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Those who Served

★★★ A Special Issue of The Forum Insider

In this last issue of the Insider, we are featuring four stories submitted by members of our Writers' Room Special Interest Group on the subject of ancestors' military service. These stories explore the wide variety of military service in the writers' families. We hope you enjoy these personal sketches, and perhaps they will motivate you to document the life of a military veteran in your own family.

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Reflections on the Final Issue of the *Insider*

Geoff Smith, President

Many months ago, when Geri and Keri first mentioned their decision to step down as *Insider* editors, my visceral reaction was dismay, bordering on horror. They had been doing an outstanding job—not only keeping up with a challenging publication schedule, but also maintaining a high quality publication. Their co-editorship would be a daunting act to follow!

I credit them with suggesting ideas for recruitment and their generous offers of extended support to ease the transition for someone new.

But even beyond those efforts, I must commend them for deeper thinking about the role of the *Insider* within GFO. On the one hand, we have the quarterly *Bulletin* with cerebral, well-developed articles; on the other, both *E-News* and the newly redesigned web site (gfo.org) have grown over the years and communicate news items quickly. As Geri and Keri have observed, as news cycles shorten and email boxes burgeon, there seems to be less time for our members to devote to reading a 12- to 20-page semi-quarterly newsletter.

Their conclusion was that the *Insider's* role could be served by the other platforms. I am also grateful that they met with the other editors and our webmaster to discuss the impact of this change.



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New SLIG Course on Northwest Genealogy to Launch in 2026

The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) will be offering the first genealogical institute course **anywhere** focused exclusively on research in the U.S. Northwest. Titled *Research in the US Northwest*, this groundbreaking 10-week course will be offered during SLIG's Spring Virtual 2026 session, running from February through May. This is an exciting opportunity for researchers focused on Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming—states rich in history and often underrepresented in genealogical education.

Coordinated by Michelle Goodrum, CG®; Steven M. Morrison; and *Insider* co-editor Geri Auerbach, AG®, the course brings together an impressive roster of instructors. These include the *Insider's* other co-editor, Keri Logan, and Janice Sellers, the GFO's African American SIG leader. Other notable



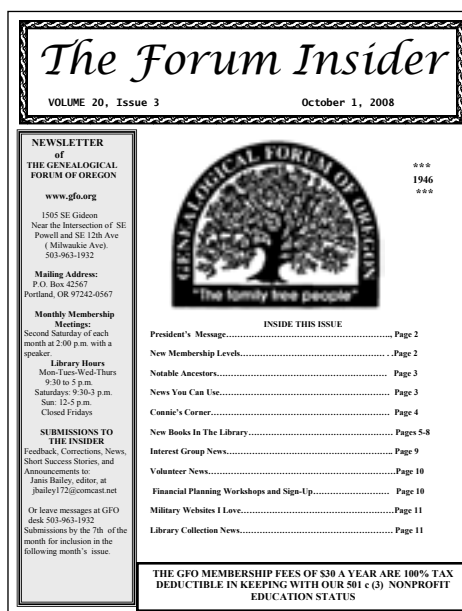
instructors include Dr. Janice Lovelace, Gena Philibert-Ortega, and Jill Morelli, CG®. Registration begins on June 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time. More details and registration information are available at slig.ugagenealogy.org/slign-spring-virtual.

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Nonetheless, we will miss the *Insider* a lot. For one, the *Insider* has been our publication of record, carrying the official notices of our membership meetings and elections. It has also been a great platform for longer features, such as the recent reports from the New Home Committee on the building search and Geri's year-long series on Oregon resources in 2023.

And finally, there is the pride of winning the National Genealogical Society's 2022 Newsletter Award. That served as a compelling testimony of the *Insider's* excellence. (It may be a coincidence that NGS changed the rules the following year so a newsletter could not win again for four more years!)

We will certainly miss the *Insider*. We owe a debt of gratitude to Geri and Keri, editors since 2020, and the many editors who came before. It was a great 35-year run!



A cover from 2008 with an earlier GFO logo





A Soldier of the Leather Jacket

Maureen Vega

In the 16th century, Spain conquered the area we know today as Mexico, calling it New Spain. By 1769, Spain aimed to expand its territories and commissioned Gaspar de Portolá to lead an expedition north of New Spain into what was called the Province of Las Californias.* The goal was to establish Spanish presidios (fortresses). The Spanish Franciscan missionary, Father Junipero Serra, accompanied de Portolá with the intent to bring Christianity to the indigenous peoples. No women or children were on this expedition.

