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With Tony Hou by the completed Shirakawa Memorial



The Shirakawa POW Memorial



Reflections by the POW Memorial Wall



Sunshine on Remembrance Day at Kinkaseki



POW Family members with the Magee family



Last Post played at the Remembrance Day Service

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LOGO of the TAIWAN POW CAMPS MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Our logo - a poppy cross superimposed on a map of Taiwan - was chosen because in the fall of 1998 the returning POWs laid poppy crosses at all the former campsites they visited. The poppy and the poppy cross are recognised worldwide as symbols of remembrance to war veterans.

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TAIWAN POW CAMPS MEMORIAL SOCIETY. . .

- * to continue the search for survivors of the Taiwan POW camps from 1942 – 45.
- * to search for the locations of the former Japanese POW camps on the island of Taiwan. [*completed*]
- * to ensure the memory of the Taiwan POWs is not forgotten. [*ongoing*]
- * to help with the organization of, and participate in, the memorial service for the Taiwan POWs at Jinguashi every November. [*ongoing*]
- * to help educate the people of Taiwan in a little-known part of their history.
- * to provide information to researchers, scholars, museums and POW groups on the Taiwan POWs' story. [*ongoing*]

LIST OF TAIWAN POW CAMPS. . . all found !

1. KINKASEKI #1 (Jinguashi)
2. TAICHU #2 (Taichung)
3. HEITO #3 (PingTung)
4. SHIRAKAWA #4 (Chiayi)
5. TAIHOKU #5 MOSAK (Taipei)
6. TAIHOKU #6 (Taipei)
7. KARENKO (Hualien)
8. TAMAZATO (Yuli)
9. INRIN (Yuanlin)
10. INRIN TEMP. (Yuanlin)
11. TOROKU (Touliu)
12. TAKAO (Kaohsiung)
13. KUKUTSU (Taipei)
14. OKA (Taipei)
15. CHURON Evacuation Camp (Taipei)
16. MARUYAMA Evacuation Camp (Taipei)

Thought . . .

“Very few will ever understand why people like us spend the time and effort we do... but we know, and that is all that matters.”

- Roger Mansell, former POW Researcher

FEPOW DAY IN TAIWAN - AUGUST 10, 2013

On Saturday August 10th the Taiwan POW Camps Memorial Society held our 6th FEPOW Day event in Taiwan at the SPOT THEATRE in downtown Taipei. The display of POW and military artifacts attracted a lot of attention and interest, and it was great to see so many old friends as well as some newcomers in attendance this year.



(l-r) Guy Taylor, Dianne Cornell & Hans Sung read the FEPOW Pledge

After a short introduction by the director, the memorial service to honour and remember the POWs was held. Hans Song, Secretary-General of the ROC Veterans Affairs Commission, Guy Taylor, a veteran of the 4th US Marines and Dianne Cornell, Deputy Director of the Australian Office in Taipei, took part with readings and then the FEPOW Candle was lit and the pledge to keep it burning was read followed a by a minute's silence.

Following the service the film "**Prisoners of the Sun**" was shown and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After the film many stayed behind for a time of fellowship looking at the displays and asking questions in order to learn more about the POWs.

We hope to see more of our friends and supporters out again next year, and hopefully some more new faces as well. In the meantime –

"Keep the candle burning".

A word regarding donations to the Society:

Banks in Taiwan are reluctant to accept anything other than US dollars, so if making a donation to the Society please send the funds in **US\$** - preferably in a bank wire / transfer to our account here. Please contact us for the pertinent account information. Thank you.

FROM THE DIRECTOR. . .

What a year this has been! Things have been busier than ever it seems, and there is no end in sight.

The summer was incredibly busy with the building of the new Shirakawa POW Memorial, FEPOW Day, more overseas guest visits in August and September, local tours in October and the preparations for our November event.

The building of the Shirakawa POW Memorial was a real adventure (*see story on page 5*) and was a true volunteer "team" effort with many people taking part. Because no government or military departments were actually involved in the building this time, we were able to proceed much faster and easier with less "red tape" and fewer meetings, but it was still a real challenge.

