Lessons from visit to Dachau

The liberators helped those were unable to help themselves.

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I speak to Lt. Col. Trey Hopkins while we’re in Munich’s quintessential bier, Hofbrauhaus, which served as the command post for the 57th after it occupied Munich just after leav- ing Dachau.

As we sit here today, it’s really a big deal that we can look back and say, well, those were my forefathers.

Every time I set up my command post in the field today, I’m thinking back to seeing [the front pillar of the Hofbrauhaus once labeled with “57th”] and knowing that after 511 days [in battle] they came in here right at the very end of the war and set up their map boards, set up their radios, do the same thing we do today, just in a different environment.

Hopkins, who served in other legendary divisions, such as the 11th Airborne, was pivotal to reestablish-
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Jews say never forget. The military says 'always remember.'

Any visitor to Germany confronts this question. It is a country open-armed to the Jewish people, in the museums, in the young tours guides educating students both foreign and German — about the ill of National Socialism, in the maintenance of tolerance.

It is amazing, says Hennings, that so few young people know what their country move forward.

Seymour years ago, many Germans made the promise to the world that we would never forget.

The bitter irony is the decreasing number of survivors and libertors means that the perpetrators and eyewitnesses are also dying out.

We’re witnessing a transition in the historical record, says Georgia Kel-

ber, the generation that was associated with World War II, they’re dying, so the new consciousness is coming through," says Edwards.

Will the sins of the fathers for ever befor

The question, Baskin says, is "Do you believe in forgiveness?"

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That is what the aftermath of that question, Baskin says. There is humility, civilizations humbled by, as Pearl, those who were their liberators then, and the service- men who take the oath, "I pledge allegiance to the National Guard by the resilience of the survivors.

"Do we ever express our gratitude for that?" asks Baskin.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS

Rabbi Eliot Baskin and Chaplain Jefferson Bell recite blessings at the conclusion of the worship laying ceremony at the Waldorfried Cemetery, where many victims of the Dachau death march are buried, as are other inmates who succumbed to illness following liberation.

As Chaplain Jefferson Bell of the Colorado National Guard says, the per-

sonal history I've researched, the Holocaust as a myth has never been to

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