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Email Update for GSOC Members – July 3, 2010

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GSOC Calendar for July



July 10, 2010. Mike Martell, our Recording Secretary, will be the speaker at our July 10th GSOC meeting at the Heritage Museum at 10 AM.

Mike's topic is "Diary of a Lonesome Soldier". This was the title his grandfather used to start his diary. The secondary title would be "US Soldier Fighting the Bolsheviks (Red Army) in 1918 to 1919". Mike will describe how he got started in his research, what worked, and how he found the information. He'll also discuss how the US ended up fighting the Red Army in Russia during and after World War I; and will talk about weapons, food, the cold, and the Russian people. Mike will also show pictures and artifacts. Mike's grandfather's complete diary and photograph can be found on the internet at <http://home.comcast.net/~mvgrobbe/military/martell.htm>. As usual, this meeting will be followed by an optional Dutch treat lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Minutes of June 12th General Meeting

President Malcolm Flannigan opened the meeting at 10:04 in the Northwest Florida Heritage Museum. Fifteen members and three visitors were present. Two visitors joined the Society, Carol and Del Lessard. Carol and Del were recognized by Malcolm Flannigan, the president, and welcomed by the membership. Greg Peters was introduced at the meeting. Greg was a member of the St Andrews Scottish Society in Okaloosa County. Greg said that the St Andrews Scottish Society in Edinborough has 40 gold medallions, the 39th medal represents Okaloosa County.

Jim Young, Corresponding Secretary, said that all journals and newsletters received by GSOC are donated to the local libraries.

Mike Martell, Recording Secretary, said that the minutes will no longer be read at the meeting since they are now posted on the website and also sent via email. Any changes can be brought up at the next meeting and amended as necessary.

Malcolm Flannigan announced that GSOC will fund one year of the United States version of Ancestry.com for the Crestview Library instead of purchasing books. This will be a one-time gift.

Bob Basch, Treasurer, reported a budget of \$2,994.63.

Beverly Gross stated that there were some genealogical materials from the Dan Braxton collection available for the attendees use or personal collection. In addition, two shelves in

the Northwest Florida Heritage Museum Library will be reserved for Dan Braxton's materials.

Beverly also announced that this year's Journal would be published but typing assistance is needed.

Malcolm asked for volunteers to assist in various projects for GSOC (journal creation, archiving files, etc.). Volunteers can contact any GSOC officer.

Donna Elliot, 1st Vice President, thanked the attendees and provided the schedule for the future programs: **July** will be "Diary of a Lonesome Soldier", by Mike Martell (American Soldiers fighting in Russia against the Bolsheviks 1918 -1919); **August:** "We are so connected", by Hilma Jenus (people you connect with when conducting genealogical research); **September:** will be "show and tell" with members providing a short program on their genealogy research; **October:** Mr. Dale Cox, Civil War historian and author talks about the Civil War in Northwest Florida.

Donna introduced Margaret Harris who provided a program called "Let the Record Show" about back to basics on genealogy and internet resources.

The meeting concluded and twelve members went to Woodies Hog Heaven for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted, Mike Martell, Recording Secretary

Original Twelve O'Clock High Movie Filmed in Okaloosa County

Locations for creating the *Twelve O'Clock High* bomber base were scouted by director Henry King. King visited Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on March 8, 1949, and found an ideal location for principal photography at its Auxiliary Field No. 3, better known as Duke Field, between Niceville and Crestview, where the mock bomber base was constructed.

Other locations around Fort Walton, Florida adjacent to Eglin AFB also served as secondary locations for filming and some B-17 flight scenes were filmed in southern Alabama.

Twelve O'Clock High was in production from late April to early July 1949. Although originally planned to be shot in Technicolor, it was instead shot in black and white, allowing the use of aerial footage that was shot in actual combat by Allied and Luftwaffe cameras.