It is wonderful to finally have this last major memorial at the Shirakawa Camp erected to honour and remember the senior officers and the other ranks who suffered and those who died in this camp as well. They will now not be forgotten!

The memorial was dedicated during our Remembrance Week event with three "children" of former Shirakawa POWs present for the occasion. (*See story on page 8*).

FEPOW Day was a great success again this year with about 30 people present for the evening. That was down a bit from last year, but it seemed that this time a number of our regular friends and supporters were away on summer vacation. We had a number of new guests which shows the interest is growing and for this we are happy.

The visits of other overseas guests in August and September and tours to the camps for local groups this fall were also a highlight of the year's activities. (*See reports on page 9*)

Finally, our annual Remembrance Week event in November was another outstanding one. We had a number of family members present with us for the entire week, but sadly the one former Taiwan POW we were expecting could not make it. We had a great time visiting the various camps around the island where the POWs were interned.

2014 is the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of WWI and the 75th Anniversary of the beginning of WWII. In this special year, let us all take time to reflect on the sacrifice of our veterans for the freedom that we value so highly today.

In closing I would like to thank all our members and friends for your continued interest and support and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best of health and happiness in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Michael Hurst MBE

In Memoriam

The following former Taiwan POWs have passed away since our last newsletter.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the families of these men and assure them that although they are no longer with us, they will not be forgotten!

VIRGIL V. WALLACE

CPL., 515TH CAC, US ARMY
NOVEMBER 8, 2012

EFFION W. ROBERTS

L/BDR., 80TH ANTI-TANK REG'T. R.A.
APRIL 5, 2013

MANUEL G. NEVAREZ

PVT., 194TH TANK BTN., US ARMY
JUNE 25, 2013

"We Will Remember Them"

Please let us know if you hear of the passing of any former Taiwan POW and send us the information as we want to make sure they are remembered.

PLEASE HELP US - NOW!

In the past months we have received a number of first time emails from people telling us that their father, grandfather, uncle etc. has just passed away. It is always sad when we hear of a POW's passing, but in response I write to them and ask "Why didn't you write to us sooner and tell us about your relative while he was still alive?" "We want to hear from them, and about them, so we can learn more of the POWs' stories to further insure that they are recorded and that the men are not forgotten."

So PLEASE - if you have a loved one who was a Taiwan POW and who is still living, please send us a letter or an email and tell us about him -

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

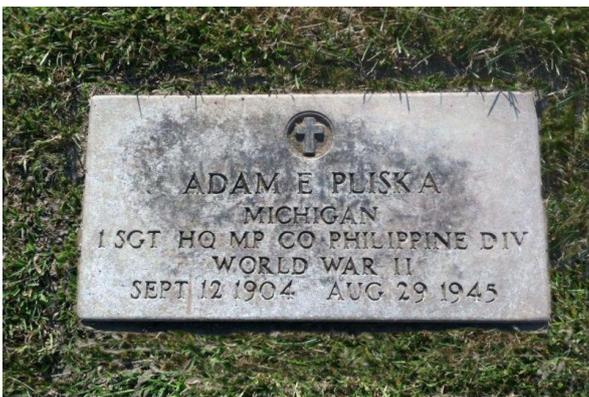


Photo of Adam Pliska's Grave at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan

TAIWAN WAR GRAVES PHOTO PROJECT - Update

In early August we received an email from Mr. Stuart Baggaley, an 87 year old WW2 British veteran living in Ann Arbor Michigan, which is located roughly 40 miles west of Detroit. He had read our Spring-Summer newsletter and our request for help in obtaining a photo of Adam Pliska's grave and wanted to help.

He contacted the cemetery and spoke with Lisa Curtis the Office Manager who verified the grave location and welcomed his visit. She also went out and checked on the stone and found that with the passing of time it had settled into the ground and was partially covered in grass and thus barely readable. She immediately offered to have the stone lifted, cleaned and re-set so that we could get a good clear photo of it. She put in a work order to have this done and then we waited a couple of weeks for the job to be completed.

