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*Sam Baker & Yasmine Wu join us for Airmen's Memorial Day.
(See story on page 6.)*

85th ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE PACIFIC WAR!



*Remember
Them!*



Wreaths by the old prison wall - Airmen's Memorial Service.



*This year's FEPOW Day
features the movie
"They Were Expendable"
on Saturday August 15th.*



Taiwan POW Camps Memorial Society Staff

TAIWAN REMEMBRANCE WEEK – NOVEMBER 4th - 11th, 2026

Once again we invite the family members of former Taiwan POWs to join with us for the week of November 4th – 11th as we celebrate the 29th annual *Remembrance Week* event in Taiwan. Featured are visits to the former POW camps, memorial services, local sightseeing and a very special Remembrance Day service in the Prisoner of War Memorial Park located on the site of the former Kinkaseki POW Camp on Sunday the 8th. We have a special program prepared for our guests and offer assistance in arranging your visit. For more information, please visit our website at www.powtaiwan.org and contact the Society by email or mail at the address shown on page 2 of the newsletter to register. Be sure to book early and we hope to have you with us in November!

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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 the poppy and the
poppy cross are recognised worldwide as symbols
of remembrance to war veterans. Over the years
the returning POWs and their families laid poppy
crosses at all the former campsites they visited.

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

- * to search for the locations of all the
former Japanese POW camps on the
island of Taiwan. [*completed*]
- * to search for the survivors of the
1942 - 45 Taiwan POW camps.
- * to ensure that the story of the Taiwan
POWs is told and they are not forgotten.
- * to help with the organization of and
participate in the memorial service for
the Taiwan POWs at Jinguashi every
November on Remembrance Day.
- * 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.

**LIST OF TAIWAN POW
CAMPS. . . all found !**

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

Thought . . .

Happiness will never come to
those who fail to appreciate
what they already have.

FROM THE DIRECTOR. . .

The 2nd edition of the book '*Never Forgotten*' has been selling well and our goal of sharing the Taiwan POWs' story with the world is being achieved. If interested, you can find a description of the book and how to obtain one from '*THE BOOK*' page of the website. If you have any questions please contact the Society for help.

Unfortunately, we are still struggling to find a local publisher and distributor for the Chinese edition. Things have been stalled once again. So the search continues and we are still following up on several publishers that one of our members suggested. Any help, ideas, suggestions, and references in this regard will be much appreciated.

We are also still interested in finding a publisher in the UK and possibly the USA, for the English book, so any help, recommendation and advice in that regard is also requested and welcome.

I am still kept very busy every week with answering 2 – 3 emails from people looking for help in knowing more about their POW relative who never talked about his experiences. They had found our website or were searching for info on the internet when their relative's name came up through the site. It is incredible and wonderful that we are still able to help more families in their quest even after all these years. When someone inquires, I always prepare a synopsis with as many details as I can of their POW's time in Taiwan. I hope this part of our work will never end as I love hearing from these folks and helping them. If you or anyone you know is seeking info on a POW relative, please feel free to contact us through the website or by email.

Our events of this year have all gone well with increased attendance and we are looking forward to our future events in August and November.

The POW camp tours have increased this year even more and we hope the trend will continue. More folks are inquiring and planning trips to Taiwan, and we welcome the opportunity to help them "follow in the footsteps" of their POW relative. Unfortunately as time marches on and I get older and a bit less able to do all I could before, I am concerned as to how much longer I may be able to lead them. So far, so good, but you never know.

For those of our friends and supporters - and in particular those from overseas, this issue's cover features a photo of the POW Society staff. Just so you know that our work is a team effort, and it is thanks to these men and many others, that we can do what we do to help make sure the Taiwan POWs are never forgotten!

I wish you all a happy and peaceful summer.

Michael Hurst MBE

UPCOMING EVENT

FEPOW DAY - AUGUST 15th 2026

This year will be the 19th time that *FEPOW Day* is celebrated here in Taiwan. Once again we will meet at the Spot Theatre – #18, Zhongshan North Road Sec. 2 in downtown Taipei, on Saturday August 15th.

Being that this is the 85th Anniversary of the start of The Pacific War, we are Featuring the award-winning movie "*They Were Expendable*".



Made in 1945, produced and directed by John Ford, it stars Robert Montgomery and John Wayne. The film focuses on the battle of Bataan and the demise of MTB-3 and its men, headed by Lieutenants Bulkley and Ryan, who expend themselves trying to slow the Japanese advance in the Philippines. It is a famous WW II movie.

