

# WORLD WAR II.....1939 - 1945

## THE END OF WORLD WAR II

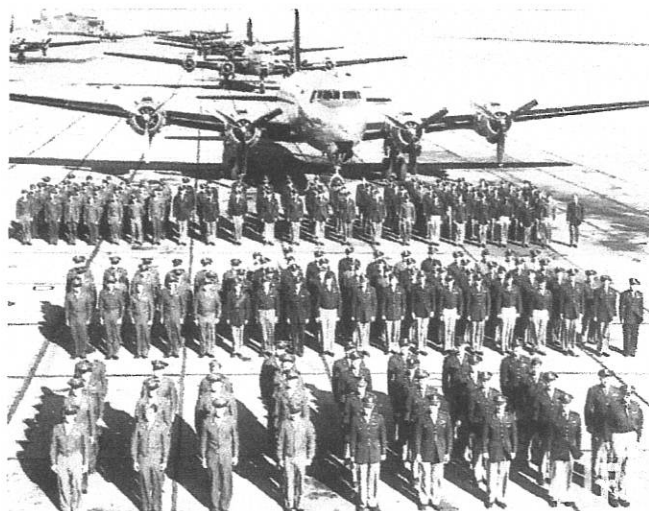
World War II was winding down in 1945, and the powers that were allies in the victory over Germany began to split the defeated nation into four occupation zones. The Eastern segment went to the Soviet Union and the Western part to the U.S. and Great Britain. Then, those nations agreed to cede a small part of their territories to France. The capital, Berlin was divided into two sectors...the Soviets took the Eastern half and the U.S. and Britain took the Western half.

It seemed as if the Western powers wanted to put Germany back together again. The Soviets were very dissatisfied with such an arrangement since twice in recent memory they had been attacked by Germany. They had no interest in seeing a re-unified Germany.

They began a "Blockade" of West Berlin! No supplies would be trucked into the Americans and Brits. The Soviets would starve the Western powers out of Berlin.

The problem was quickly solved by U.S. President Harry Truman with THE BERLIN AIR-LIFT. The Allies would use open air corridors over the Soviet Zone, and use our fleet of cargo planes to fly in food, fuel and other necessities.

**DURING THE BERLIN AIR-LIFT AN ALLIED SUPPLY PLANE TOOK OFF OR LANDED IN WEST BERLIN EVERY 30 SECONDS!**



## ONE WHO SERVED



### AUGUST GALIANO

August was born January 14, 1927 at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. He attended Ogden Elementary and French High School in Beaumont.

During World War II his father moved the family to Freeport, Texas for defense work at Dow Chemical. After the war, the family moved to Houston where he attended San Jacinto High school during the day and worked nights at Houston's KTRH-AM in the Rice Hotel as a control engineer.

In 1946 August graduated from San Jacinto High School and joined the Army to take advantage of the GI Bill. (Following the end of World War II... the G.I. Bill made it possible for ex-service members to pursue a college education.) August joined the Army Signal Corps and was assigned to the Army Security Agency's Cryptographic Section in 1947...and served two years in ASA Headquarters at Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

After his discharge in 1949 he attended Lamar College in Beaumont on the GI Bill until he was recalled to active duty in 1950. He served in an Army Security Agency battalion until the end of the Korean War.

After his second discharge, August married Elizabeth Willis, moved to Houston to continue his degree at the University of Houston. He worked nights as announcer and engineer at KTRH-FM, Houston's first classical music station.