About a week later, we received another email from Bruce Hall, a worker at the cemetery saying that stone was being worked on and that when it was finished, he could take several photos of Adam's grave for us to save Mr. Baggaley the long journey out to the cemetery.

This thoughtfulness and excellent service by Lisa and Bruce and the Mt. Olivet Cemetery is much appreciated, and we want to thank them so much for their care and concern for the veterans who are buried in their cemetery, and their efforts to make sure they are honored and remembered.

Sadly, this does not seem to be the case with the Veterans' Administration and the Punchbowl Cemetery in Hawaii where we are still fighting the ongoing battle to have our Enoura Maru Memorial stone placed on the Memorial Walk there!

Later, when Adam's gravestone had been re-laid we received some lovely photos of the grave and have added one to his listing in the Honour Roll on our website. He is not forgotten!

At this point we now just need one more grave photo to complete the **Taiwan War Graves Photo Project**. If any of our readers can help with photos of Freddy McCreary's grave in Warfield Cemetery, Barbourville, Knox County, Kentucky, please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you!

NOTE: Stuart Baggaley served in the Royal Air Force late in WW II as an LAC Wireless Operator. He was one of a party of 6 who flew from Scotland to Norway with the liberation forces, where they took over a radio station from the Germans. Subsequently, he served in Germany, and finished up in Gibraltar. Following demobilization, he returned to Norway in 1948, where he lived and worked in Oslo until 1957 when he emigrated to the US. We want to thank Stuart for his help in getting us the photos of Adam's grave.

THE SHIRAKAWA MEMORIAL – A REAL TEAM EFFORT

During the past several years we have wanted to erect a memorial at the site of the former Shirakawa POW Camp near the present-day city of Bai He in Tainan County in the south-central part of the island.

Shirakawa Camp was where the senior officers went after Karenko Camp was closed in June 1943. These officers and some enlisted men were held there until October 1944 when most of the officers were moved to Manchuria. In the fall of 1944 other POWs arrived off several hellships and many finished the war there. At that point Shirakawa became somewhat of a 'hospital' camp and later sick and dying men from other camps - like Kinkaseki, were sent there as well. Today the site of the camp is an ROC Military Base in the village of Nei-Jiao.



Back entrance to the current Army Base, - former main entrance to the POW Camp

Meeting in August 2012 with the Community Chief and Lt. Col. Huang from the ROC military.



After having meetings last year with local community officials and the military, our project was finally approved for this summer. We planned to build the memorial just outside the back entrance to the current military base, which at the time of the POWs was the main front entrance to the camp. It would be built on public land, thus the military would not need to be involved.

The plan was to first secure a builder for the memorial, then go to Hualien and obtain a green marble stone, have it engraved there, and ship it to Nei-Jiao for installation.

I want to mention here that the building of this memorial was a true "team effort" with several of our members playing a big part. First and foremost was the Hou family of Taichung whose father had been a former camp guard at both Karenko and Shirakawa camps, and with whom I have been friends for the past several years. They have been so helpful and supportive through all our efforts to get this memorial built.

Ms. Huang Li-man, a teacher at the Nei-Jiao Primary School has also been a huge help over the years whenever we visited the former camp with POWs and family members. This time she arranged meetings with the village administrator and the military, found a local contractor and helped co-ordinate things there 'on the ground'. We are very grateful for all she has done.

So on August 5th I went down to meet with the local officials and contractor to get things set up. Tony Hou and his daughter Ching-ching and son Kevin met me at

the train station and drove me to the site. We met the contractor and gave him the blueprints which were drawn up by my good friend and architect Jonathan



Lin of Taipei - who also designed and supervised the building of the Taihoku Camp 6 Memorial in 2011.

With Mr. Li, Jin Hsiu the contractor in place, the next step was procuring a suitable stone for the memorial, and so on Monday August 12, I went down to Hualien to begin the task. I was met by another long-time friend and supporter John Collins, who recently retired and moved to Hualien. He drove me out to the factory and we soon found a lovely dark green marble stone. Then it was off to the engravers to set up the engraving. Mr. Lien, Jin Fa , who also did the Karenko Camp stone for us last year, once again did an excellent job, and by Wednesday the stone was ready. My brother and sister-in-law – Chih-Hsien and Chiou-Pei Chen also helped greatly on this project.