There will be a collection of WWII POW and military future museum artifacts on display as usual, and a short memorial service to honor the FEPOWs and civilian internees will take place prior to the movie being shown.

An email notice will be sent out locally prior to the event and everyone is invited, but space is limited to a maximum of 50 persons, Reservations are required. Please kindly let us know ASAP by email if you're planning to attend so we can reserve a seat for you. We are hoping to have a good turnout again.

The deadline for reservations is set at 5:00 pm Wednesday August 12th. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the event will begin at 6:30.

Everyone is welcome to attend and here is no charge for this event.

NOTE: These films are not suitable for young children and do not have Chinese sub-titles.

We invite you to come and spend this memorable evening to learn more about one of the early conflicts of World War II, the story of the men who fought and died and those who became prisoners of war - and what they suffered and sacrificed for the freedom that we so often take for granted today.

We hope to welcome many friends and supporters – and some new faces too. See you in August!

ANZAC POWS HONoured ON ANZAC DAY

Once again as in many previous years, ANZAC Day was commemorated here in Taiwan. The Australian Office was in charge of the ceremony with assistance from the New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office. The event was held on Saturday April 25th at the Taiwan Contemporary Culture Lab on Jenai Road in downtown Taipei.

Australia Office Director Robert Fergusson gave the key address and New Zealand Representative Chris Langley shared some thoughts on ANZAC Day. Following the reading of *'In Flanders Fields'* by Renee Bates, Mr. Fikret Turkes, the Turkish Trade Office Rep in Taiwan, read *'Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's Tribute'*.

The Society was once again honoured to lay a wreath in tribute to the 57 Australians (3 of whom died), and the 2 New Zealanders who suffered as POWs of the Japanese in the prison camps on Taiwan in WW II. The *Ode of Remembrance* was read, *Last Post*, a minute's silence and then *Rouse* was played by Eric Hsu before the national anthems of Australia and New Zealand were sung. The service was followed by refreshments, and a time of fellowship and remembering was enjoyed by all.



POW Society, VFW and MOTH members with the Trade Reps after the service.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATED IN TAIWAN

The event, arranged by the Taiwan VFW Post #9957, was held at the site of the American Airmen's Memorial on Jinshan South Road in downtown Taipei on Sunday May 24th at 11:00 am. Post Commander Lt/Col. (Ret) Tony Hu, US Air Force, led the service. The Society director shared a little of the story of the American POWs who were held in Taiwan, and this was followed by the reading of the names of the 57 American POWs who died in Taiwan during WWII. Readings of tribute and poems were rendered, and a prayer of remembrance was offered by Lt/Col. (Ret) Scott Ellinger, VFW. Wreaths were laid against the old prison wall, *Taps* was played by Eric Hsu, a moment's silence observed and then the group read the *'Ode of Remembrance'* before the recorded playing of the American National Anthem by the US Air Navy band brought the service to a close. There was a great turnout on a nice sunny day for the event. LEST WE FORGET!

A few photos from the day:



2026 WYMONDHAM FEPOW MEMORIAL CHURCH SERVICE

In the village of Wymondham in rural Norfolk England, the memory of those who suffered and died in Japanese POW and civilian internment camps in World War II, is kept alive at the only Memorial Church in the world dedicated to the Far East Prisoners of War (FEPOWs). This church is a 'Living Memorial' to all WWII FEPOW and Civilian Internees of all faiths and none. This is the story of how that all came about.

Father Malcolm Cowin, formerly chaplain to the 2nd Btn. Cambridgeshire Regiment, 18th British Division - and himself a survivor of the Japanese POW camps, had built chapels in three different camps to serve the spiritual needs of the prisoners. He made a promise to God that if he survived the war, he would build a church in memory of all those who died in the Japanese POW and internment camps. On returning from the war, he set about to accomplish his goal.