In 1774, another expedition headed north from New Spain to Las Californias. This expedition was led by Fernando Xavier de Rivera y Moncada who had been on the first expedition in 1769. He was tasked with travelling to the presidio in Monterey to replace the governor as commander of Las Californias. On this expedition, soldiers and their families were recruited for the journey. Among the twelve families were soldier Francisco Salvador Lugo, his wife Juana Maria Rita Martinez y Villanasul, and their four children: two daughters, Rosa Maria (age 13) and Tomasa Ignacia (age 11), and two sons, Salvador (age 8) and Jose Antonio (age 1).

Francisco Lugo was born in 1740 in Sinaloa, New Spain, and married Juana Maria Rita in Villa de Sinaloa, New Spain, around 1757. His father, Juan Salvador Lugo y Sur was a *soldado de cuera* (soldier of the leather jacket), and Francisco followed in his footsteps.



A soldier of the leather jacket: He is wearing a leather jacket with seven layers, carries a lance, has pistols hanging on each side of his saddle, and wears wooden stirrups. By Raymundus à Murillo from, L'histoire de la cavalerie, la cavalerie de la Nouvelle-Espagne. Courtesy of [Wikimedia Commons](#).

At this time, the role of the soldiers was twofold: to deter Russia and other countries from attempting to claim the area north of New Spain and to protect the fortresses and missions from attacks by indigenous peoples and coastal pirates. The indigenous peoples had lived in the area called Las Californias for thousands of years, and their population was quickly decimated by diseases brought by the soldiers, missionaries, and settlers. Unbeknownst to Francisco, his great-grandson would marry an indigenous woman from the Chumash tribe, one of the many tribes Francisco guarded against.

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After arriving at their destination, the Lugo family moved frequently, and their family grew. Their children, Jose Ignacio (born 1775) and Maria Antonia Isabella (born 1776), were baptized shortly after their births at Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa. Their son, Antonio Maria, was born in 1778 in the Los Robles Valley where the Mission San Antonia de Padua was located. In 1780, son Juan Alejandro was born in Monterey and baptized at Monterey Presidio Chapel (San Carlos).

In 1781, Francisco was assigned to escort forty-four settlers and two priests from the Mission San Gabriel to El Pueblo de Los Angeles. These settlers had travelled the long journey from New Spain to colonize what is now Los Angeles. The final leg of their journey was nine miles, and Francisco was one of four soldiers to accompany the group. This group became known as the Los Pobladores, the founders of Los Angeles.

Francisco was listed as a soldier with the Santa Barbara Presidio Company, which founded the Santa Barbara fortress in April 1782. A year later, Francisco was listed in the registers of nearby Mission San Buenaventura, and his youngest daughter, Maria Ygnacia, was born there that year. Subsequently, Francisco was required to stand guard at the Los Angeles pueblo for a time. By 1789, Francisco had retired and received a Spanish royal concession of land outside of Los Angeles. With his son, Antonio Maria, they began building a home for him and his wife to live. Sadly, in 1790, his wife of 40 years died in Santa Barbara. Francisco went to Santa Barbara, where he lived until his death in 1805. His son lived in the Los Angeles home and served as Alcalde (mayor) of Los Angeles from 1816–1819.

*The Spanish called the area of Baja California and the region north of New Spain "Las Californias" until 1804 when the area north of New Spain was formally named "Alta California."

Paul Noack of Berlin

Bonnie LaDoe

Paul Wilhelm Noack could not have guessed that, after serving his country during World War I, he would ever be asked to do so again. But that is exactly what happened in late 1945 when Paul was almost 60 years old.

Paul, born February 26, 1886, in Breslau, Germany, became a carpenter and cabinet maker at his home in the Friedrichshagen region of Berlin. In 1904, he married Emma Litke and later built a house

for her and their two children, Erika, born 1908, and Heine, born 1912. In 1916, Paul sent home a photo of himself in his World War I uniform. No history of his length of service survives, but he did come home to his family. He was living a productive life on his little farm at the edge of Berlin until Hitler changed German life forever.

His daughter, Erika, had married Joseph Landau, born in Dresden of Jewish parents. Joseph's father was a turbine engineer at the

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Paul in his World War I uniform. Courtesy of the author.





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Left, Paul in his carpenter shop. Right, Heine, Emma, and Erika Noack. Courtesy of the author.



AEG turbine factory in Berlin, but by 1933, hoping to get beyond Hitler's reach, the Landau family moved to Warsaw, Poland. Joseph and Erika's son, Erik, was born there in 1936. After Warsaw was invaded by Germany on September 1, 1939, Erika and Erik were subjected to the Warsaw Ghetto, but Joseph escaped to the Polish underground. Their plan was to meet back at Paul and Emma's Berlin home if they could escape the Nazis. Heine stayed in Berlin but died of lung disease in 1942. So Paul and Emma waited alone for their family to return.

