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**Fundraiser Benefiting Minnesota World War II Veteran and Documentary**  
*Donations raised will help a World War II Veteran return to  
France to fulfill a promise made 67 years ago.*

**Minneapolis, MN – Spring Swing: Dance & Dessert Fundraiser** will benefit Blaine, Minnesota World War II Veteran, Ken Krueger's return to France after 67 years to fulfill his promise to long-lost fiancée, Marguerite. The event will take place on Friday, April 29, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Base Camp, 201 Bloomington Road, Fort Snelling, MN 55111. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students (with school ID), and \$5 for children age 10 and younger. All admission prices include a dessert and beverage. Additional refreshments will be available for purchase, including ice cream provided by Cold Stone Creamery. Tickets are available for reservation or advanced purchase at <http://www.aspromised.net> (credit/debit card), or can be purchased at the door (cash or check only.) Donations will also be accepted at the event or on the website.

The 1940's style, family-friendly event is open to all ages and will feature: free swing dance lessons by **TC Swing**; live swing music from **Classic Big Band and the Nostalgics**; performances by men's quartet, **Autumn Serenade**; and demonstrations by **the Swing Cats** competitive dancers. Participants will learn more about Minnesota history during World War II through living history displays from the **Minnesota Historical Society – Historic Fort Snelling, Honor Flights Twin Cities, Commemorative Air Force – Minnesota Wing, WWII Historical Reenactment Society** and **Northern Star Council – Boy Scouts of America**. Attendees will also have an opportunity to learn to fly in the Midwest's only Space Shuttle Simulator (\$15 additional charge), and to compete for prizes in a WWII history trivia contest. Doors open at 6:30pm, Dance Lessons at 7pm, Band begins at 8pm. Period attire is encouraged, but not required.

Proceeds from the event will cover travel expenses for Ken, as well as production expenses for a documentary film titled: "*As Promised – Return to Fénétrange*," which will document Ken's journey back to France, as he retraces his footsteps as a motor messenger in WWII from the beaches of Normandy to the small town of Fénétrange where he met, fell in love with and became engaged to Marguerite. Army bureaucracy, Marguerite's adversarial father and the end of the war would all conspire to prevent the wedding from ever taking place. Ken received his orders to go home, but not before he made a solemn promise to his fiancée that he would return as soon as possible. He would never fulfill that promise – until now.

As with many independent films, the producers will need to raise funds in order to create the documentary. The projected cost of the project will be \$50,000 to cover travel and lodging in France and other production-related costs. The producers of the documentary, Troy Antoine LaFaye (of Fridley, MN) and author Lee Burtman (of Lino Lakes, MN), hope to raise approximately \$15,000 by May to enable Ken to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary D-Day commemorations in France and to add a final chapter to his memoir, which will begin with the words... I came back—*as promised*.

For additional information, a promotional video and more, see the "*As Promised – Return to Fénétrange*" website at <http://www.aspromised.net>).

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