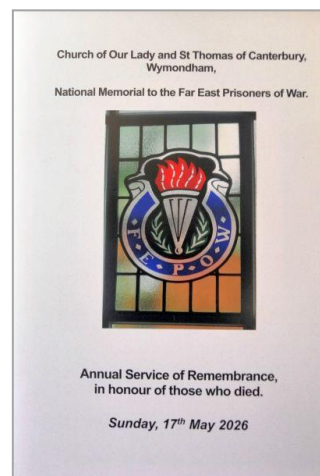
Much of the money to build the church came from donations by surviving FEPOWs, and the church, *Our Lady and St. Thomas of Canterbury*, in Wymondham, Norfolk, was dedicated in 1953. In 1948 he began the monumental task of bringing together the names of all the POWs and civilian internees, from whatever country, who died in the camps of the Far East, and in those early years altogether more than 24,000 names were compiled into hand-written memorial books. In addition to British Army, Navy and Air Force, the books include Singapore, Malay and Hong Kong Volunteer Forces, Australian, Canadian, New Zealand and Indian Forces, Dutch Forces and Civilians. This was a long way short of all who died in the camps however, and continuing efforts are being made to finish the work started by Father Cowin in completing the *Books of Remembrance*.

Today there are well over 35,000 names and the books are housed in a specially dedicated chapel which opened in 2000 within the Memorial Church. Each year in May, a memorial service is held on the Sunday nearest to the 14th - the date of the relief of Rangoon in WWII. Many FEPOW friends attend this service, search through the Roll of Honour for the names they knew; and when the last post is sounded, recall their suffering.

The Ecumenical service is hosted by the parish priests, Fr. Pat Cleary and Fr. Denis Gallagher. They are joined by the Anglican FEPOW Chaplain Rev. Pauline Simpson, whose father was a FEPOW survivor. During the service members of different FEPOW organisations, Allied gov'ts and military around the world lay wreaths on behalf of all who died in captivity as well as those who have died since returning home from the war. In 2020, Peter Wiseman the archivist of the chapel, invited our Society to lay a wreath on the altar during the service and one was purchased for that purpose. Since then Mrs. Pearl Fowler, widow of former Taiwan POW and dear friend Jack Fowler, has laid our Society's wreath in memory of all the former Taiwan POWs.

This year at the ceremony on May 17th, Pearl was joined by Christine Wood, the step-daughter of former POW Dvr. Ernest Parker of the Royal Corps of Signals who died on September 26th 1944 and was buried in the Heito Camp Cemetery before finally being interned in the Sai Wan War Cemetery in Hong Kong after the war. Both Pearl and Christine have visited Taiwan for past Remembrance Week events.

The photos below are from this years' service. We are honoured to be able to do this in memory of all those who died in the Taiwan camps. We hope that more former Taiwan POW families will attend in the future.



Pearl Fowler and Christine Wood The altar with our wreath (at right).

The program

For more information about the FEPOW Church, please visit the website or contact Peter Wiseman by email.

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Email: fepow@wymondhamrcchurch.org.uk

The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury
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MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION FOR THE AMERICAN AIRMEN

Unlike the Memorial Day service held two weeks earlier with lovely spring weather, Sunday June 14th was raining when the Taiwan POW Camps Memorial Society held its annual service of remembrance to honour the American airmen who were shot down over Taiwan during raids on the island from October 1944 to May 1945 and held by the Japanese in the Taihoku Prison. We especially remembered the 14 young airmen who were needlessly murdered there on June 19th 1945. The commemoration service took place by the American Airmen's Memorial plaque at the former Taipei Prison wall commencing at 11 am. Almost 40 supporters and friends attended the service, including representatives from the American Institute in Taiwan, the ROC Veterans Affairs Commission, the French War Graves Memorial Society, and the VFW and MOTH veterans groups.

This year we were honoured to welcome Sam Baker, from the USA, the great nephew of ARM3c Wayne Wilson USN – one of the five crewmen who were captured when their PB4Y-1 Liberator bomber was shot down over Tung Gang Harbour on January 28th 1945. The men were held in the prison and he was part of the group of 14 airmen who were needlessly murdered by the Japanese just 58 days before the end of the war. This is only the second time in 20 years that a family member of one of the airmen has returned to Taiwan for our service. The last was Charles 'Buddy' Parker and his two sons back in 2005.

POW Society emcee Mark Wilkie welcomed all the guests, the Society director shared the story of the downed airmen, their capture and imprisonment, the fake trial of 14 of the 25 airmen, and their murder on June 19th 1945. Then he introduced Sam who read messages of greeting and gratitude from three of Wayne's surviving nieces and he said that what we have done and are doing to remember the airmen is so appreciated by their families.