As Germany was losing to the Allied forces in 1945, they began to grab any male they could to fight to the end. Unfortunately, 59-year-old Paul was swept up in that last gasp of the Nazi regime to save Berlin. Did Paul don his WWI uniform as he left? Emma knew he did not want to go. And sadly, he did not come home.

But miraculously, Erika, Erik, and Joseph all made it to the Berlin farm, just in time to help save the home from the Allied

bombs dropping all around. But as the war came to an end, the family wanted to know what had happened to Paul. Erika and Joseph began searching. Emma never received any official word of his death but knew if he did not come home or contact her, he was most likely dead. But, where? How?

Joseph placed an ad in the newspaper asking if anyone knew of Paul or what happened to him. Someone answered the ad saying they had been in the Robert Koch Hospital with Paul when he died. Joseph and Erika contacted the hospital and were told those who died in that time period had been buried in a mass grave. The hospital was in the process of interring each body separately now, but without identification. They were told they could pick any grave and place Paul's headstone on it if they wished. So, they did. But what to tell Emma? They decided to spare her the pain of knowing that her husband's body had been dumped so unceremoniously

into a mass grave and could not be identified. Emma was only told that Paul died in the hospital and was buried there. Then they brought her to visit the grave site they had selected.

Emma walked to the grave and looked down for some time. Then she turned to her family and said, "My husband is not here," and slowly walked away.

Note: Joseph, Erika, Erik, and Emma all immigrated to the United States in 1948 making their home in Portland, Oregon. Joseph, Erika, and Erik changed their surname to LaDoe and thrived in America. Emma Noack, at age 60, did not adjust as well and never learned English. She died in 1973 at age 85.





The Legacy of Those who Served...

Karen Hubbard

More than anything George Whitfield Tuthill wanted to be in the newspaper business. Born 1835 in Alton, Illinois, he was more interested in writing and journalism than joining his father's construction business. His parents agreed he should continue his education at Shurtleff College, and he graduated at age 18 in 1854 with a degree in English composition. He began learning the newspaper business at the *Alton Telegraph*. He married Mary Elizabeth Winters in December 1859, and the couple moved to Springfield, Illinois.

His hard work earned him positions as compositor and reporter, and then in 1860, George became the local editor of the *Springfield Daily Journal*. He wrote of the challenges facing newly elected President Abraham Lincoln and focused his reporting on worker's rights and the elimination of slavery. George witnessed families and a nation being torn apart, as men from the north and south marched into military service. It was time to act on his principles.

Enlisting in the Union Army in 1861, George left behind his wife Mary, 18-month-old daughter, May, and six-month-old son, George Junior. Soldiers were allowed to go home on leave, but illness, injury, distance, and travel time made visits infrequent during his three years of service. George served in the 10th Illinois Infantry Company D and fought in the battle of Island 10 on the Mississippi River. This Union victory marked the first time the Confederate Army lost a battle on the Mississippi River. He served at the Siege of Corinth, Mississippi, which lasted thirty days, and resulted in the capture of two major railroad connections supplying the Confederate army. George also served in the Atlanta campaign, where he saw Sherman force a Confederate surrender in Atlanta, Georgia. This victory gave a



George W. Tuthill. Courtesy of Larry Parker, [Find a Grave](#).

vital boost to Union troops and bolstered Lincoln's re-election bid. George mustered out August 31, 1864.

Upon returning home, he learned his six-month-old son, Charles, had died. The Civil War left deep wounds and daunting challenges. The country needed to be reunited, families undone by personal loss needed help, and the divisive issues of slavery, trade, and economic peril persisted, nearly destroying our nation. Many families never recovered. Seven months after George returned home, President Lincoln was shot and died on

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April 15, 1865. George and Mary again focused on rebuilding their lives, welcoming daughter Jessie Elizabeth in 1869, in Alton, Illinois. In 1871, the family moved first to St. Louis, Missouri, and then Jefferson City, Missouri, where George spent several years in charge of the State Printing Office of Missouri. A son, John, was born in 1872.

George's dream of being a newspaperman remained. He met the Rev. William MacKendree Prottzman in Jefferson City. The Reverend Prottzman was a circuit-riding minister, interesting fellow, and great conversationalist. He also had experience running a newspaper! They became business partners and looked to purchase a local newspaper. In 1874, they leased the then-named *Brownsville Herald* offices. On Aug. 20, 1874, George's dream became his reality for the next 21 years. The first edition of the newly named *Sweet Springs Herald* rolled off the presses and continues to this very day in Sweet Springs, Missouri! With the *Herald* up and running, George's family settled into their new home in Sweet Springs and son Harry was born in 1877.

