Texas Liberator: Witness to the Holocaust

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7:30pm
The Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center

The University of Texas at Dallas

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Texas Tech University (TTU), with the generous support of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC), created the Texas Liberator Project as a means of introducing the wider public to the experiences of U.S. soldiers who were witnesses to and actors in the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camps and serve as a portal to furthering Holocaust and genocide awareness and education. Working with the nineteen oral histories compiled by the Baylor Institute for Oral History and archival material from the Dallas Holocaust Museum, the Holocaust Museum Houston, and the United States Holocaust Memorial and Museum, TTU faculty and students worked to create a multi-pronged project that could be used in the classroom, with community members, and with scholars. The project includes an educational app; a website that features interactive maps, an Honor Roll of veteran liberators, bibliographies, filmographies, and teacher resources; a traveling exhibit; and a book, The Texas Liberators: Veteran Narratives from World War II (Texas Tech University Press, 2017), that has been provided free of charge to every public and private middle and high school in the state of Texas.

This public lecture will introduce the project, speak to the narratives provided by Texas veterans of the Second World War, and the TTU and THGC collaboration to support sustained and substantive Holocaust and genocide education in our schools.

Presented in conjunction with the 49th Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches.

There will be a public reception at 7pm prior to the lecture.