Tributes were rendered by Col. Kevin Deibler from AIT and Col. Felix Wang (Ret), Deputy Director of General Services, ROC Veterans Affairs Council. The names of the 25 airmen who were held in the prison were read by Society board member Bernie Moore also representing the New Zealand Returned Services Association. Then Ross McCarry read the poem '*Remember Us*' followed by Yasmine Wu reading the poem '*Miss Me But Let Me Go*'. Lt/Col. Scott Ellinger (Ret) of Taipei VFW Post #9957 shared a message and a prayer of remembrance. Finally, wreaths were laid by the wall in honour of the airmen. *Taps* was played by Eric Hsu followed by a minutes' silence after which Frederic Delort of the French War Graves Memorial Society read the '*Ode of Remembrance*'. The service ended with the recorded playing of the American National Anthem – appropriately by the US Navy band. Our thanks to those who attended despite the weather, and those who took part. We look forward to another great event next year – and hopefully the weather might be a little nicer.

Scenes from this year's memorial service courtesy William Wang TPCMS – ***continued on Page 7.***



Mark Wilkie



Society Director



Kevin Deibler – AIT



Felix Wang – VAC



Bernie Moore - RSA



Sam Baker



Ross McCarry



Yasmine Wu



Scott Ellinger - VFW



Frederic Delort - FWG



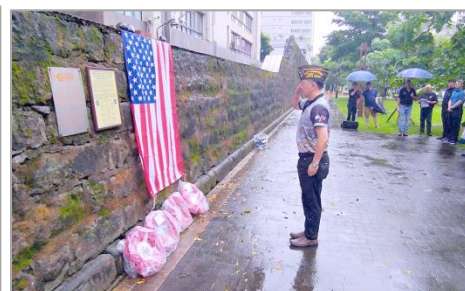
Sam Baker and the Society Director laying the wreath together for the airmen.



Col. Kevin Deibler, AIT



Col. Felix Wang (Ret.), ROCVAC



Lt/Col. Tony Hu (Ret.), VFW Post 9957



There was a good crowd despite the rain.



The VFW, MOH and other veterans salute.



Some of the participants and guests – the event is drawing more interest and people every year.

The old wall of the former Taipei Prison is located at **Lane 44, Jinshan South Road Sec. 2, Taipei. [金山南路2段44巷 - for taxi]** about a block south of Xinyi Road on the west side of the street. The lane and the wall are right next to Chunghwa Telecom Building. The memorial site is just a short walk from Dongmen MRT Station Exit # 3.

POW CAMP TOURS

(See the comments the Society has received from others who have taken our tours - at the bottom of the POW Camp Tours page on the website.)

Read Tour – February 3rd

Several years ago I was privileged to guide Jennifer Read (pictured at right in photo) on a tour of Kinkaseki. She lives in China and in February her mother Dolores and sister Catherine were visiting her and wanted to come to Taiwan to see where Dolores' father-in-law, Pte. Robert Read of the 1st Btn. Manchester Reg't. was held as a POW. He had been a POW at Heito, Kinkaseki and Kukutsu camps and survived the war.

The weather was nice on the day and Catherine, an excellent photographer, took some wonderful and amazing photos which she kindly shared with me later. They were especially thrilled to see and touch Robert's name on the wall.



Laurel Films Tour – February 10th & 11th

Laurel Films, the company that made the award-winning movie *"The Sinking of the Lisbon Maru"*, are presently working on a project which will tell the story of General Jonathan Wainwright and other officers and men held in camps throughout Asia in WWII, and the atrocities that they suffered. I am honoured to be working with the team as their advisor for the Taiwan portion of the film, and in February a group which included Fang Li, the main producer / director, came to Taiwan for an interview and tour of Kinkaseki. We did the usual tour and they said that they had learned a lot about the little-known story of the Taiwan POWs. Here is a photo of the team at the museum.



Pollard Tour – March 12th

Ross Pollard, a local UK expat living in Taipei heard about our work and made contact to request a tour for himself and his father who was visiting from the UK. Unfortunately at the last minute his father was unable to make it, but we still had a great day.

Ross is an avid military historian and is planning to write a book on Taiwan in WWII once his life and work settle down a bit. He is planning to attend some of our local society events as time and work permit. Welcome Ross!



Taipei European International School – March 18th and 25th

This year we had more than 90 students and teachers taking part so we had to split the activity into two sessions. As usual, they were a great bunch of kids who had a good time learning the stories of the POWs.