George took his community newspaper responsibilities seriously, engaging every level of government. His civic contributions included serving as member and officer of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Brownsville city clerk from April 1877 to April 1878, and foreman in the job rooms of the *Sedalia Democrat*, *The State Journal*, and the Tribune Printing Company's book room. In 1885, George was selected as a permanent member of the town's committee to secure a route through Sweet Springs from the Central Missouri Railroad.

In 1895, after 21 years as editor/owner of the *Sweet Springs Herald*, his legendary proofreading skills were requested by the printing and stationery house of Buxton and Skinner, in St. Louis, Missouri. George had just turned 60 years old.

On Dec. 17, 1899, *The Sedalia Evening Democrat* noted,

The job of proofreading is the most difficult connected with the printing business, and few, indeed, are they who

become experts. Recently Mr. Tuthill read proof on a brief for the Grand Island and Wyoming Central Railroad Company and so satisfactory was the job that Mr. N.K. Griggs, a leading lawyer of Lincoln Nebraska, who prepared the brief, addressed the following short but expressive lines to Messrs. Buxton and Skinner... "In my brief you have furnished me the best job of proofreading I ever saw.

George's son John followed in his father's footsteps. As noted in *The Sedalia Sunday Democrat* on April 10, 1903, he was

... learning the printing business in his father's office and in Sedalia and Jefferson City. He mastered shorthand and was an expert stenographer and typewriter which enabled him to secure good positions at various places sometimes as editor sometimes as reporter, printer. He was also a lawyer by profession, and had a bright future before him - a young man about 30 years of age and fine ability.

Sadly, John died in 1903 of a stroke two days before the article was published.

George's wife Mary died in 1905. George was unexpectedly stricken with paralysis the next year, and he was admitted to the United States Home for Disabled Soldiers in Leavenworth, Kansas, to treat his "senility." He spent several years there until his death at 73 on November 3, 1908, after a three-day illness.

George would have been proud to learn his military service started a family legacy: his grandson enlisted in the Army in 1917, serving in France during World War I; his great-granddaughter served as a Marine in World War II; great-grandson served as a Marine and Merchant Marine during Korean War; and his great-great-granddaughter served in the Army and both Army and Air Force Reserves, and realized her dream of becoming a journalist and author just like George.





An Oregon Farm Boy Goes to War

Bonnie Randolph

My dad, Dan Springer, grew up on a farm in Harlan, a community in the Oregon Coast Range, raising Angora goats on pasture land carved from timber. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on October 10, 1942, and served in the Seabees (U.S. Navy Construction Battalion) because he was color blind. His dad watched for Japanese planes (and forest fires) from a lookout tower near Waldport, and his mom stayed on the ranch, west of Mary's Peak. My dad was 20 years old when he enlisted. He had worked falling timber, taking care of goats, and working on his Model A. He had never ridden a train, lived with electricity, or seen an African American.

As a new recruit, he rode the bus to Portland and boarded a train on November 21, 1942. He mailed postcards home describing the scenery across the United States. Trains were fun to ride, and his seat folded into a bunk for sleeping. He rode backward, except when he was playing cards. Boot camp was at Camp Bradford, eight miles from Norfolk, Virginia. He wrote, "Sure am having fun. I like this more and more. Fifteen of us staying in a hut. Cold in the mornings. Got lots of clothes to take care of." By Christmas 1942, he had "five pairs of shoes and lots of socks, work clothes of bell bottom overalls and blue ordinary shirts, a black wool sweater, four white pants and blouses" – he supposed for hot weather. He hoped he would have clothes left over to take home because he didn't expect to wear them all out. He got his hair cut, had his picture taken, and did a lot of waiting in line.

The chow was good – and there was plenty of it. He reassured his mother that he had enough food and clothing but could use mail. Christmas dinner was dressing, ham, turkey, mashed spuds, gravy, beets, string beans, sweet pickles, olives, bread, fruit cake (really rich), cranberry sauce, crackers, ice



The chow line in North Africa was slower than coming in from the barn for supper. Photo courtesy of the author.

cream, mincemeat pie, coffee, and butter. Apples, oranges, candy, nuts, cigars (he got one), and cigarettes were passed out. He had kitchen patrol (K.P.), so he didn't have to wait an hour and a half in the chow line. He got a kick out of the dark-skinned cooks and discovered they were "all right guys." After Christmas, he moved to Camp Peary for advanced training.