On Monday August 19 the stone was delivered to the site and I went down to Nei-Jiao to assist in mounting the stone to the base and the finishing of the memorial. Tony and Ching-ching Hou were once again right there - providing transportation and help, and we all shared the joy together when the job was finally done.

Above: Mr. Lien the engraver putting finishing touches on the stone.

Right: Ching-ching & Tony Hou by the finished memorial.



This just goes to show how that this task of honouring and remembering the POWs is not a one-man job. Things like this – and all we have been able to do over the years, are the result of the care and support of our many friends here in Taiwan and around the world who have given generously of their money - and their time and expertise, so that the POWs who suffered here those many years ago have not – and will not, ever be forgotten! Thank you to you all for what you have done for us and the POWs.

REMEMBRANCE WEEK 2013

This year we had seven overseas POW family members join us for our annual Remembrance Week event, and for the first time in several years the weather co-operated beautifully. It would be a special year for the three families represented, as all had a loved one in the Shirakawa Camp where our latest new memorial would be dedicated.

Present with us from the UK was the Dye family – mother Sally with children Peter, Emma and Helena - whose father and grandfather Cpl. Bernard Wilson of the Royal Engineers was at Taichu, Kinkaseki and Shirakawa camps; Cliff Phillips, also from the UK, whose father Cpl. Arthur Phillips of the Manchester Regiment, was at Heito and Shirakawa camps, while Tim Hunt MBE and his son Geoff whose father and grandfather Col. Cecil Hunt of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps who was held at Karenko and Shirakawa camps, came from the USA.

On Thursday November 7th we began our week's activities with a day trip to Jinguashi to visit the Gold Ecological Park with its mining museum and tunnel, and the site of the former Kinkaseki POW Camp and the mine area where the POWs worked. On the return trip to Taipei we stopped at the port of Keelung to visit the docks where the POWs who first came into Kinkaseki and Taihoku Camp 6 landed, and from where all of the POWs left on the island at the end of the war were evacuated.



Our guests outside the entrance to the mine tunnel.

Friday involved a day of sightseeing around Taipei City, highlighted by a buffet lunch at the Grand Hotel, and included visits to the Lungshan Temple, the National History Museum, the site of the Maruyama Evacuation Camp, the ROC Martyrs Shrine, Taihoku No. 6 Camp and the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall.

Saturday was a bit more relaxed with a walking tour of the old city government office district, the Handicraft Mart and finally a visit to Taipei 101, the world's second tallest building. In the evening our guests were treated to a lovely dinner hosted by the Australian Office in Taipei - our co-sponsor for this year's event.

On Sunday morning the annual Remembrance Day Service took place at Jinguashi. A message from the Commonwealth and Allied representatives was brought by Kevin Magee, Representative of the Australian Office in Taipei, followed by greetings from the ROC

Veterans Affairs Commission Deputy Secretary General, Hans Song. The family members also shared their tributes to the POWs and the veterans, and Rev. Herbert Barker gave a message and the prayer of Remembrance. The customary wreaths were laid on the memorial followed by the playing of Last Post, two minutes silence and Reveille. Piper Mal Turner favoured us with several numbers on the bagpipes during the service.



Family members pay tribute to the POWs and the veterans.

The ceremonies were followed by a picnic lunch in the nearby community centre with food and beverages being graciously provided by the four Commonwealth Trade Offices. This year the weather was superb with bright sunshine which allowed for some great photos by the memorial and the POW Memorial Wall.

On Monday November 11th the group headed south to visit the former Shirakawa Camp and to dedicate the new memorial which we had erected there this past summer. (See the full story on page 8).