At the museum they were so crammed in sitting on the floor that I used the situation to illustrate how the POWs were crammed aboard the hellships with little room to sit or lie down. The comparison really hit home! Looking forward to another great tour next year.



Mullins Tour – April 24th

Gnr. Walter Archer of the 5th Field Reg't. RA was held at Taihoku Camp 6, Kinkaseki and Taihoku Camp 5 before being sent to Japan in February 1945. His granddaughter Joanne Mullins and her husband John were taking an Asian cruise and wanted to visit the place where he was held. We have done this kind of tour for POW Family members many times over the years.

We picked them up at the cruise ship terminal in Keelung at 9am and spent the whole day touring Kinkaseki and the area. Joanne was moved as we explored the places where her grandfather was held and suffered those many years ago, and happy to be able to learn more of his story. That is our aim in what we do, to help people with their need for more understanding and closure.



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Fawcett Tour – April 29th

Years ago in the early days of our work, we were in contact with Richard Fawcett, the son of former POW Richard Fawcett Sr. of the 9th Northumberland Fusiliers who died at Heito Camp in December 1944. In the past year we have been in touch with grandson Jason Fawcett from the UK - who with his wife Lingling, visit Taiwan regularly. This time they requested a tour to Kinkaseki to see the memorials and his grandfather's name on the wall, and to learn more about his time in Taiwan

A lovely day was spent touring the museum and POW Park, and Jason wrote after returning home, "We both had a fantastic day with you, it was really interesting and having that connection with my grandad was special". As always, we are glad to help and we look forward to seeing them when they're back in Taiwan again.



Cowapp Tour – April 30th

Sally Cowapp with her partner Georgina, mother Elizabeth and sister Sarah from the UK, came to Taiwan as part of an Asian tour. They wanted to see where Elizabeth's father John M. Telfer; a Signaller in the Royal Corps of Signals was held as a POW at Kinkaseki before being moved to Japan.

We picked the ladies up from their hotel and proceeded to Jinguashi. Once again we encountered light rain on the day of the tour, but then that is what it was like for the POWs all the time they were there too. A considerable time was spent in the museum and mine tunnel learning more of what the prisoners endured in their daily lives in the camp and down the mine.



After lunch we explored the camp, the various memorials and the wall with John's name inscribed on it. It was a moving experience especially for Elizabeth to be able to touch his name while remembering a dear father.

We already have a number of tours lined up for the fall and we invite anyone who is interested in a tour to consult the ['POW CAMP TOURS'](#) page in the website menu and get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

UPDATE ON 'NEVER FORGOTTEN'



Our aim with the book sales is to spread the story of the Taiwan POWs and the camps to the world so the men will be honoured and remembered. The second run is selling well but when supplies run out this time, it will not be reprinted again. So we encourage anyone interested in World War II history in the Far East - and in particular, the story of the POWs held in Taiwan, to order the book sooner than later while they are still available. Currently we have a good supply, but this could go quickly as more are purchased.

Every week we get inquiries to purchase the book, to which we reply immediately advising the cost and best method for payment. Then sadly sometimes that is the last we hear from some people, even though they initially indicated a big interest in obtaining a copy. We suspect this might be due to the cost of the book - £45.00 / US\$55.00.

With regards to the price (which includes shipping) - it is more costly than some, and this is reflected mostly in the shipping cost from Taiwan and also exchange rates. The book itself costs about GBP30 / US\$35.00 and the balance is shipping. The cost for the book is well within the range of many good WWII history and POW books published in the UK and USA on the market today – many of which only contain 200 plus pages, have few if any photos, drawings and ephemera included, and which sell for a similar or higher price. By contrast, *Never Forgotten* contains **635 pages** of WWII Far East POW history. **With 850 photos, POW artwork and ephemera, printed on high quality glossy paper** – it is the only book that tells the complete, previously little-known story of the Taiwan POW camps - plus many other aspects of WWII history.

To put the cost into perspective, the price of the book is similar to - or even cheaper than, a couple of drinks and a nice meal at a decent restaurant, or an evening at the movies in the UK, USA and other places. Also, the costs for 'lunches' at some UK POW society events this year are: £60 or US\$79.77 per person, or £30 or US\$ 39.88 per head, and even a soup and sandwich lunch will be £12.00 or US\$15.95. One event in the USA was charging US\$80.00 for a POW banquet – and people gladly pay those costs. So consider that against the cost of '*Never Forgotten*' and hopefully you will see that the price including shipping is reasonable value for a book of this calibre and quality.