He was shipped to Algeria and Tunisia in North Africa from March 1943 to November 1944, building airstrips and repairing boats after the German occupation of North Africa and during the July 1943 invasion of Sicily. He listed four months on K.P. duty, two months repairing ships, four months on guard duty, three months unloading ships, six months driving a dump truck, and a few months as a heavy equipment operator. K.P. duty was mentioned often until he was assigned messenger duty, which he liked better. He got to swim in salt water and see camels.

He left North Africa by ship and arrived in San Francisco by train. His younger brother got leave from the Army to help the folks with shearing, but my

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dad didn't. He was soon shipped out to Okinawa in an 18-ship convoy, where he drove a dump truck to rebuild land bombed to smithereens. He wrote about the "poor devils" forced to live in caves above the camp.

Military service enabled my dad to go to foreign lands, ride trains, sail by troop ships (he got seasick), and smoke cigars. He was amazed he could hear "good country" music on the radio all day and see

movies. His older brother, stationed in Hawaii, also wrote that he loved the music and movies. After the war, my dad and his brothers returned to Harlan, their Angora goats, and logging, but some of their recent discoveries became part of their Oregon life. The wood for telephone poles was no longer needed for the war, and the Springers got electricity. Dad bought a radio so he could still listen to all that good country music.




Membership Dues to Rise July 1

The GFO Board has voted to raise membership dues, effective July 1, 2025. The \$1 increase for fiscal year 2025–2026 is calculated to cover most of our annual \$1,200 increase in rent.

You can renew at the old price, even if your membership still has many months left. To renew, visit [Membership](#).

To lock in the current, lower price, complete your renewal before July 1, 2025.

 Questions? Send an email to membership@gfo.org.

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Free Entry to GFO Research Library for Nonmembers*

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May Events

Saturday, May 3

Virginia Roots

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Brick Wall Research Project:

Beginning with our May meeting, we will be starting a collaborative Brick Wall project. We plan to have two or three individual projects active at a time and participants can choose which one, if any, that they want to help with. You may submit your brick wall to virginia@gfo.org.

[gfo.org](mailto:virginia@gfo.org).

REGISTER

German Group

1–3 p.m.

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Sunday, May 4

Library Open

1–5 p.m.

Monday, May 5

First Monday at the Library

9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

First Mondays at the research library are free for nonmembers.

RootsMagic

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

REGISTER

Tuesday, May 6

Library Open

9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7

Learn & Chat

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

REGISTER

Library Open

1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

The Q Review

6–7 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

Access GFO Resources

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join Laurel Smith via Zoom to learn about the resources GFO provides for everyone and about the special benefits to GFO members.

REGISTER

Beginning Genealogy for German Heritage

10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

This will be a 3-part class, with sessions May 10, June 28, and July 12.

If you would like us to e-mail you a link to the registration form when it is available, sign up on our [Google form](#).

Sunday, May 11

Library Open

1–5 p.m.

Monday, May 12

Library Open

9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

Library Open

9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Board Meeting

6:30–8:30 p.m.

All GFO members are invited to attend. To receive a link to this online meeting, or request an agenda item, send an email at least 24 hours in advance to president@gfo.org.

Wednesday, May 14

Library Open

1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

African American Ancestry

12–2 p.m.

REGISTER

GenTalk: Accessing Free Digital Collections for Oregon and Washington

2:30–3:30 p.m.

Our genealogy dollars are limited, so save money by using free resources! Luckily, there are many free online resources for researching Oregon and Washington roots.

REGISTER

Sunday, May 18

Library Open

1–5 p.m.

The Writers' Room

2:30–4:00 p.m.

REGISTER

Monday, May 19

Library Open

9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20

Library Open

9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

Library Open

1 p.m.–5 p.m.

DNA Q&A: The Basics

1–3 p.m.

REGISTER

Sunday, May 25

GFO Work Party

9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Please join us in the GFO Library to work on some easy tasks. Everyone is welcome.

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Thank You To Our Proofreaders

As the *Insider* reaches its final edition, we want to express sincere gratitude to our proofreaders—April Ober, Tanya Goffman, and Harry Auerbach—for their outstanding support. Their dedication and keen eyes have been instrumental in upholding the quality of our newsletter, and we thank them for being an integral part of our team.



As stated in 1899 and quoted in Karen Hubbard's story (page 7): *The job of proofreading is the most difficult connected with the printing business, and few, indeed, are they who become experts.*

May GFO Calendar, from page 6

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Library Open
1–5 p.m.

Monday, May 26

Library Open
9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27

Library Open
9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30

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Seminar August 16, 2025 at 10:30am
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