Following a wonderful dedication ceremony we moved on to PingTung to visit the site of the former Heito Camp. We arrived late in the afternoon and had the honour and pleasure that evening of being guests at a dinner hosted by the Governor of PingTung County, Mr. Charles Tsao Chi-hung and some of his staff. As always we had a great time of fellowship together as Gov. Tsao is very supportive of our work, for which we are very grateful.

Cliff Phillips with Gov. Tsao at the dinner.

Early the next morning we went out to the site of the former camp where we were met by several of our local supporters and friends, along with the staff of the PingTung County Government.



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REMEMBRANCE WEEK 2013

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We first took a walk around the former POW camp, and as Cliff Phillips' father had been a POW here for more than two years, this was especially meaningful for him to see where his father had been. He was able to meet two of his father's former camp guards and get a feeling for what his father experienced. A short memorial service followed to remember the men of Heito Camp, and before wreaths were laid on the memorial Rev. Maurie Sween - one of our local friends and supporters, rendered a prayer of remembrance.



Friends gathered around the Heito POW Memorial.

A short visit and a time of fellowship followed at the nearby Hakka Cultural Center before we moved on again to visit the site of the Taichu Camp where Cpl. Bernard Wilson had been interned before being sent to Kinkaseki. After a drive of several hours and lunch, we arrived at the MOEA Hydraulic Experimental Research Station – the location of the former camp where we were met by our good friend Mr. Hsieh.

Another memorial service followed a walk around the area of the former campsite, although unlike at Heito, there is little left to remind one that it was once a POW camp. The area where the POWs' huts were located is adjacent to the memorial, and we also saw where the original camp gate and the guardhouse and the POW punishment cells once were.



Peter, Sally, Emma & Helena by the Taichu Memorial.

We returned to Taipei around suppertime tired but very happy to have been able to see all of the places where this year's guests' loved ones had been.

Our thanks to Lisa Huang, Christine Liu and the staff of the PingTung County Gov't., and Mr. Hsieh and the MOEA at Taichung for their kindness and co-operation in helping us with our program for the day.

The adventure still wasn't over yet for some of the group, so on Wednesday Tim and Geoff, Cliff and I boarded an eastbound train for the journey to Hualien and the former Karenko Camp. On arriving in Hualien we were met by John Collins another one of our good friends who recently moved to Hualien. John had agreed to drive us around to the various places where Col. Cecil Hunt would have gone when he came to Taiwan in August 1942 with Gen. Percival's senior officers group from Singapore. Tim had previously visited Taiwan in 2010 before the POW Memorial was built and now wanted to see it with his son.

After meeting John and also Eoghan O'Connell and Jeremy Greenway – two other friends living there, we all set out for the former old cemetery where the three POWs who died at Karenko Camp had originally been buried. Then it was off to the harbour area to see where the men had arrived by ship 71 years ago.

We went for lunch and then to the Hualien Military Police Base where we were met by our hosts Sgt. Jung and



Tim & Geoff at the old WWII Harbour.

Pte. Li, and proceeded on a tour of the base to look at the old relics from the former POW days. Following that, we held another brief service by the memorial. Tim read some excerpts from his father's diary and it was a very personal moment for all of us hearing from one of the officers who was there. Poppy clusters were laid on the memorial, including one by the military, and then it was time to head back to Taipei.



With our MP hosts by the Karenko POW memorial.

This year's Remembrance Week event was a great one thanks to a lot of people, especially those who came out and helped us honour and remember the POWs and the veterans who did so much for us. We are looking forward to another great event in 2014.

DEDICATION OF THE SHIRAKAWA POW MEMORIAL

On Monday November 11th – Remembrance Day, the dedication of the Shirakawa POW Memorial took place after several years of planning.

Three former Shirakawa POWs were remembered and honoured by the presence of their family members, and we were also joined by several of our members who drove up from the Tainan area, a number of local residents and representatives from the Nei-Jiao military base. We were also honoured to have two former camp guards, Mr. Hou and Mr. Wei with us for this event. They greeted the family members and shared their memories with us all.

On arrival our group was officially welcomed and then we set off on a walk around the area inside the base which once housed the former POW camp. There is nothing left now but a parking area surrounded by some trees.

