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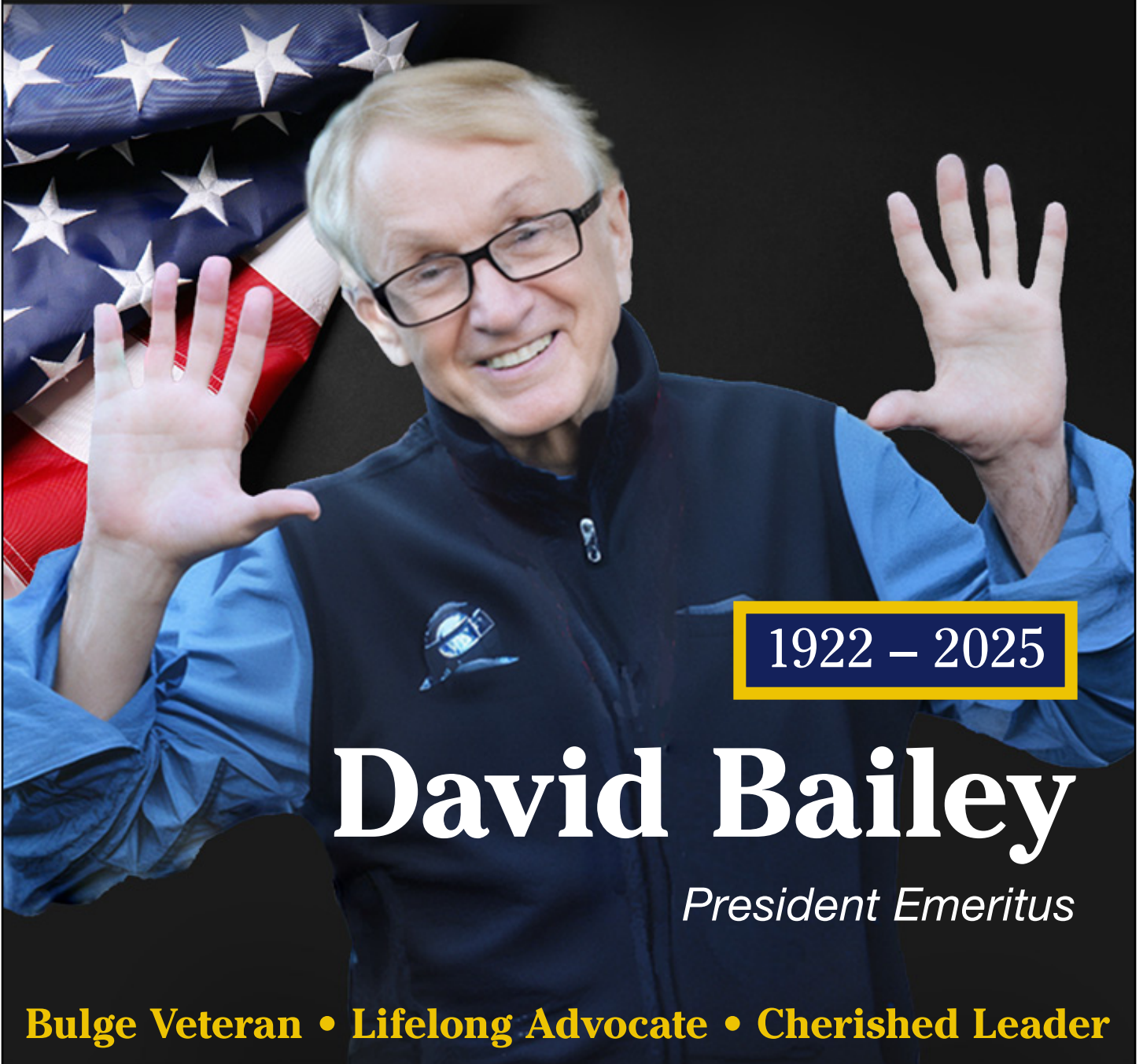
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BRIDGING GENERATIONS

by Doris Davis, Vice President of Military and Veterans Affairs

RECENTLY, 12-YEAR-OLD Alexander Friesen reached out to the Battle of the Bulge Association to see if he could speak with a few World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was preparing a class presentation for Helios School in Sunnyvale, California, and wanted to learn directly from those who had been there.

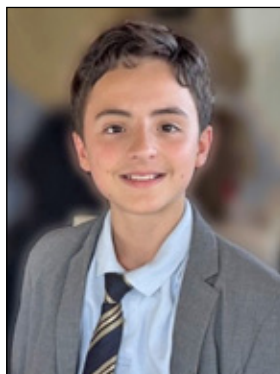
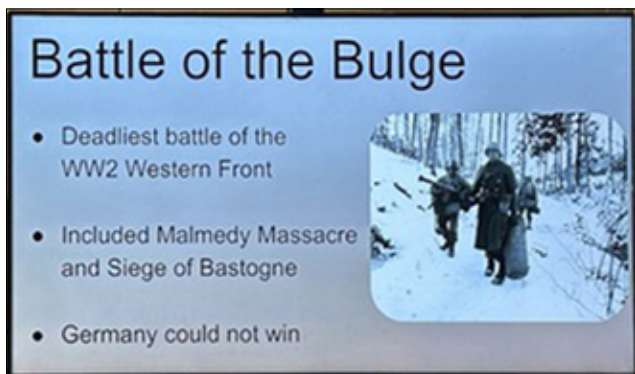
I connected Alexander with two veterans—Joe Landry, 775th AAA AW Battalion, and Irving Locker, 116th AAA Gun Battalion, 4th Division, VII Corps. Both were thrilled by his interest in the history of the battle. Alexander was inspired by their stories of tenacity and courage.

Joe Landry described his role in the Red Ball Express, working tirelessly to keep Patton’s Third Army supplied. He recalled a moment when he narrowly escaped death as a bullet whizzed

past his head. Irving Locker spoke about leading an anti-aircraft artillery unit and asked Alexander to pass along a message to his classmates: “Freedom isn’t free.”

Alexander’s interest in World War II history began long before this project. He has visited Bayeux, France, and Juno Beach, where his great-great-uncle Peter served. His great-grandfather Sergey was recruited into the Soviet Red Army but managed to escape. Alexander hopes one day to visit the sites of the Battle of the Bulge, as well as the National WWII Museum in New Orleans and the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

A curious and engaged young man, Alexander loves history and math, sings in a choir, and participates on his school’s debate team. I am very proud of him and wish him a bright and promising future.



Alexander Friesen, 12-year-old history enthusiast, shares what he learned from two Battle of the Bulge veterans during his school presentation at Helios School in Sunnyvale, California

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