We hope that many will take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime book offer and in so doing, help us to honour and remember those men by sharing their little-known story with the world - to make sure they are 'never forgotten'.



REVIEWS FOR 'NEVER FORGOTTEN'



Here are some of the comments and reviews received from those who have purchased the book. . .

"It is a marvellous publication! The printing is excellent and especially poignant to have the photos that enhance the importance of the text. What a powerful memorial and treasure this historical account is!" PP

"You have done the men's stories justice. It is so important that their stories are told and remembered." CR

"The book looks good. An admirable tribute to the Taiwan POWs. Really a lot of information packed into it. Nice to see a book with such quality photos. So often in war books today the quality of photos and pictures is extremely poor. The choice of paper is very good." MW

"Congratulations on your book! This is a major milestone in the research on the POWs in Taiwan." CWB

"Michael is extremely articulate and knowledgeable about this subject, which is not surprising because he has done more than perhaps anyone else to document the history of the Japanese POW camps in Taiwan. He tells the personal stories of the men who suffered and died here. It is this kind of anecdotal interpretation that drives home the courage and fortitude of these men in the face of their unimaginable hardship." FS

"What you have created is a true gift to those POWs, their families, friends and others. Thank you for all that you have done for them, their place in history here and their memories." SB

We are honoured to have received this review from Dr. Peter Pedersen, formerly Head of the Research Centre at the Australian War Memorial, one of Australia's leading military historians, author, and also a former assistant director of the Australian War Memorial. He writes. . .

"It's a fine piece of work and a tribute to you and the men whose story you are telling. The detail is tremendous and reflects just how much effort you've devoted to this project. I was particularly struck by the way you related what the men experienced through their own words whenever possible. That approach really brings the narrative alive. Without doubt, your book will be the standard reference for the POW experience on Taiwan. No longer will that be treated almost as an afterthought to the much better known story of events in Thailand, Burma and Singapore. You have truly ensured that the Taiwan POWs will never be forgotten." - Peter Pedersen

From Canadian filmmaker, producer, director Anne Wheeler - the daughter of former Kinkaseki hero, Major Ben Wheeler, "Your book is so impressive, so full of hard work and important research. The quality is first class - I will cherish it as a resource and record that would not otherwise exist. You have done a terrific job, covering all the camps, honouring so many, and giving context to the history. Thank you." - Anne Wheeler

NOTE: The link to Anne's film "A War Story" is the first item in the **LINKS** section of the society website, and the Reader's Digest story "A Man Sent From God" is the first article in the **ARTICLES and STORIES** section.

"I highly recommend the purchase of Michael Hurst's book. I was impressed with the quality of photos; book pages are high-quality, photo-type paper...tons of photos!" BM

"I found the book well written and very interesting. Your detail is amazing and I am really enjoying the read. It is not just the POWs' story, it is also your story for about a third of your life !!!!!" MH

"I can tell you it is hard for me to put your book down. I am confident many copies will find a home on bookshelves of those interested in the plight of Allied POWs during WWII." LP

"My first reaction was, "Wow, this book is HEAVY! I guess that's because it is loaded with awesome history! I was astounded by what's included and especially with the personal contacts with POW's and their family memories!" PP

"I just wanted to say what an utterly moving and compelling experience 'Never Forgotten' is. I am full of admiration at the depth of research, your passion and your dedication. It is a book I shall treasure." HG

"I received your book yesterday. Thank you very much. I am very impressed. A very high quality publication, easy to read, and heaps of good info." SS

"WOW - you did an awesome job amassing all that information. The photos really add to the story. Simply amazing, and your ability to write is second to none. Now I am motivated more than ever to get to Taiwan." MM

"It is a scholarly work. Meticulous research and organization, and an excellent presentation." CD

"Michael, I wanted to congratulate you on your very well-written and thoroughly researched book. It's truly wonderful that you have done so much to make the history of the camps and the POWs known. If it weren't for you, I'm sure they would have been largely forgotten. Before I started reading it, I thought the book would be a little dry, but that was not the case at all; you succeeded in bringing that period of history alive and making the reader feel like an invisible spectator. Congratulations again on bringing your work of many years to fruition." DC

More reviews and comments can be found on **THE BOOK** page of the Society's website..