The ceremony - emceed by Mark Wilkie of the POW Society, began with Society Director Michael Hurst sharing the story of the former Shirakawa Camp. This was followed by a greeting from Major Ho, Deputy Commander of one of the units at the base representing the ROC Ministry of Defense.

Col. Matthew Schwab of the American Institute in Taiwan brought a message on behalf of the Commonwealth and Allied Representatives, and Mr. Chris Wood, Director of the British Trade and Cultural Office, sent a tribute.

The family members also took part in the ceremony, and messages sent by former Shirakawa POWs Frank Ashby, George Reynolds and Stan Wood were read. Former US Gen. Lewis Beebe's son also sent greetings.

Maj. Gen (ret'd) Nick Chang, Director of the Overseas Liaison Dep't. at the ROC Ministry of Veterans Affairs, brought greetings and a tribute to the men who had suffered in the camp and the Society for building the memorial.

The Rev. Dr. Herbert Barker, our chaplain, dedicated the memorial and offered a prayer of remembrance. Finally wreaths were laid on the memorial and the Act of Remembrance was carried out.

The ceremony was followed by a time of fellowship and photos around the memorial. It was a great day, and we are so pleased to have this POW memorial finally erected. At last, all of the major camps on the island now have memorials honouring the POWs who were interned in them.

We would like to especially thank Tony and Ching-ching Hou and their family, Ms. Huang Li-Man and the Wei family, the ROC Ministry of Defense Nei-Jiao Base and the local officials for their help in getting the memorial built and in arranging the dedication service. This is a fitting tribute to the men who were held as POWs in the Shirakawa Camp those many years ago – they have not, and will not be forgotten!

Photos taken at the dedication - (clockwise) VAC Nick Chang, Rev. Barker dedicating the memorial, the crowd, w/Mr. Hou, the family members, the finished memorial.



A MEMORIAL FOR POWS FROM TAIWAN IN HAWAII – UPDATE

In our last three issues we featured articles on the proposed memorial to be erected to the men who died in January 1945 when the hellship *Enoura Maru* was bombed by American carrier aircraft while laying over in Kaohsiung Harbour en route to Japan with prisoners of war.

At this time we have nothing further to report as we are still awaiting word from the VFW as to what action is being taken after the resolution to support our cause was unanimously passed at their annual meeting this past July. It is our sincere hope that within the next few months something can be done to overturn the stand taken by the Punchbowl Cemetery director and the US Veterans Administration favouring Japanese tourists over the men who lie buried in the cemetery and who died for America's freedom. We will keep you posted – please watch our website for more info.

SHARING THE STORY . . .

TAIPEI COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER TOUR VISITS KINKASEKI AGAIN

On Tuesday October 16th a group of 14 people joined a Taipei Community Service Center tour to the Gold Ecological Park and the former Kinkaseki POW Camp guided by Society Director Michael Hurst.

A delightful day was spent exploring the area which included a visit to the mining museum and the POW display, the mine tunnel and the area of the former POW camp and the Taiwan POW Memorial Park.

A good cross-section of expats learned, many for the first time, of the hardships and the sufferings of the POWs in this camp and the other camps on the island.



It is great to be reaching the adult community as well as the youth in the schools through our tours. If you know of a group that would be interested in having a tour to Kinkaseki or other POW camp areas of Taiwan, please get in touch with the Society.

REACHING THE SCHOOLS

For the first time ever this fall, the Bethany Campus of Morrison Academy invited the Society director to speak to the Grade 9 class and then to lead the group on a tour of the POW sites in Jinguashi. It was another great opportunity to share the POWs' story, and we thank the school for their support and look forward to working with the school and the students in the future.



(Above) Students read poems at the Memorial service.

(Right) Students by the wall study the names of the POWs



ROC VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS KEEPING THE SOCIETY BUSY

This year the ROC Veterans Affairs Commission has had a number of overseas visitors and we have been privileged to escort them on tours to Jinguashi to help them learn about the Taiwan POWs' story and also to pay respect to the POWs and the veterans.

