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## POW reunion features stage version of one veteran's survival story

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### 'Paying the Price':

- > Aug. 3, 4 at 8 p.m.
- > Christ Church Ministry Center, 311 Middle Street, New Bern
- > Tickets: \$5, available in advance at Bank of the Arts
- > Cast: Dustyn Moon, Tom Dunton, and Michelle Roys.
- > Executive producer: Ed Braswell Jr.
- > Director: Kandy Antwine
- > Musical direction: Sue Williams
- > Accompaniment: Cristiano Rizzotto

An American soldier's fight for freedom during World War II comes alive in the dramatic musical, "Paying the Price," as part of the upcoming annual reunion of the Association of Former Prisoners of War in Romania.

This year's reunion is Aug. 1 to 4 in New Bern, with a private reception and banquet planned for the surviving veterans. The play is scheduled Aug. 3 and 4 at the Christ Church Ministry Center.

The play is based on the memoirs of retired Judge Edwin Maurice Braswell of Fayetteville, whose family volunteered to host this year's reunion. His son Ed Braswell Jr. is a New Bern attorney.

The judge's story — based on his manuscript "Flaming Arrow: WWII as Seen from a B-17" — is told on stage through the words and music of his son, Mark Walter Braswell.

"New Bern has a such a rich history, while still having a strong connection to the military that it seemed to be a perfect place for the

reunion," said Ed Braswell Jr. "We want these veterans to enjoy their time together, but we also want them to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of Eastern North Carolina, so we welcome the participation of the community in assisting with this event."

The musical production features local actors Dustyn Moon, Tom Dunton and Michelle Roys.

During the Aug. 3 performance, Judge Braswell and other POWs from that camp will be guests.

Since the early 1960s, American World War II veterans who were detained in a Romanian POW camp gather to celebrate life, their



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country and their comradely. They also take time to honor the memory of Princess Catherine Caradja of Romania, who befriended them while they were in captivity and who later escaped from communism, came to the United States and spoke on the worth of freedom.

Originally, more than 1,000 men were imprisoned in a POW camp in Bucharest, Romania. Most of the POWs from this particular prison camp were shot down on missions over the Ploesti Oil Fields in 1944.

These members of the 15th Air Force of the Army Air Corps flew aboard B-17 or B-24 heavy bombers. Eventually the POWs were freed when the Romanians capitulated to the allies and Princess Catherine escaped from communism.

Most of the POWs from that prison camp in Bucharest returned to the United States after the war and resumed old careers or began new professions. As the years pass, the number of these former POWs dwindles due to death and infirmity, but the tradition continues.

In the past few years, only 10 to 15 POWs have attended the annual gatherings and most are now accompanied by the second and third generations and even for some by the fourth generation.

"This reunion is not only for these veterans, but it is also for the rest of us so we can thank these men for all they did for our country," added Braswell. "It is difficult for some of us 'younger' people to really understand what these men endured during the war. The technology of weapons delivery was so primitive during World War II compared to today's standards that we sometimes forget the massive number of planes and personnel it took to complete a mission."

He said the communications equipment within the B-17 and B-24 bombers was very poor, but the crew had to rely on their communication with each other just to stay alive.

"On the final bombing run, the planes locked into formation and flew directly into constant flak as the fighter escorts left them, and the crew sat helplessly waiting for the chance to break formation after the payload had been delivered and to try to return to base past the enemy fighters," Braswell added. "It's really a lot to think about."

The play features three characters — Princess Catherine, played by Roys; young Maurice, age 19, played by Moon; and old Maurice, age 79, portrayed by Dunton.

The drama is enhanced by sound effects and by the display of 125 images behind the actors, many of which include Braswell during World War II.

Show time for each performance of "Paying the Price" is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5, available at the Bank of the Arts on Middle Street.

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