Pyle lived with and wrote about. Pyle's professional wanderings as a journalist and his tragic personal life, combined with keen observational abilities, granted him that rare skill to succinctly, and with feeling, express what the men and women in war thought, felt, hoped and feared. While in Normandy, in fall 1944, before deciding to cover the Pacific War, Pyle wrote about how emotionally and physically drained he and his fellow journalists had become.

Promise of the end only produced a weary feeling of relief, along with a haunting sense the odds were stacking up against him. Knowing his wife wanted him home, Ernie Pyle was unable to override the feeling that, if he did not go to the Pacific, he was simply deserting the men and women he respected, loved and admired. He felt obligated to convey their story as honestly and completely as possible. Well aware of how little the Home Front knew about the grinding physical and psychological realities of war, he doggedly pursued descriptions that presented the full horror to people he reasoned might never fully comprehend it anyway.

Germany in the Inter-War Years:

In addition, Seeckt resisted all pressure to use the army as an instrument to quell the domestic violence infecting Germany in the troubling post-war 1920s, surmising such actions would anger public opinion against an army he was preserving for the next conflict. German historian Walter Goerlitz, in *The History of the German General Staff 1657-1945*, noted that Seeckt insisted all officers remain apolitical, but he also stated that not being a counter-revolutionary did not mean officers were in favor of the republic, and indeed most saw democracy as their enemy.

A short diversion is required—Allied realization that Germany could enter into agreements without permission, such as the 1922 Rapallo Treaty with Soviet-Russia, led to the 1925 Locarno Conference in Switzerland. Reaffirming the Versailles alliances, when it was concluded France added an extra guarantee by an alliance with Czechoslovakia, which possessed a strong army and advanced industrial defense plants. What shocked many was that Germany was included in the Locarno conference as if they were an equal power, giving further prestige to Germany and eventually proving that Versailles and Locarno, without sustained vigilance and strength, were only worthless scribbles on onionskin.

About D-Day:

Seldom in history has the fate of so many living, and so many who might yet live, rested on the actions of a single day; seldom in history could the outcome of one battle mean the continued slaughter of countless millions in Death Camps whose cruelty is unrivaled in human history; seldom in history have immediate worldwide implications rested on the shoulders of a relatively small group; seldom in history has the government and civilian administrative machinery in democracies had to sustain such a massive industrial and military effort aimed at a single day's action; and seldom in history have such prayers been said for that day to arrive which, as long as people fight for freedom, will be remembered as D-Day.

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