Earlier this year we had the VFW National Commander and the Ladies Auxiliary President, and this fall the VFW Pacific Area Department Commander Mr. Watson also visited the site.

Then in early October the VAC was host to the annual *World Veterans Federation for Asia and the Pacific Conference*. The Society director was asked to speak at the conference and share some of the story of the Taiwan POW camps and the POWs to more than 20 countries' delegates who were in attendance. It was an honour and a great opportunity to share the story with so many international veterans' representatives.



On Saturday November 2 we were privileged to host a tour for the AMVETS National Commander and National Executive Director and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

We are honoured by the support shown by these groups for our work and the help they have promised to us.



OTHER VISITORS

We are always pleased to welcome POW family members and in August the Mansfield family (right) from the UK paid us a visit. Then in September the Drysdale family from Australia stopped over on a trip to Hong Kong. We hope many more will come out in the years to come.



FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS – POW TOURS IN TAIWAN

Group Tours, Individual and Family Tours are available.

Having researched and documented the history of all 16 former Taiwan POW camps for the past 15 years, the Taiwan POW Camps Memorial Society offers tours to all of the former POW camps and related sites on the island. We have been conducting these tours for the past 15 years and cater to individuals, families, and small and large groups.

Our tours are personally planned and tailored to meet the special needs of our visitors. We specialize in the WWII history of Taiwan and we can research individual POWs, something which those with a family connection to the camps will find fulfilling and memorable.

Tours are expertly guided by Michael Hurst MBE, Director of the Taiwan POW Camps Memorial Society who has lived in Taiwan for 25 years. He is the foremost authority on the Taiwan POW camps, and living here, knows Taiwan best !

We try our best to provide a memorable experience for former POWs and their family members. We want to provide not only knowledge about the POWs and the camps, but peace and closure for our visitors and those on a pilgrimage as well.

If you want to follow in the footsteps of a mate or a loved one, or just learn more about the Taiwan POWs' story, then please contact us for more information and a cost estimate.

ATTENTION – ASIA WAR GRAVES PHOTOS AVAILABLE

In June 2012 * the **ASIA WAR GRAVES PHOTO GROUP (AWGPG)** was launched with the aim of providing good quality photos of war graves and the names on the various memorials from the war cemeteries located all across Asia **FREE OF CHARGE** to POWs, family members, relatives, researchers and historians – with the sole aim of keeping the memory of the veterans and POWs alive, so present and future generations will not forget the sacrifices they have made so far from home. We want to help ensure that they are not forgotten.

We offer **FREE photos** of **ALL the war graves** and **ALL the names on ALL the memorials** from the following Asian cemeteries:

THAILAND - Kanchanaburi and Chung Kai

BURMA - Thanbyuzayat, Rangoon, Taukkyan

MALAYSIA - Taiping, Cheras Road, Terendak, Malacca, Labuan-Borneo

SINGAPORE - Kranji + pre/post WW2 sites

HONG KONG - Sai Wan, Stanley, Happy Valley - 12 cemeteries in total

INDONESIA - Jakarta, Ambon, ANCOL Netherlands Field of Honour

JAPAN - Yokohama

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Port Moresby (Bomana), Lae and Rabaul (Pika Pata)

INDIA - Kohima and both cemeteries at Imphal

SRI LANKA: Colombo, Kandy and Trincomalee

In addition, grave photos of the **AMERICAN POWs who died in Taiwan** are available from the POW Society.

We have all 25,000 names on the SINGAPORE / KRANJI MEMORIAL, all 27,000 names on the TAUKKYAN / RANGOON MEMORIAL, as well as all the other memorials such as SAI WAN, LABUAN and YOKOHAMA.

* **Since the launch of the Asia War Graves Photo Group we have given out over 2300 FREE photos.**

For photos of graves and names on memorials in these respective areas, please contact:

Taiwan POW Camps Memorial Society - society (at) powtaiwan.org

Thai-Burma Railway Centre - admin (at) tbrconline.com

Tony Banham - Hong Kong War Diary - tony (at) hongkongwardiary.com

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